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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 *

Meghan Hopper

Your party affiliation (or Independent) *

Member of the Australian Labor Party (running as 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: We have some safe options (such as stretches of the Upfield Shared Path and the Merri Creek Path) but on road it can be very unsafe, especially in the Sydney Road precinct.....

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! *

Over the last four years on Moreland Council I have supported planning mechanisms to increase amenities for people who use bicycles to commute instead of cars. An excellent example of this is my advocacy for the Nightingale project, which was originally proposed as having no carparks and excellent cycle amenity. My Mayoral vehicle was an electric bicycle and during the term I supported initiatives such as improving lighting along the Upfield Shared Path, improving line markings along the Brunswick East Shimmy and improvements to the Merri Creek Path. I strongly support the additional bridge over the Merri Creek that has been proposed for pedestrians and cyclists near Brunswick East Primary/CERES. I have participated in Albie's Ride and have supported the work of Revitalise Sydney Road - I would like to move toward a future where shoppers who travel by car are encouraged to utilise our off-street parking through better signage and where space is cleared for separated cycle lanes on Sydney Road. However, this would need to be supported and funded by the State Government.

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