

This is a regular update on progress with the Millennium Challenge Corporation Vanuatu Project compiled by MCA-Vanuatu and the Design and Build Contractor – Downer EDI Works Vanuatu Ltd on behalf of the MCA-V Project Team.

MCA Update #90 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road

Road-Works Substantially Completed as Final Sealing is Achieved Ahead of Compact End Date!



The sprayer reaches the finish of the Project length at the end of the Japanese Road near Rentabao.



The sprayer approaches the end of the Project length on the last full width spray run.



Spreading the sealing chip on the final spray run.



Tidying up. Sprayer operator Richard, Sealing Engineer Wendy Heynan and Joel Kalsal checking the last seal joint.

Efate Work

This week all the Second Coat seal work was completed on Efate. In particular the sealing crew finished all seal work between Eton Village and the end of the Japanese Road.

The short lengths of pavement at Dry Creek and the base of Klehm's Hill have also been sealed. The sealing crew will now work on finishing off access-ways and driveways, and other small tidy up tasks.

Some additional work is being done on Klehm's Hill that requires traffic to be restricted to one lane. Work to protect the abutments of the Ulei Bridge from scour damage during floods is now complete.

Now the sealing is complete, the road will be pavement marked between Eton and Rentapao.

The Maintenance Contracts between PWD and Communities along the Efate Ring Road are progressing.

The grass planting continues from La Cressonniere towards Pang Pang.

Santo Work

All the major work, including sealing, has now been completed on the Santo East Coast Road and Downer personnel are in the process of carrying out some minor finishing off work and packing up to leave Santo.

There is a twelve months Defects Notification Period associated with the Contract and a small crew will be on hand to carry out periodic inspections and deal with any work that may arise for which Downer is responsible. The responsibility for routine maintenance of the finished road will be transferred to PWD, working with MCA-V as the Employer until all contract obligations are completed.

Downer would like to thank all the people on Santo who have contributed to and assisted with the work, especially SANMA Province staff, the Chiefs and leaders of all the communities along the road.

Traffic Conditions and Road Safety

Traffic is restricted to one lane on Klehm's and Lelepa Hills, with traffic controllers on duty 24 hours per day. Road users are urged to comply with the safety signs and the directions of traffic controllers at work sites. 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 other vehicles.

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