

Whitehorse Sustainability Award 2011

Whitehorse Cyclists Inc. Advocacy Group was the recipient of the 2011 Whitehorse Sustainable Community Leadership Award for Advocacy.

Cycling is an increasingly popular form of transport for trips beyond walking distance. Cycling yields both sustainability and health benefits at the same time. Riders reduce their use of fossil fuel and so their emissions, at the same time becoming fitter and controlling their weight.

The BHRRT will significantly reduce the ecological footprint of all users of the path, many of whom will ride in lieu of some form of motorised transport.

By increasing the numbers of cyclists in the long term, the BHRRT will facilitate large savings in the use of fossil fuel and reduce atmospheric emissions.

The BHRRT is projected to carry over 600 riders per day, who will cycle 1,159,000 km annually. If these riders cycle instead of driving a car the emissions they will save amounts to 405,000 kg of CO₂ p.a., or 405 tonnes.

Assuming the average car uses 8 L/100 km, this is an annual saving of 93,000 litres of fuel, which would refill 1860 cars at 50 litres each. 1860 cars parked tightly end to end would stretch the whole length of the 9.9km BHRRT.