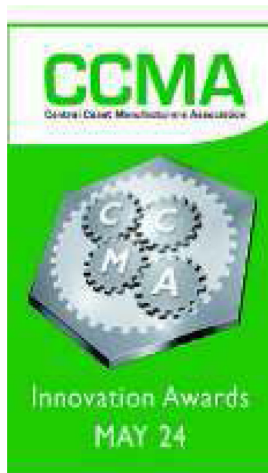


Making the roads safer for drivers



THE Central Coast Manufacturers' Association Innovation Awards are on again next month.

The awards celebrate innovative local companies and the people who make the innovation possible.

The first business to be profiled is Sharpe Bros, a third generation civil contracting and asphalt specialist which provides nationwide innovative services for road surfacing and maintenance.

The Federal Of-



SAFE AND SOUND: Sharpe Bros Sidewinder technology helps save money and lives.

fice of Road Safety says decaying road edges are a danger to motorists and when traffic lanes are widened by just one metre, the rate of crashes can fall by 20 per cent.

Sharpe Bros has developed the registered and patented 'Sidewinder' technology that can ex-

tend the life of road pavements without the need to dig up large sections.

The Sidewinder cuts a trench along the road edge without the need to dig up a wider section of road. This is followed by machinery for pouring asphalt into the trench.

It means a job

which would normally take a week can be completed in a day.

The Sidewinder is helping local councils and road authorities to spread their money further, cutting delays and saving lives.

Research and development is ongoing at Sharpe Bros.