

New road repair machine hits the streets

SEVERAL Eurobodalla roads will be transformed over the next fortnight, with damaged pavement and potholes to be fixed and surfaces made smoother, stronger and safer using an innovative road repair machine, the Flexipaver.

As of next week, road repair and maintenance specialists from Sharpe Bros will be working alongside Eurobodalla Shire Council staff to make improvements to roads in the Moruya CBD, Narooma and Batemans Bay areas.

Council maintenance engineer Rob Burke said the Flexipaver adjustable patching equipment would help reduce ongoing council maintenance costs for problem road sections in the shire.

"We look forward to working with Sharpe Bros and their Flexipaver machine to repair existing roadways in order to provide smoother and safer surfaces for residents," Mr Burke said.

He said Sharpe Bros encouraged the use of council resources such as traffic control, water carts and tip trucks to ensure more jobs for local workers.

"This type of arrangement means our roads crews have work, and are able to provide local knowledge of the environment and conditions during the project, while also working with some of the latest road repair technology," Mr Burke said.

Sharpe Bros managing director Michael Sharpe said his family business had spent millions of dollars to develop the Flexipaver to overcome the limitations of traditional patching machinery, making the repairs process more effective and less disruptive.

"Previously there were two choices - using a large machine meant a whole section of 'good' road had to be ripped up and replaced wasting material and money; or the other alternative was to complete the patching work by hand."