



## The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) and RMIT have joined forces for an exciting collaboration

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Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) is pleased to announce a collaborative partnership with [RMIT University](#). This relationship presents some exciting opportunities for the two organisations to collaborate in the areas of education, mentoring and innovation on transport infrastructure and roads engineering.

This partnership builds on a strong working history led by Associate Professor Filippo Giustozzi from RMIT's School of Engineering and Anna D'Angelo, AfPA Executive Director Technology and Leadership.

As part of the partnership, industry can gain awareness of and support RMIT research and also provide employment opportunities and practical educational pathways for RMIT students.

AfPA CEO, Carlos Rial said: "AfPA has a strong history with RMIT, supporting initiatives such as their SPARC Research program on Crumb Rubber, which is doing great things to support sustainable renewable roads for Australia's future. Linking students who are on this cutting edge with industry just makes sense."

D'Angelo said: "As part of the AfPA Technology Strategy to promote continual improvement and best engineering practice in the flexible pavement industry, the partnership with RMIT is an exciting and excellent opportunity to access knowledge and new thinking and drive industry towards an innovative and sustainable flexible pavement industry."

Giustozzi said he was excited to strengthen the bond with the most important industry association in Australia in the field of road engineering.

"The collaboration with AfPA has the potential to open doors to our RMIT graduates and connect them with the industry," he said.

"I am also particularly proud of fostering new opportunities for women in this sector, making progress on the 'road' to equality."

RMIT Associate DVC Strategy & Innovation, Mohan Krishnamoorthy said the partnership reflected RMIT's long history of important industry connections. "I'm excited about the potential not only for our students to gain authentic experience putting theory into practice but to build on our valued relationship with industry and contribute positively to our impactful research," Krishnamoorthy said.