

**Waste Tyre Permeable Pavements:** 

Research, Commercialisation &

**Impact** 

**EcologiQ Greener Infrastructrure Conference, Sep 2023** 







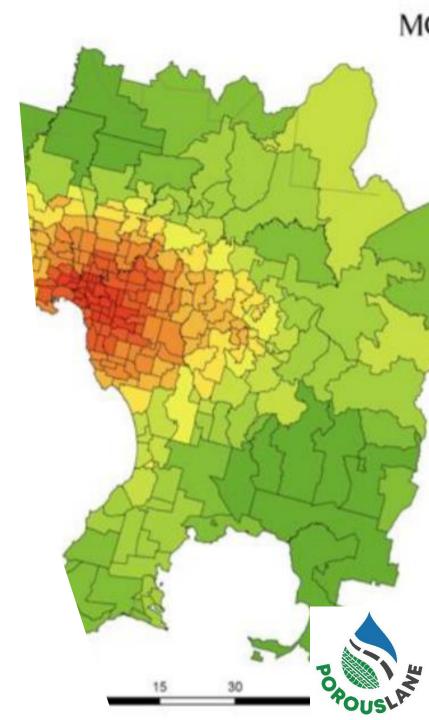
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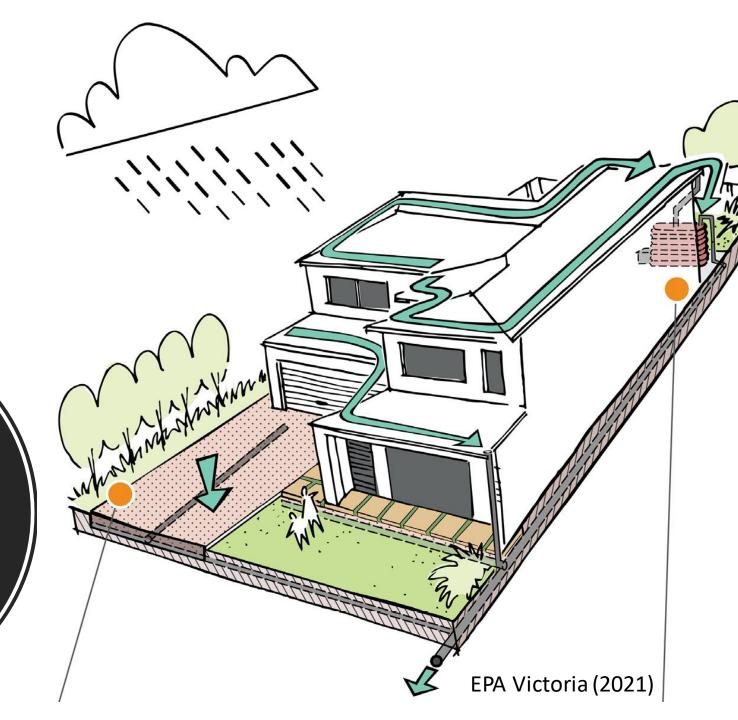




Urban Heat Island and Green Canopy







Stormwater Compliance and Cost Saving



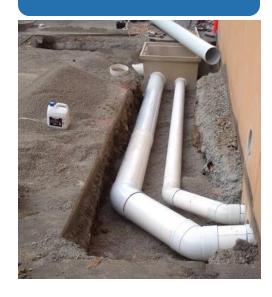




# Value Proposition of a Circular Economy Solution: Solving 1, 2, 3 & 4 Problems at Once

#### **Cost Savings in:**

Stormwater system upgrades



Watering trees



Maintenance and repair due to tree root damages



**Advantages** 

Higher coverage of land



Green star ratings



Meeting council requirements



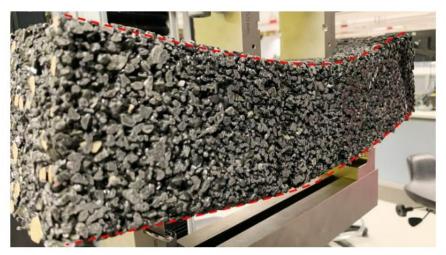
Lower maintenance & Longer Life







## Project # 1: Laboratory Investigation, 2016-2018



#### Flexural Strength

Testing the flexibility of our product under very extreme loading conditions and no supporting layer underneath. The material is flexible and can tolerate imposed displacements and loads.

