

Will it help students wishing to cycle to school?

Yes. There are twenty schools either adjacent to the trail or within one km. These include Box Hill TAFE College, Box Hill High School, St Thomas Primary, Nunawading Christian College, St Johns Mitcham, Our Lady of Sion College Box Hill, Box Hill Catholic Primary, Yarra Theological Union, Laburnum Primary, Blackburn High, Blackburn Primary, Blackburn Lake Primary, Whitehorse Primary, Nunawading Adult Training Service, Mt Pleasant Primary, Mullauna College, Mitcham Primary, Antonio Park Primary, Our Lady's Primary Ringwood, Ringwood Secondary College.

Some key details of the project

The BHRRT concept is for a 9.9km shared path comprising:

- 0.9km of existing path;
- 4.5km of new path on the rail reserve;
- 0.7km of new path on public land;
- 2.76km of on-road route;
- 0.6km through rail station car parks;
- 0.6km of upgraded and widened paths;
- An overpass above Cochrane St Mitcham; and
- An underpass beneath the rail lines in Nunawading.

Costs and Construction details

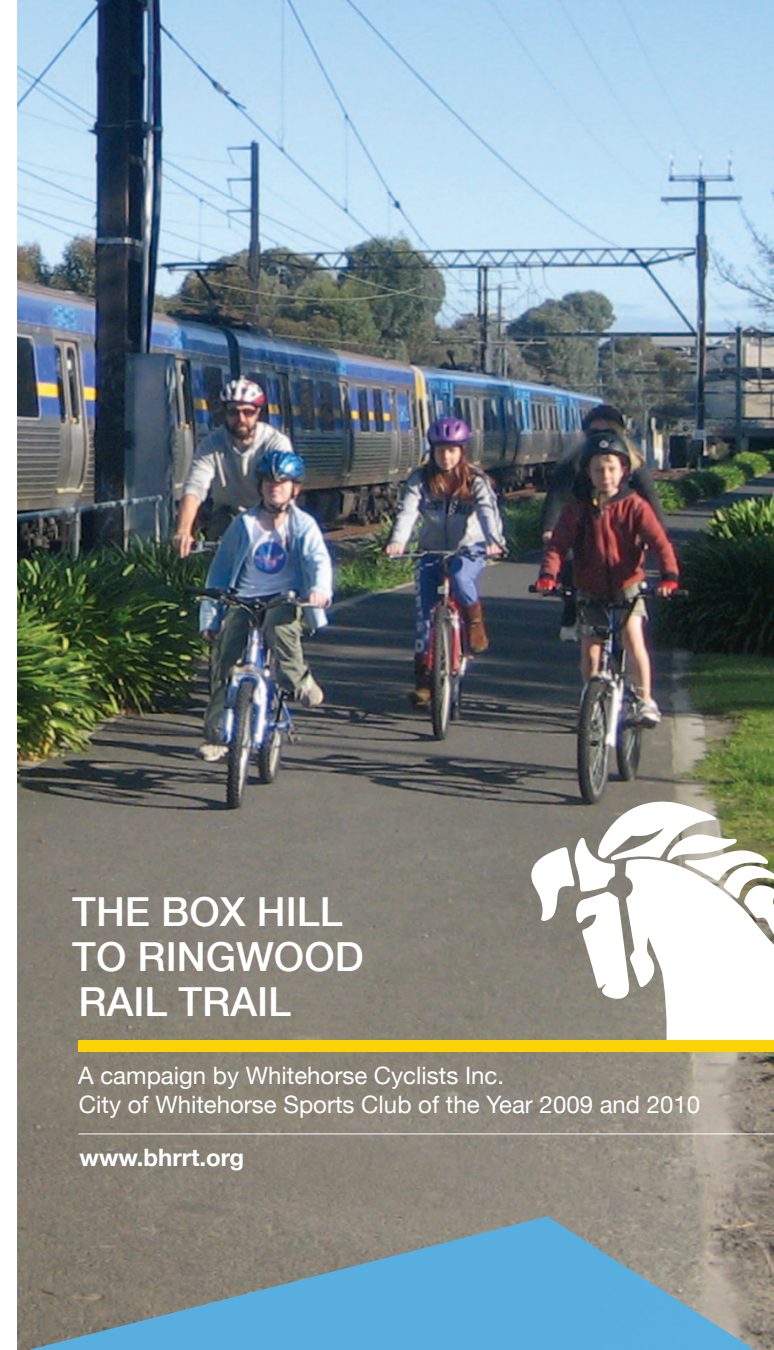
Whitehorse Cyclists Inc. has undertaken a detailed study of the project, available on our website at www.bhrrt.org. The study proposes that the trail be built in four stages at an estimated cost of \$4.9M.

