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### **BROONS' HAVE DEMO HANDY HITCH GRADER-MOUNTED ROLLER AVAILABLE**

Grader-mounted rollers are popular in Australia, particularly for patrol grading operations, and an increasing number of councils have put the tough, durable and mobile Broons Handy Hitch PP-2285 through its paces recently with great results.

Broons, Australia's internationally recognised compaction and crushing specialists, now make the grader-mounted Handy Hitch roller in Australia, and have a demo machine available for trial.

A number of councils, particularly in the south west of Western Australia, have hired the Handy Hitch for their patrol grading operations and have been so impressed by its performance that they have subsequently purchased a machine for their fleet.

One Council Works Manager said: "The Handy Hitch attached to the back of a grader gives us two machines at the one time. It serves a dual purpose of grading and finishing in one pass and we only need one Operator on the equipment. We believe it will save us money."

The Broons Handy Hitch is the world's most advanced grader-mounted rubber tyre roller and is a truly unique piece of equipment.

Simple to use by a single Operator, the Handy Hitch is the only grader mounted roller with a unique independent walking beam system that allows the compactor tyres to follow the exact contour of the road. This system maintains constant pressure by the tyres on the road and leaves a smooth, uniform surface. This advanced concept is not found on any similar machine.

The Broons Handy Hitch has three main walking beams fitted with individual hydraulic cylinders that are controlled by a pressure relief valve. The amount of pressure applied by the 12 tyres on the pavement is adjustable. Fitted with 7.50 x 16 smooth tread compactor tyres, the ingenious design ensures 100% coverage with a single pass around 2.3m wide.

Broons Director, Stuart Bowes, said that because the Handy Hitch was so easy to use by a single operator it provides significant savings to owners.

"The Broons Handy Hitch PP-2285 can be used in both forward and reverse direction and is easily raised or lowered on the run. There are two choices for attaching the Handy Hitch - either directly to the back of a grader or to the ripper attachment. Either way it's very easy."

Broons experienced technical staff will tailor an option to suit Shire Councils and road contractors so they can experience the Handy Hitch and can be contacted on (08) 8268 1988 or [info@broons.com](mailto:info@broons.com).