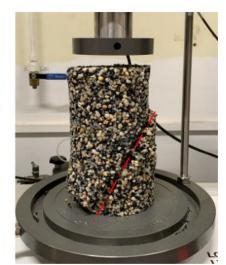
**Standard:** AS 1012.2000 – Determination of Modulus of Rupture

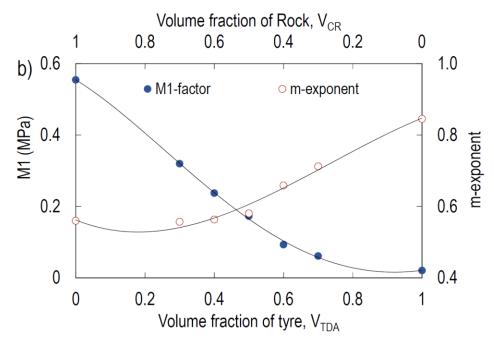
#### **Compressive Strength**

Measuring the ultimate compressive strength of the material under very extreme conditions where there is no confinement. The results are used for optimisation.

Standard: ASTM D5102-09 – Standard Test Method for Unconfined Compressive Strength of Compacted Soil-Lime Mixtures.











#### **Project #2 Field Trial**



#### **Waste Tyre-based Permeable Pavement (WTPP)**



**Tyre-Derived Aggregates (TDA)** 

+ Engineered
Binder

**Crushed Rock** 

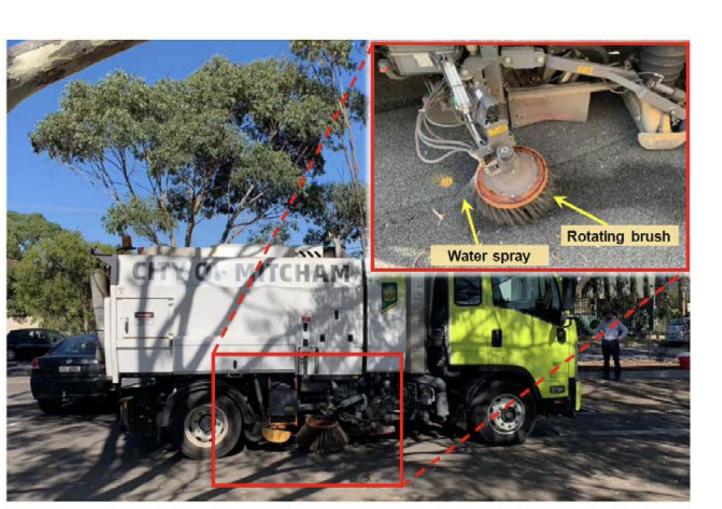




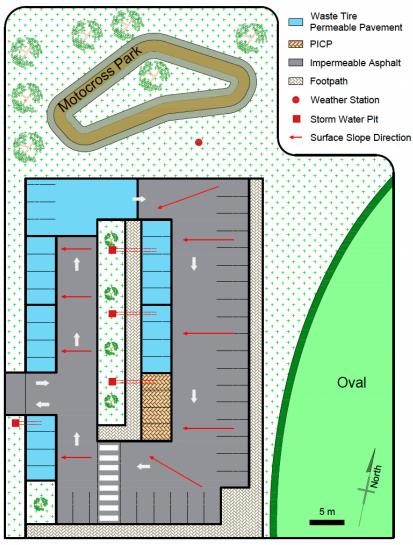




## **Project #2 Field Trial**





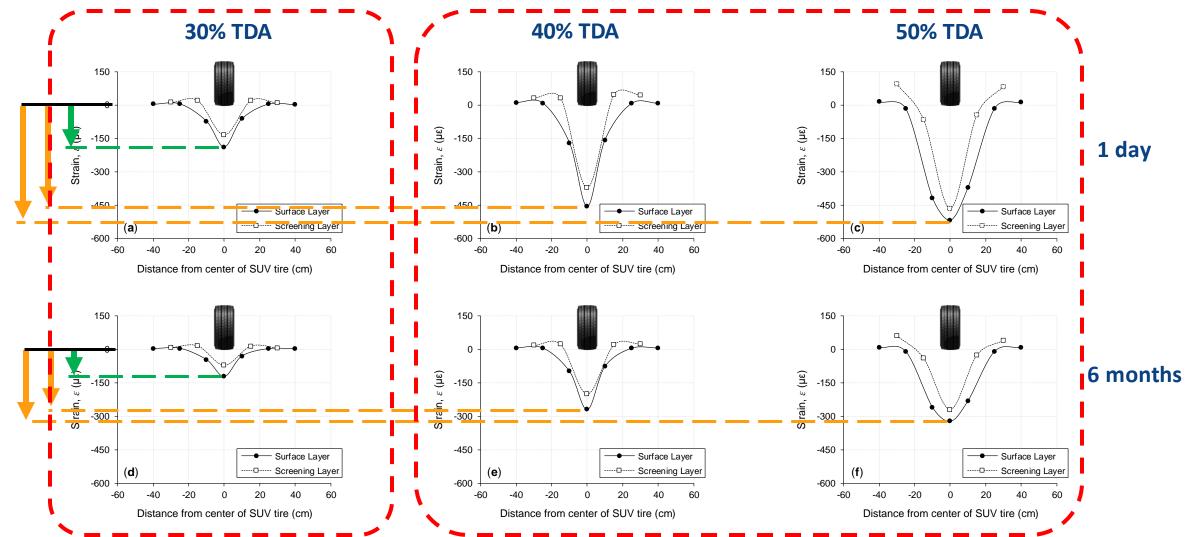




#### **Project #2 Field Trial**

# OPOUSLAN

#### **Optic Fibre Sample Results**







#### Commercialisation: UoM Start-Up; Porous Lane





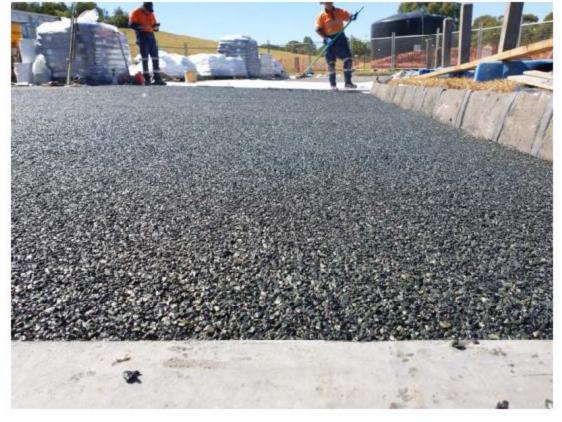
