



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: **Monica Harte**

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?

I have huge fears for cyclists . It is why I no longer ride a bike . I used to , but have lost that confidence. I have also lost a family member (though not in this area to cycling) . I am conscious of narrow roads , and width of bike lanes , little protection.

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 you selected 'No' or 'with reservations' please elaborate here:

I support over all strategy of reduction of car use as part of future planning. I have been a long term advocate of public transport. The biggest issue is the inequity across Moreland of public transport infrastructure. In the north and north west particularly, huge differences in access to services, bus services mainly , reduced or absent night and weekend services long distances to shops, community amenities, hills in some areas. Many people in these areas are not working in the city , need to travel across suburbs long distances, some are shift workers . The needs of families are diverse . There is a need to open up discussion within communities about their needs and how they are best met. There will be a shift with more options of local cycling but the real issue around car usage will shift because of public transport. I do not support the measures in MITS of penalising car users , as this places falsely places responsibility on individuals without consultation or context

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?

Consultation with cyclists for improved safety measures and implementation of recommendation. Finishing of Upfield path. Particular attention to the needs of

northern and NW areas, Cumberland Rd, Glenroy to Coburg, an Cragieburn line .
Focus would be identifying costs and priority within Council budget in consultation
with cyclists and community .

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