

Moreland Bicycle User Group - Brunswick Candidates Survey, Victorian State Election 2018

Moreland Bicycle User Group (BUG) is conducting a survey of candidates for Brunswick in the 2018 Victorian State election to inform members of candidates' attitudes to cycling.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes and your responses can contain links to relevant election policies.

Your name *

Christopher Anderson
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Your party affiliation (or Independent) *

Save The Planet (Running as an Independent ATM)
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How often do you ride a bicycle? *

Daily or most days

Weekly

Monthly

Occasionally

Rarely

Never

Other:

What will you do to ensure that the Upfield Shared Path detour at Jewell Station is opened as soon as possible? The path is currently planned to be closed until mid 2019, inconveniencing more than 1000 people who cycle that route between 7:00am and 9:00am (<https://www.victrack.com.au/projects/key-projects/jewell-station-precinct>)

As a ex project engineer, I have a vast understanding around project timelines and safety constraints. If I were to be elected, I would use my skill set to ensure extensive review of project hurdles and safety measures to ensure fast and efficient delivery of the Jewell Station bike path reinstatement. As a fellow Upfield bike path user, I feel the pains of these disruptions but as the development is out of my control, the next best thing is making sure the project is completed on or before its completion date. It may be possible to look at safely reopening the bike path prior to project completion to allow for permeability and flow of the numerous daily users.

Are you aware that 10.2% of employed people ride to work in Brunswick (compared with 6.2% catching the train)? See ABS Census http://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/SED21303?opendocument

Yes

No

Other:

I was unaware that bike riders made up a larger % than train users. This just reinforces the need for more permeable and safer bike paths.

What will you do to ensure that there are significant improvements for sustainable/active transport as part of the Level Crossing Removal projects on the Upfield line (as required by the Transport Integration Act)?

My career as a project engineer involved numerous level crossing removals to allow for increased flow and decreased traffic. Although LCRP cause short term delays and inconveniences, the long term viability of these upgrades are second to none. My agenda for upgrades and expansion of our sustainable/active transport infrastructure is priority because roads can't handle our growth rate unless we transition the majority of society into more sustainable and carbon neutral forms of transportation.

What will you do to ensure that the East Brunswick Shimmy in John St is not adversely affected by the East Brunswick Village project? See <https://moreland.vic.gov.au/globalassets/areas/transport/moreland-cycling-map.pdf> and <https://www.urban.com.au/projects/east-brunswick-village-127-139-nicholson-street-brunswick-east>

Liaising directly with Moreland City Council, I will ensure the flow and integrity of the East Brunswick Shimmy is maintained. Stressing the importance of safety and flow of the two shimmy cycle routes either side of Upfield to maintain low volumes of traffic and encourage more motorists to make the shift to active transportation. Included in the East Brunswick Village should be adequate bike racks, pumps and other bike friendly facilities to create a cycling hub.

Do you think that separated or protected bike lanes should be installed when accessible tram stops are built in Sydney Rd, Nicholson St, Lygon St and Grantham St/Melville Rd? See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cycle_track

Yes

No

Other:

Will you commit to ensuring that bike infrastructure is provided as part of all state funded transport projects?

Yes

No

Other:

Will you commit to a Bike Fund that provides at least \$126 million per year for bicycle infrastructure in Victoria?

Yes

No

Other:

What is your perception of bicycle safety in Brunswick? *

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? *

- Bicycle riding won't help solve these problems
- Bicycle riding will help solve some of these problems
- Bicycle riding is a significant part of the solution

Other:

I see bicycle riding being a large part of complex but achievable solutions to all of the above mentioned problems. Bicycle riding in conjunction with more efficient, regular and bicycle friendly public transport will make active transportation throughout Melbourne easy. Looking at other countries bicycle infrastructure (ie. Amsterdam), will allow us to make informed and evidence based decisions to maximise flow and minimise inefficiency.

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:

What will you do over the next four years to improve cycling in Brunswick? Thanks for your participation! Don't forget to press "SUBMIT" when you have finished. *

Work closely with the cycling community to encourage community interaction and involvement in 'think tanks' and ideas for expansion and improvement of Brunswick's cycling infrastructure. Push an aggressive agenda for state funding of 126 million or more, to ensure we are removing cars and encouraging active transportation to contribute to Save The Planet's number 1 goal of responding to the climate emergency and reaching carbon neutral ASAP!

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