Category 5: Young Stabiliser of the Year

Dominic Kozub Hiway

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Dominic Kozub

- Summer 2021-2022: Undergraduate Site Engineer assisting in delivering the Bulla Spoil Facility project, a critical infrastructure project to support Victoria's largest construction project the West Gate Tunnel
- June 2023: Graduated from Swinburne University with a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Hons), and a Bachelor of Business with a major in Logistics & Supply Chain
- October 2023: Completed \$10 mil road rehabilitation contract in the Pilbara region of Western Australia as the primary site engineer
- January 2024: Currently undertaking his first major FBS project for MRPV at Bridge Inn Road, Doreen



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Skill Set:

- Reviewing geotechnical reports and utilising CIRCLY to develop cost-effective and sustainable design alternatives
- Highly knowledgeable in foam bitumen stabilisation.
- Enforcing a safe work culture with a high emphasis on quality
- Exceptional planning and management skills for effective delivery of on-site operations





Bulla Spoil Facility

Project Overview

- 320,000m² of in-situ lime stabilised subgrade and cement stabilised subbase
- 20,000m² of in-situ foam bitumen and 300,000m² of ex-situ foam bitumen stabilised basecourse
- 2 Full-service in-situ stabilisation crews and 1 ex-situ stabilisation crew operating simultaneously

Challenges

 Tracking of daily productions over such an extensive area and multiple crews

Solutions

 Became proficient in using GPS survey equipment to track daily production extents and locality





Pilbara Pavement Rehabilitations

Project Overview

- 94 total patches over a total area of 120,000m² within the Pilbara region
- Total project value of \$10 million completed over 4 months
- Works included cement stabilisation of existing base-course material and imported aggregate, trimming stabilised pavement, sealing and line marking.
- Working directly for Main Roads as the principal contractor

Challenges

- Large distances between patches and towns requiring effective logistics planning
- Working along live traffic with a large volume of road trains carting iron ore

Solutions

- Careful planning and forward-thinking allowed for the project to be completed on time and below budget
- Positive communication between road work crews and traffic control to mitigate safety risks associated with working near live traffic
- Promoted a safe working culture to ensure zero LTIs





Bridge Inn Road Upgrade – MRPV

Project Overview

- 15,000m² of foam bitumen stabilised base-course spanning over 1km
- Additional 5,000m² of subgrade stabilisation works

Challenges

- Foam bitumen stabilisation (FBS) works during winter increased risk towards quality due to unfavourable and wet weather conditions
- MRPV required a high level of QA including pre/post-construction testing and site-specific ITPs completed

Solutions

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- Where field moisture content was slightly high secondary binder (lime) application was increased. However, for areas too wet for FBS, works were cancelled to mitigate the risk of rework
- Lot register developed and updated regularly to track QA requirements over multiple lots

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Closing Remarks

"Being fortunate enough to work in a field with cutting-edge recycling technology, I have developed a very strong passion for being able to do construction in the most sustainable way. I am excited about my future in recycling as it feels like we are in a great time of change towards being a more environmentally friendly industry and building a more environmentally sustainable future for generations to come. I Look forward to continuing my career with Hiway in paving the way to a more sustainable future." -**Dominic Kozub**

