

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.

EDUCATION MINISTER IN THE LOOP

We have written to the Hon. Martin Dixon, MP, advising him that we will shortly be lobbying the State Legislative Assembly with over 4000 Petition signatures supporting the building of the BHRRT. Thank you to those schools we contacted who have been involved in collecting signatures.

COALITION BACK RAIL TRAIL

Prior to their election at the end of 2010 the Coalition promised \$5M would be allocated to the building of the BHRRT. The Treasurer has said that the State Government will honour all its pre-election promises.

COUNCIL SUPPORT

Whitehorse Council has committed to spending \$75,000 on a more detailed study of the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail.

OTHER AUTHORITIES ARE LISTENING

Since the start of this year the BHRRT Advocacy Group has been giving presentations: to Vic Roads, the Dept of Transport and the Victorian Bicycle Advisory Council, who oversee the management and development of cycling in Victoria.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We were invited to participate at TAFE and have had ongoing discussions with newly elected politicians.

Box Hill Orientation week in February the Whitehorse Mayor, Councillors and

LOCAL OFF-ROAD RIDING

As part of the plan to ensure smooth, approaches to areas linking the proposed council, such as blind corners, awkward students and parents to be aware of Whitehorse Council direct (with

HAZARDS

safe riding, our team has identified trail which need reviewing by local grates etc. Could schools please ask

any such hazards and, once identified, advise Whitehorse Council direct (with copy to BHRRT- contact details below.)

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

We are heartened by comments on Petition forms, which include:

'Great vision and plan that will be applauded for generations'

'A safety concern as well as a needed community enhancement'

'Great project connecting existing bike paths'