

IN THE CYCLE



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Update on the progress of the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail (BHRRT) - from members of Whitehorse Cyclists Inc.

Up to 20 schools adjacent to the proposed Rail Trail have been contacted and the response to the project has been extremely positive. Box Hill High and Box Hill Institute(TAFE) recognise the benefit of a trail which will enable students to safely ride, or walk, to and from their campus. Other schools have indicated their willingness to support the project by obtaining signatures to a Petition, which will be presented to the State Government.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PETITIONS and HOW YOU CAN HELP:

In order that we can act on your behalf, we need as many signatures as possible. It has been suggested by one school that details would be included in that school's newsletter to parents. Accordingly, we have attached a sheet, suitable for incorporating in your own newsletter, giving background details and website for parents to access, and

directions for downloading Petition forms. Other schools have suggested displaying Petitions in their Reception and Library areas. Hard copies of the Petition forms will also be dropped off to each of the schools involved.

CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT:

Mike Symon, ALP (Federal member for Deakin), launched the BHRRT Feasibility study at Whitehorse Council headquarters on 2/8/2010;
Support of Whitehorse councillors;
Statement of support – Greens Party – 21/10/10;
Statement of support - Liberal National Coalition 1/11/10
Enthusiastic support of the bike riding fraternity.
We continue to receive local newspaper and radio coverage.

As you will appreciate, our main requirement to drive this project is the need to keep pressure on local and State Government. I look forward to meeting you personally when I drop off Petitions. We greatly appreciate the willingness of schools to be involved in this project. Please contact me if you have any queries or would like more information. Marion Hick – (member of the BHRRT Group); member of Whitehorse Cyclists: randm.hick1@bigpond.com