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Weighing in on Copping's newest asset

A new second weighbridge has been installed at the Copping landfill facility. It is set to bring a host of community and environmental benefits—including an improved carbon footprint due to fewer trucks on the road.

Downer, the company that manages and maintains road networks across Australia as well as operations at the Copping landfill, manufactured and supplied the innovative asphalt used to create the approaches to the new weighbridge. The product, Reconophalt, is a relatively new product which comprises a combination of soft plastics and glass.

The approaches to the SWS weighbridge at its Lutana waste transfer station are about to be upgraded using the same product.

Utilising materials that would have otherwise ended up in landfill, stockpiled or as a pollutant in our natural environment, Reconophalt is both a sustainable and cost-effective asphalt solution which sets a new benchmark in repurposing and recycling waste materials into new streams of use.

SWS Chief Executive, Christine Bell, said the new weighbridge will address many customer needs and improve the Copping facility for the benefit of all users.

"These improvements include better lighting, water reticulation for cleaning, safety rails and platform replacement, the installation of rego check cameras and the ability to conduct maintenance during business hours while the other bridge is operational," Ms Bell said.

"The bridge will enable longer trucks to access the site to deposit waste, meaning more waste can fit in one load, which decreases the strain and travel time on the roads, resulting in an improved carbon footprint.

"The original bridge is only 18 metres, while the new bridge is 26 metres. This improvement, among many others, will achieve better safety standards, fewer movements of trucks on site and fewer trucks on the road due to larger load capacity.

"Importantly, the new weighbridge will increase the quality of service we provide to our customers and ensure the further success of SWS," Ms Bell said.

Harvesting Christmas cheer for a worthy cause

With Christmas fast approaching, Southern Waste Solutions has turned its attention to raising funds to support and protect Tasmania's youngest and most vulnerable through the harvesting and selling of festive Christmas trees.

SWS Manager Operations, Mick Barker, is a long-time member of Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A), an Australia-wide organisation which exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children and to empower them to not feel afraid of the world in which they live.

The organisation relies on funding via donations, which they use to purchase marquees and trailers for networking as well as vests and patches for the children they protect. This year, to help raise funds, Mr Barker is—with permission from SWS—harvesting Christmas trees from the Copping facility to sell to the public for a small donation.

"We will be selling Christmas trees at Berridale, the Grand Hotel in Huonville and along the Southern outlet (south bound) for a \$10 donation," Mr Barker said.

"All money raised will go towards spreading awareness of and helping children of abuse.

"B.A.C.A members across the globe—both men and women—offer their emotional support and physical presence to protect victims of abuse. Working in conjunction with local and state officials, B.A.C.A stands ready to lend support to these children by involving them with an established and united organisation."

SWS Chief Executive, Christine Bell, said allowing Mr Barker to harvest pine trees from the Copping site to raise money for vulnerable children was an easy decision.

"Every year there are hundreds-of-thousands of cases of Australian children suspected of being harmed, abused or neglected, and sadly, this number continues to increase,"

Ms Bell said.

"If SWS can help Mick to raise some much-needed funds by harvesting a renewable resource, we are more than happy to support such a worthwhile cause."



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