

# Roadworks time halved

If you wanted to see the revolutionary new Sidewinder asphaltting machine in action repairing the edging to Browns Gap Road near Lithgow ... you're too late.

The upgrading and maintenance works initiated by Lithgow City Council are now complete, making the four kilometre stretch wider, safer and stronger.

The project, funded through the RTA's Blackspot program, was completed in a record seven days, with civil

contractors Sharpe Bros using their innovative Sidewinder machine.

Joint Managing Director of Sharpe Bros, Michael Sharpe, said in this case a job that was estimated to take two weeks was completed in one.

"Residents and commuters can now enjoy travelling on a safer and improved Browns Gap Road.

"We are delighted to have been able to showcase our new award winning technology in the Lithgow Council

area," Mr Sharpe said.

The patented Sharpe Bros technology can repair dangerous, crumbling road edges in a fraction of the time taken by more traditional methods, which involve blocking off the whole road and replacing entire sections.

The Sidewinder quickly and efficiently replaced only the damaged road edging along Browns Gap Road, saving Lithgow City Council time and money.



**RECORD EFFORT:** Joint Managing Director of Sharpe Bros, Richard Sharpe makes an inspection of part of the work along Browns Gap Road