Stage 1	Box Hill Blackburn	\$0.53M
Stage 2	Blackburn Nunawading	\$1.33M
Stage 3	Nunawading Heatherdale	\$2.95M
Stage 4	Heatherdale Ringwood	\$0.15M

Two further 'ultimate' stages are proposed increasing the off road proportion at a further cost of \$2.3M.

What you can do to support the Project

- Visit our website at www.bhrrt.org and add your name as a supporter, with a brief statement of how the trail would benefit you.
- Ring, write or email your local councillors.
- Ring, write or even visit your local state members of parliament. Go to our website for contact details for our elected representatives.
- Sign our petition.
- Tell your friends, neighbours, fellow students and work colleagues.



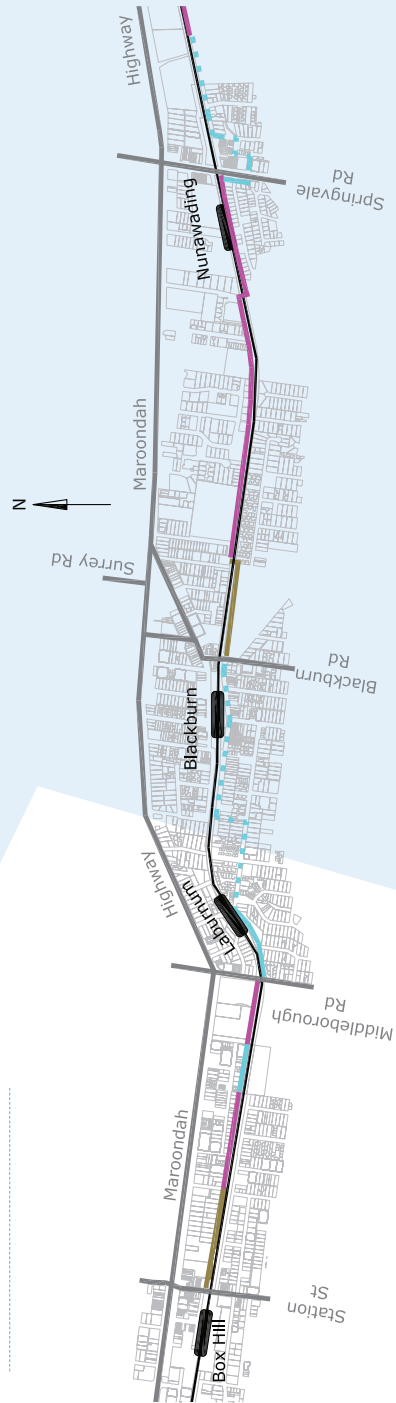
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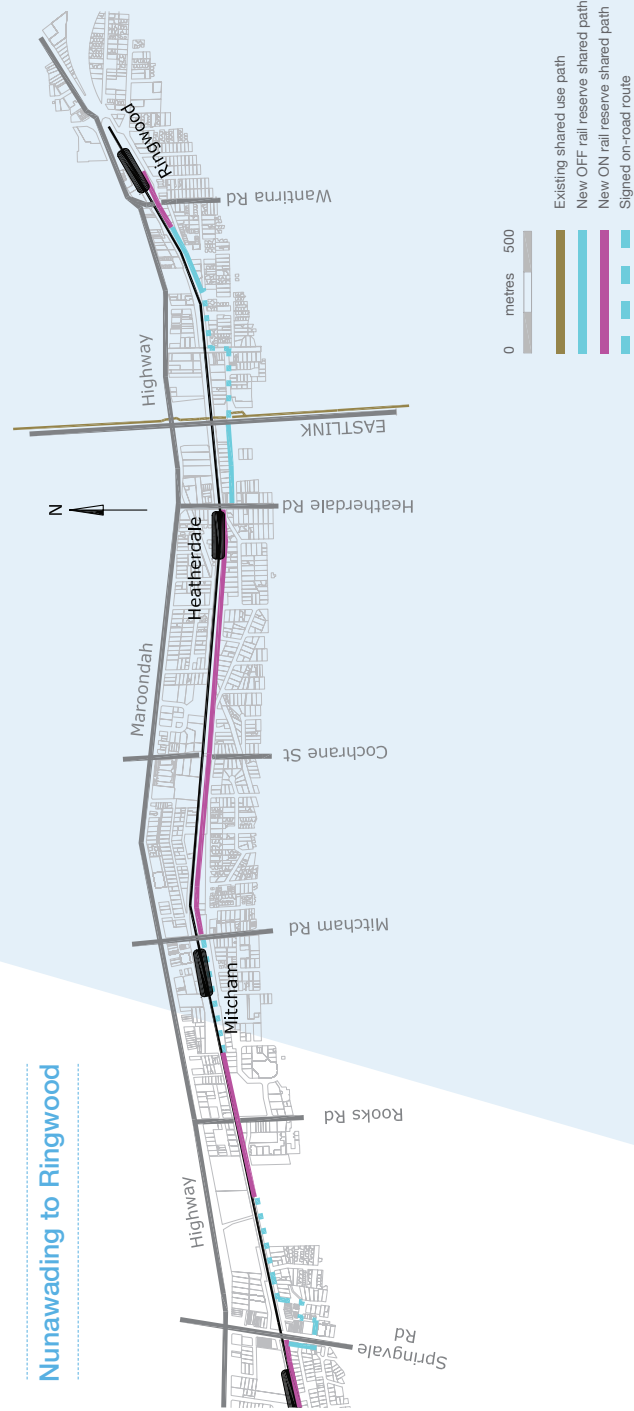
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Box Hill to Nunawading