## City of Yarra; Ramsden Carpark













## City of Yarra; Rutland Street













#### Latest Project; John Holland Group, Porous Lane, KBR

Mechanical and hydrological performance of waste tyre permeable kerb and channel systems













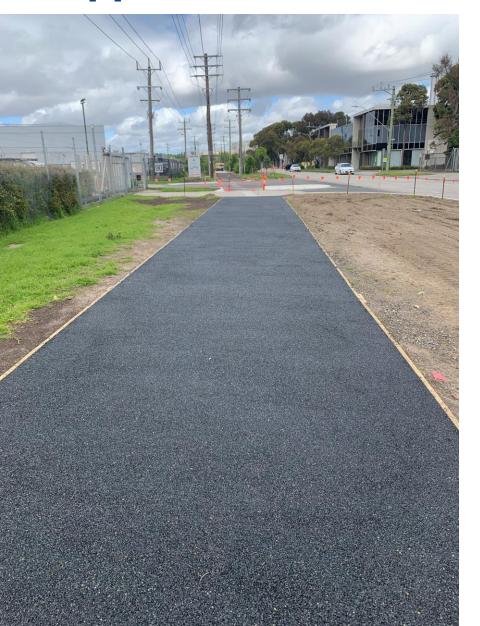
Driveway





**Shared Path** 





Bike Lane













Footpath Treatment



#### **Clients**





























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# **Smarterlite**

Renewable Light for Safety



Renewable light for safety in buildings & public spaces

20 Years experience





#### **OmniGrip Direct**

Recycled-glass & safety surfacing for public works

22 years working with governments

#### **VIVACITY**

#### **Vivacity Smart Traffic**

Energy efficient light for safety in public places. Safer riders, drivers & pedestrians.

18 Years Experience







#### Reduce crash trauma using Recycled Glass Safety Surfaces

OmniGrip Direct has 22 years of surfacing experience.

Actively reducing materials sent to landfill and contributing to State's Recycled First policy for infrastructure.

