



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: Shirley Jackson

Candidate Affiliation: Labor

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?

As an active cyclist myself, I know too well the dangers that riding on our main arterial roads present. Before the pandemic, I would ride my bicycle to work in the CBD and always breathed a sigh of relief when I crossed Brunswick street onto the dedicated bike lane on Royal Parade. If elected, I want to work with community groups like yourselves and the local traders association to generate a plan that would accomodate greater safety for cyclists and pedestrians, and continues to provide ample parking for the thousands of visitors to our vital shopping strips.

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

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

If You answered 'Other' please elaborate here;

I believe that we need to accomodate a wide variety of transport users, whilst encouraging those who can avoid car usage to choose alternate transport options.

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

If 'No' or 'With reservations', please elaborate here:

I believe that we need to reduce unnecessary car usage, and that council can play a positive role in supporting community members to make more sustainable and healthier transport choices. I have some reservations about treating all transport users as homogenous, and implementing negative measures before positive ones.

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?

I want to see more Morelanders take advantage of healthier and more sustainable transport options. If I am fortunate enough to be elected as a local councillor, I will advocate for better cycling and pedestrian infrastructure that does not negatively impact our local economy; I will promote our current cycling infrastructure, and will engage with positive campaigns that encourage Morelanders to choose alternate transport options; and, I will be available to community groups who are passionate about making positive change in our community.

Interested in what Moreland BUG do to give more people in Moreland the option to ride? Sign up for our newsletter

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