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 *		
Ray Pastoors		
Your party affiliation (or Independent) *		
I'm running as an independent. I'm a member of the Australian Labor Party. The ALP do not endorse candidates in Moreland City Council elections.		
How often do you ride a bicycle? *		
\bigcirc	Daily	
\bigcirc	Weekly	
\bigcirc	Monthly	
•	Occasionally	
\bigcirc	Rarely	
\bigcirc	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? *		
O About right		
O 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? *

\bigcirc	Unrelated	
\bigcirc	Some	
•	Significant part of the solution	
\bigcirc	Other:	
Do	you think that the best solution to road traffic congestion is: *	
\bigcirc	Building more roads	
•	Providing sustainable transport options such as public transport and safer cycling that take cars off the road	
\bigcirc	Other:	
What is the most appropriate traffic speed for our local streets to ensure safety for all users? *		
\bigcirc	30 km/h	
•	40 km/h	
\bigcirc	50 km/h	
\bigcirc	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: *

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	Too much	
	About right	
•	Not enough	
\bigcirc	Other:	
What is the role of Council and Councillor decisions in promoting cycling in Moreland? *		
	None/there are other priorities to focus on	
\bigcirc	Minimal - happy to lend passive support for projects funded by others	
\bigcirc	Moderate	
•	Major - cycling is a local issue with significant local benefits	
	Oth and	

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! *

Cycling plays an important role in the future of Moreland. I'd expect to see the number of people riding a bike as transport to rise considerably over the next four years. As a councillor (if elected), I'd advocate for bike paths, safety and policies that support cyclists. As bikes become a major part of resident life, we must ensure we continue to implement council's bicycle strategy, but also look at the effects that come from this e.g. the growth of bike theft and how we deal with this as a community and council.

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