Main product comprises coloured recycled-glass to provide surfaces compliant to DOTP standard specification 431 in Victoria & TIPES Level 3 Certification in Queensland.

Expected life of surfaces is more than 5-years.

























#### Reduce crash trauma

Applied to high risk bends, intersections, school & pedestrian crossings, HFST can reduce in jury crashes by approx. 50-65%

Reduce total crashes on curves by 57% & freeway ramps by 79%

Fast, easy and effective solution to reduce crashes

Our traditional HFST's use calcined-bauxite.

With Sustainability Victoria funding we worked with the Australian Road Research Board to develop a new surface.

New High Friction Surface uses post-consumer glass diverted from

landfill, and was designed for compliance with DOTP specifications.

60%

post-consumer recycled-glass















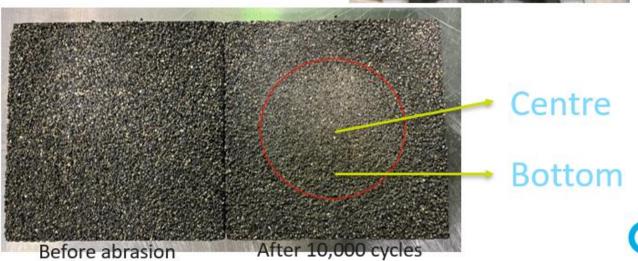


## Laboratory Test Results (Abrasion Testing)



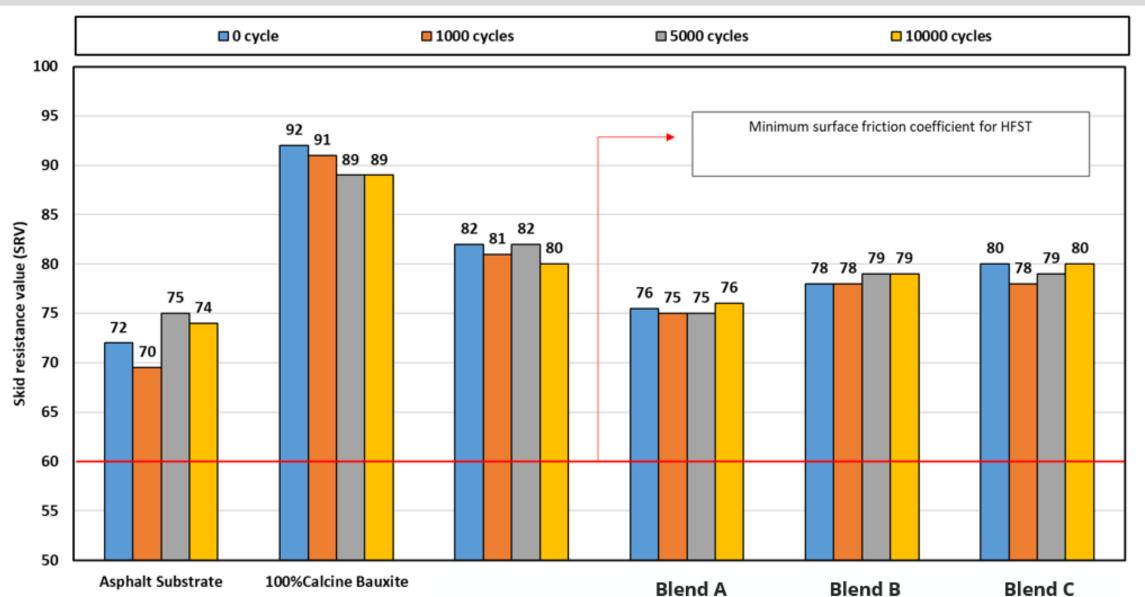








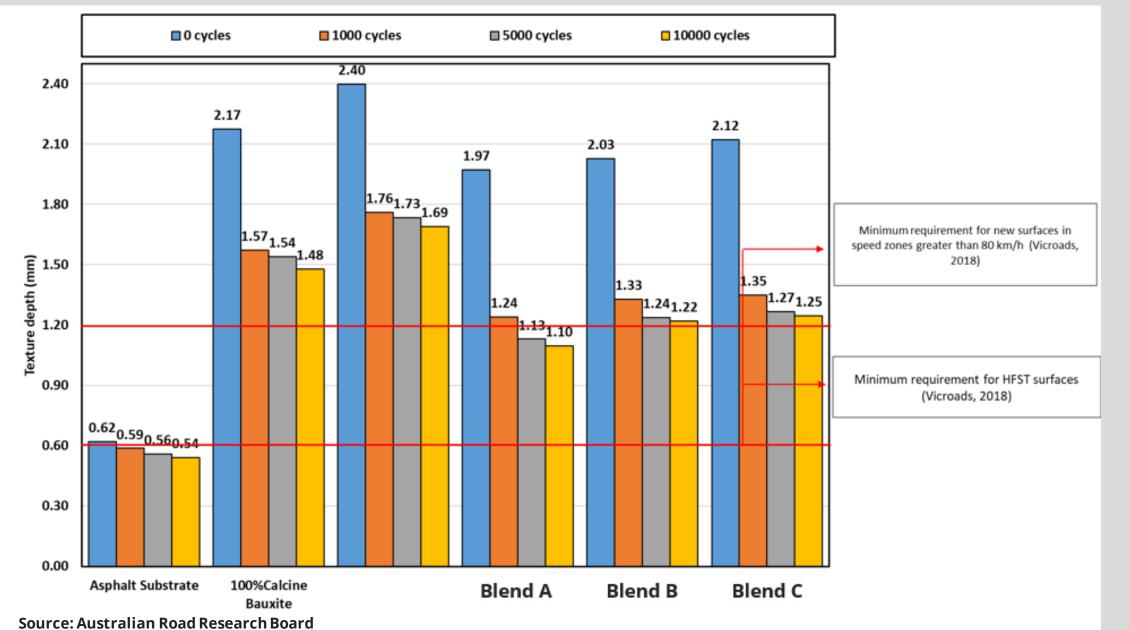




Source: Australian Road Research Board











#### Reduces crash trauma & increases slip & skid resistance

A high friction surface treatment (HFST) now available using 60% postconsumer recycled-glass.

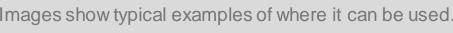
**Environmental Product Declaration** being finalised right now.

Fast, easy and effective solution to eliminate skidding/slipping on roads, paths & commercial applications.

Creating market for glass collected by Victoria's Councils.

Can reduce injury crashes by 40-80% at high risk intersections.

Images show typical examples of where it can be used.























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# **Sustainability Victoria's Recycled Product Showcase**

