



Moreland Bicycle User Group (Moreland BUG) is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers advocating for safer riding in Moreland. Each Council election we survey candidates on their commitment to issues affecting people as they get around by bike so that our members and the wider community can make an informed decision at election time.

Candidate Name: Shea Evans

Candidate Affiliation: Independent

7% of Morelanders use their bicycles get to work. (MITS 2019) Others ride to school, the shops and other local destinations. What is your perception of safety for these people in Moreland?

My perception is that it's not safe enough and more needs to be done around traffic speed, increasing the amount of dedicated bike lanes and lower the incidents of car dooring. Council needs to use research and expert advice that has been produced over the last few years to better inform how MITS can increase the safety of bike users.

Road safety, community building, accessibility to transport choices, environmental and public health are public policy issues influenced by decisions Councillors make. What role do you see bicycle use having in these?

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

Which of these current projects/issues impact Moreland resident's transport choices?
(select as many as you believe apply)

- Cumberland Road Separated bike path (retaining parking)
- Glenlyon Road Bunnings Development
- Upfield Shared Path extension to Upfield
- Craigieburn express Shared Use path
- Separated bike lanes on Sydney Road
- Covid-19 Pop up Lanes
- Other

If you selected Other please elaborate here:

Increasing the safety for pedestrians by improving the quality of paths, crossings and lighting would increase small trips by foot, and reduce traffic caused by small local trips/commutes. Having better infrastructure for PT in order to increase access. Improved tram and bus stops and integrated transport hubs that better connect modes of PT. In the South Ward making sure that that Brunswick East and Brunswick West shimmys have clearer, more delineated bike lanes and improving the safety measures (better lighting/barriers/bollards). Giving residents more options (that are safe) means that people can make better decisions about how they move around.

What in your opinion, is the best solution to traffic congestion in an electorate like Moreland?

- Build more roads
- Make it easier for people to access transport options such as public transport and riding and walking.
- Other

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

- 30kph
- 40kph**
- 50kph
- 60kph
- Other

The Moreland Integrated transport Strategy (2019) seeks to "Facilitate a demonstrable mode shift to more sustainable modes of transport that also targets a long-term reduction in car use." Do you support this aim?

- 100% yes**
- Yes, with reservations
- No

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

- None. There are more important issues
- Minimal - happy to lend passive support for projects funded by others
- Moderate
- Major – cycling is a local issue with significant local benefits**
- Other

What are your aspirations for people who want to ride in Moreland over the next four years and what will your contribution to that be?

Safety needs to be number one, more people will not begin to utilise cycling until they feel confident that they can travel safely, all road users have an equal role to play in this and for true success everyone needs to understand the dangers and solutions together. This includes improving the safety for cyclists on Sydney Rd needs to be a top priority - as one of Melbourne's most dangerous roads for cyclists Council needs to work closely with the State Government to come up with a better traffic management solution for Sydney Rd that involves bikes. I am a firm advocate for listening and learning from people, this includes community and experts in order to arrive at solutions that are effective.

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