



Moonee Valley City Council

Myrnong Ward

Myrnong candidate James Williams

Do you own a bike and if you do, where is your favourite place to ride?

Yes I do own a bike, and my favourite place is the Moonee Ponds trail, although I do like to take my bike out to the country and ride there as well

If elected, how will you support making it easier for people to walk and ride in Moonee Valley Council?

Some ideas I have had for a number of years, these are just examples, and I am actively sourcing other areas that need improvement

- Full implementation of the cycling route running parallel to the Craigieburn rail line from Buckley St. Essendon to Kensington
- Separated (a physical barrier between bikes and cars) cycling lanes in Mt Alexander Rd between Fletcher and Dean Streets, this is the first one I would do, but I am really focussed on separation to make it safer to ride.
- A safe east-west route connecting the Moonee Ponds Creek and Maribyrnong river through Ascot Vale
- Improvements (lighting and better signage) to the Moonee Ponds Creek cycling route into the city.
- A cycling route along quiet streets through Moonee Ponds from Mt Alexander Rd at Dean St. to the Moonee Ponds Creek trail at Ormond Park.
- Similar through Essendon, the Rail under Road at Essendon station destroyed the bike route through there.
- Connection of the Bike path in Essendon North that ends at Bulla Road, to connect to the Moonee Ponds Creek trail, I have a route worked out for that.
- Better and safer cycling access to local shopping centres and improved bike racks at shopping centres, making it more accessible for shoppers to ride their bike and shop.

Are you satisfied with the progress currently being made with your council's bike strategy?

No, they have done a little, like the Kent Street bridge, but far from enough in my opinion

Will you support progressive initiatives such as outdoor dining, slower speeds, pop-up bike lanes, parklets etc. as a way to help businesses recover from COVID-19?



I most definitely would, I would support pop up bike lanes, but I see this situation as an opportunity to provide more permanent separation. Plus parklets to assist with economic recovery.