

Moreland Bicycle User Group - Council Candidates Survey 2016

The Moreland Bicycle User Group (BUG) is conducting a survey of candidates for Moreland in the 2016 Council election to inform members of candidates' attitudes to cycling.

The survey should take no more than 5 minutes.

Your name *

Helen Davidson

Your party affiliation (or Independent) *

Independent

How often do you ride a bicycle? *

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never
- Other:

Are you a member of any cycling organisations?

- Brunswick Cycling Club
- Coburg Cycling Club
- Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club
- Moreland BUG
- Bicycle Network (formerly Bicycle Victoria)
- Other BUG
- Other:

Which of the following are you familiar with?

- Brunswick Shimmy
- Craigieburn Shared Path (along Craigieburn railway corridor)
- Merri Creek Path
- O'Hea Street Bike Path
- Upfield Shared Path (along Upfield railway corridor)
- Other:

What is your perception of bicycle safety in Moreland? *

- About right
- Not very safe
- Very unsafe
- Other:

Road safety, environmental sustainability, greenhouse emissions and public health & obesity are important public policy issues which are influenced by decisions you will make if you are elected. Do you see bicycle riding helping to solve any of these problems? *

- Unrelated
- Some
- Significant part of the solution
- Other:

Do you think that the best solution to road traffic congestion is: *

- Building more roads
- Providing sustainable transport options such as public transport and safer cycling that take cars off the road
- Other:

What is the most appropriate traffic speed for our local streets to ensure safety for all users? *

- 30 km/h
- 40 km/h
- 50 km/h
- 60 km/h
- Other:

The Moreland Bicycle Strategy

(<http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/globalassets/key-docs/policy-strategy-plan/bicycle-strategy-2011-21.pdf>) states that "To deliver these projects Council will need to increase funding commitments beyond historic levels [\$5 per resident] and commit to increasing bicycle expenditure in response to growth in cyclist numbers, population and inflation." In your view is \$5 per resident: *

- Too much
- About right
- Not enough
- Other:

What is the role of Council and Councillor decisions in promoting cycling in Moreland? *

- None/there are other priorities to focus on
- Minimal - happy to lend passive support for projects funded by others
- Moderate
- Major - cycling is a local issue with significant local benefits
- Other:

Where do you see the role of cycling in Moreland in four years and what would your contribution to that be? Don't forget to press "SUBMIT" when you have finished. Thanks for you participation! *

As a means of transport bike paths need to be well connected with appropriate paving. Moreland's residents have one of the highest uses of bicycles and the number continues to grow. Their safety is our responsibility and as a council we can financially contribute and encourage cycling. Where roads are owned by Vic roads, we can lobby and advocate for safer and more accessible roads for bicycle uses. The benefits of cycling are numerous. Not only is it a health benefit it is an environmental benefits and holds community benefits. Moreland recognises the importance of cycling in Moreland and I'm sure will continue to work with by cyclists and groups to greater facilitate their use and safety accross morkands roads and paths.

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