



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: Jacob Andrewartha

Candidate Affiliation: Sue Bolton Moreland Team

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 and from my own experience as a cyclist is that cycling can be often unsafe - for starters the Upfield Bike Path is generally overcrowded (and also currently being impacted by construction) the Merri Creek bike path needs better lighting for riding at night, and going through the major roads sydney rd, lygon street.

Council needs to step up in terms of implementing infrastructure that improves the safety of cyclists. We also have to contend with near-misses, drivers disregarding cyclists and blind corners.

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:

Additionally we need more east-west cycling routes. For example imagine if we had a safe bike route between Glenroy and Fawkner to better link these two communities. We also need the implementation of the missing link in the Upfield Shared Path (between Box Forest Rd and the M80 to be built).

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

If you selected 'Other' above please elaborate here;

I don't believe you can have a blanket speed for all of Moreland, however the council needs to step up in significantly in this area, consulting with the local community, and as a matter of urgency decrease the traffic speed for areas where it's clearly too high.

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 support a mode shift from cars to sustainable transport and as someone who doesn't own a car, nor do I have a desire to own one, I don't think it's practical to pin all the hopes on the implementation of parking restrictions as the solution to addressing the use of cars on the road, there are many reasons people have to drive, some don't have the luxury of having a job where they can ride to work and we need to address those systematic reasons as part of a strategy to facilitate a transition from cars to sustainable modes of transport such as walking, public transport and cycling.

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?

As a candidate for Sue Bolton Moreland Team we support a expansion of safe cycling infrastructure in Moreland, emphasising the-often neglected northern part of Moreland which includes Fawkner, Hadfield, Glenroy.

The inner parts of Moreland also need attention such as the Upfield Bike Path, the implementation of separated bike lanes on Sydney road will be a good first step but it needs to be done in a way that takes in account the needs of people.

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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