

MCA Update #67 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Finishing touches to the final 750 mm diameter culvert on Efate. Fred Kai plasters a headwall



The last length of heavy clearing. Wesley Timas at work with his chainsaw near the 85 km mark



Digging drains on a wet day. Downer EDI Works Vanuatu staff work through a rain shower near Dry Creek.

Santo Work

There has been some extremely wet weather on Santo this week. Clearing has reached the 49 km mark but culvert installation has paused just North of Hog Harbour. Pavement overlay remains at the 42 km mark and pavement finishing remains in the 36 km to 38 km section. Vatrath quarry is starting to be used. All operations will progress North as weather permits.

Efate Work

All the 750 mm diameter culverts required for the Efate Ring Road have now been laid. This is the first significant feature of the project to be finished. The heavy clearing work is almost finished and widening work has progressed to the 85 km mark. Pavement progress has again been affected by wet weather and continues slowly between La Cressonniere and Pang Pang. Guardrail, drainage and tidy up work continue on Klehm's Hill. Rock lined drain work is underway near the 2 km mark. Preparations are being made to seal the road from Epule Quarry to La Cressonniere

Traffic Conditions

Klehm's Hill is open to two way traffic overnight. During the day when guardrail, drainage and tidy up work is underway traffic restrictions may be required and controllers will be on duty between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm. Rock lined drains are under construction on both sides of the road near the 2 km mark Road users are urged to comply with the safety signs and the directions of the traffic controllers on site. Again, we ask all drivers to refrain from speeding anywhere on the sealed road or where construction is underway. The roads are construction sites and used by pedestrians as well as vehicles.

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In addition further information can be found on the MCA – Vanuatu website at www.mcavanuatu.gov.vu.

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