

FAST FACT | By the end of this year there will be three car share schemes operating on Moreland - Flexicar, Go Get and GreenShareCar.

City backs share cars

A NEW Coburg-based car share business aims to tap into the push to cut the number of parking spaces in new apartment complexes.

Moreland councillors last week approved GreenShareCar's request to take over two public parking bays in Barkly St, near Sydney Rd. But they refused to give the firm two bays in Weston St, near Lygon St, after complaints by traders and residents.

The council, to pay for signs, line marking and bicycle hoops at the bays, said it would consider alternatives to Weston St. It rejected a resident's complaint that the council should not surrender public bays to companies.

A council staff report said the council would not seek compensation for the bays "to encourage widespread adoption and use of car share as a travel option".

GreenShareCar is part of the Roscon Group, which provides property services to the strata industry.

Roscon chief executive Paul Cummaudo said developers were using on-site car share schemes to cut how many parking spaces they had to provide. "In the old days you had 100 apartments and you needed 100 spaces. But these days some developers are . . . saying 'we will introduce two share cars and provide only 50 car spaces'."

 **Should the council give bays to car share schemes for free?**
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