



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: Ismene Thiveos

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?

More needs to be done to improve the safety of bicycle users. There is variance of safety depending on routes, however, Morelanders deserve to be safe riding their bikes wherever they need to go. We need to improve not only cycling infrastructure, but also driver behaviour.

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

If 'No' or 'Yes, with reservations' please elaborate here:

I fully support the notion that we need to reduce car use. However, I do not support the MITS policy which is a punitive measure that in particular, adversely affects those which may have difficulty in reducing car use, such as families or the elderly. We need to encourage those who can to shift to other forms of transport but acknowledge that for many this is difficult. As someone who lives in the northern part of Moreland, I believe this is even harder with the lack of frequent and various public transport options.

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 will advocate for better cycling infrastructure, and continue promoting the current cycling policy. I will work closely with communities in Fawkner to see in what ways we can increase cycling locally.

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