



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: Angelica Panopoulos

Candidate Affiliation: Greens

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?

Despite some positive measures promoting cycling infrastructure, safety for our bike users in Moreland needs to increase. This is through educating all people in Moreland about road safety - regardless of how they get around our city. There are major gaps in the cycling network across Moreland, particularly when considering those that want to travel from the east to the west. One of my top priorities, if elected, is to increase the physical links that connect one side of Moreland to the other. Separated bike lanes, including the Covid recovery 'pop-up' ones are part of the solution. Additionally, the North-West ward would greatly benefit from the speedy completion of the Craigieburn Express Shared Path.

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

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?

Given that Councils are responsible for approximately 90% of the road network, they are well-placed to significantly influence the transition towards active and sustainable transport by making our local streets safer, less stressful and more attractive to walk and cycle. That's why I'm committed to significantly increasing the cycling and walking budgets if elected to Council. I'm also committed to ensuring that the walking and cycling projects committed to in Council's own capital works plans are built.

I will also strongly advocate for:

- Protected bike lanes on Sydney and Cumberland Roads
- Extending the Upfield Shared Path to Upfield

- Completing the Craigieburn Express shared path
 - Delivery of the Covid 'pop-up' bike lanes, and explore opportunities for more of these
 - Getting the missing link finally built at the northern end of the Upfield shared path
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