



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: Rebekah Hogan

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?

Cyclists are not as safe when riding on roads even with designated lanes. Further to this women cyclists are at a safety risk almost the same way we are when we walk. Safety for cyclists on bike paths is also not as safe with limited lighting, these bike and walking paths should be made safer physically i.e. paths as well as with lighting for personal safety and to become more welcoming. The bike paths and new crossing removals are a great opportunity to see safer travel for cyclists and pedestrians. I hope to see development of more direct routes to commonly travelled places and of further distance.

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 reducing our car usage but we need a better plan in order to reduce this rather than throwing people in to deep end plans. I would like to see plans inclusive of all community members including elderly, those with disability, carers, childcare, at home care and other relevant professions. A plan should be developed that is clear and streamline to the goal without disadvantaging certain members of the community or without preparation for repercussions. We should lobby for better and more accessible public transport in the north of our municipality and Melbourne wide, more frequent services, duplication and extensions of lines and services where relevant. Develop better and safer bike and walking tracks to promote safe and enjoyable experiences riding and walking places and accessible car parking for those who do need to drive to keep cars from congesting residential streets which can become more dangerous.

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 want to be accommodating to people who want to ride and I don't want to see an issue with cyclists in Moreland. I would like to see projects targeted towards making travelling safer for everyone and to be able to travel in harmony no matter which mode chosen. Development and upgrade to existing tracks and now level crossings is something I'm looking forward to. I would also like to see us working with state government to develop tracks or bike freeways across Melbourne.

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