

Sidewinder launch day



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Michael Daley with Member for Gosford
Marie Andrews



The New South Wales Parliamentary Secretary for Roads, Michael Daley MP, officially launched the latest Sidewinder technologies from Sharpe Bros in Gosford on Friday 20th July 2007.

Guests included Member for Gosford, Marie Andrews MP, Member for Terrigal, Chris Hartcher MP, Kevin Redmond from the NRMA and the Federal Roads Minister, Jim Lloyd MP.

Decaying road edges that result in narrowed pavements and hazardous edge drop-offs have for a long time posed a danger to

motorists. According to the Federal Office of Road Safety, when traffic lanes are widened by just one metre, the rate of head on and run-off-road crashes can fall by 20%.



NSW Parliamentary
Secretary for Roads Michael
Daley MP

The Sharpe Bros. Patented and Patent pending Sidewinder technologies provide unique processes which extend the life of the pavement without the need to dig up large sections of road or cause major disruptions to traffic.

The Sidewinder process involves using a profiler machine which cuts a neat one metre wide trench at 100mm depth along the road edge without the need to dig up a wider section of road. This is followed by the purpose built machinery for pouring hotmix asphalt into the excavated trench. The hot-mix asphalt has been found to provide a strong road edge quickly and efficiently. Jobs which would normally take at least a week, from digging up the road, to the final bitumen sealing, can be completed in a day at a much lower cost.



**Federal Roads Minister Jim
Lloyd inspecting Sidewinder**

When greater depth is required, the profiler can excavate to 300mm and the road edge can be rebuilt using gravel, road base, or even recycled materials to make the base at the road edge stronger.