**Turning Waste into Value Added Products** 







# The Journey from R&D to Application

- Downer spent years developing an Asphalt product containing a significant proportion of repurposed products yet still complied with relevant specifications.
- The product was named "Reconophalt"
- The precursor, Tonerpave, contained printer toner from used toner cartridges
- After Reconophalt underwent initial trials and health testing, Downer applied for a grant from Sustainability Victoria to partially fund the "First Ever Trial of Reconophalt"
- In May 2018, the first ever trial was placed on Rayfield Avenue in Craigieburn for the Hume city Council
- The Minister for the Environment attended to witness the trial

# **The Trial**

Rayfield Avenue Drone Footage

# Repurposed materials utilised in Downer's Reconophalt



- Reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP)
- Toner from used toner cartridges
- Waste crushed glass
- Waste soft plastic
- Waste oil







# **Getting Soft Plastics into Asphalt**

















#### **Performance Benefits**



# Since May 2018

- Downer conducted extensive environmental testing of Reconophalt to gain acceptance by the NSW EPA
- Registered Reconophalt mixes with the Victorian Department of Transport
- Produced and Laid Reconophalt in every State & Territory in Australia
- Produced and Laid Reconophalt on:
  - The M80 and Monash Freeways
  - Many other MRPV projects
- Produced and laid over 420,000t
   of Reconophalt in Australia



# Reconophalt<sup>TM</sup>



Created Savings of 3,300t CO<sub>2</sub>e

And Diverted:

373 million

plastic bags/ soft plastics



11 million

used toner cartridges



126k tonnes

reclaimed asphalt



32 million

recycled glass bottles



**USED FROM FIRST TRIAL IN MAY 2018 TO SEPT 2023 IN ROAD AND PAVEMENT PROJECTS IN AUSTRALIA** 

# And We Won an Innovation Award

Large Business
Category
2019 Victorian
Premier's Sustainability
Awards