Nunawading to Ringwood



What is the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail?

The Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail (BHRRT) is a proposal for a shared use path (cycling and walking) along the railway line from Box Hill to Ringwood. It's part of a plan to improve cycling facilities in Whitehorse for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Why is it needed?

There are many reasons, the major one being that there is no safe and direct East-West off road cycling path through central Whitehorse. Cyclists wishing to travel between Box Hill and Ringwood have to wend their way through side streets or risk riding on Canterbury Road or Maroondah Highway. The BHRRT will overcome these difficulties.

The BHRRT will also provide linkages and connections with a number of existing and planned paths, helping to build an integrated cycling network in Melbourne's East. These include: The Eastlink, Gardiners Creek, Upper Mullum Mullum Creek, Belgrave trails and the future pipe track path from Heatherdale to Syndal.

Is this idea new?

No. There has been a concept for an Eastern Rail Trail since at least 1995 and plans were drawn up at that time. However nothing has happened. The BHRRT is also part of Whitehorse Council's *Bicycle Strategies 1997* and *2007*.

Why has it become topical now?

Despite the existence of the BHRRT concept, no provision was made for it when the Springvale Road project was done in 2010. Whitehorse Cyclists Inc. wants to make sure that the BHRRT is not overlooked in any future major infrastructure projects. There are also many other good reasons:

- It fits in with the Melbourne 2030 planning blueprint by providing a transport linkage between the Box Hill and Ringwood Central Activity Districts (CADs).
- It helps promote sustainable transport in a future likely to be impacted by rising fuel costs and the need to reduce carbon emissions.
- It will reduce traffic congestion.
- It will promote healthy lifestyles for people of all ages through recreational and commuter cycling.