



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: George Georgiou

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?

I don't think it's safe to ride in Moreland. Not enough separated bike lanes connecting our local destinations, our schools shops, parks, tram stops and train stations. Our main off road arterial, (Upfield Bike path) is too narrow for the volume and not enough Albert St style crossings that allow bike users to cross our main roads quickly and safely.

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' tell us about them here:

The EBV development should have included an active transport corridor connecting Nicholson St to John St and onto Fleming Park

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;

Nearly half of all car trips are less than 2.5km. These trips mostly go to local destinations. By connecting our schools, shops, parks and train stations with a network of separated bike lanes and off-road shared paths, over time as habits change we would see significant reduction in car trips and a better balance in the way we travel.

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?

For people to connect to any school, shop, park, tram stop or train station by foot or bike, safely and efficiently.

I want to work on:

1. Making active transport a bigger priority in Moreland's budget to fund an expanded 10-year cycling plan
2. Looking for a new revenue source to fund an expanded 10-year cycling plan. I would support parking metres on our major retail streets and MCC owned car parks on the condition that all revenue goes towards active transport and it has to be on top of whatever we are currently spending now on active transport.
3. Converting 25% of all MCC owned car parks into open space and include active transport connections where there are destinations to link on either end of the new space. This small reduction on our oversupply of car spaces will inconvenience short car trips of up to about 400 metres to these destinations. People making these journeys by car will eventually switch those short trips to walking and cycling.

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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