

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 #95 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road

Handing – Over Ceremonies: Santo East Coast Road and Efate Ring Road: 11 & 12 April

Over two wonderful days the Handing – Over of the finished roads to the Government of Vanuatu has been celebrated with fine speeches and fine food. The ceremonies have also been a chance for politicians, diplomats and the people to talk about the importance of the roads and the benefits that the work has brought to them.

MCA – Vanuatu and Downer are proud to have successfully carried out the construction work required and to have completed the Project five months early and on budget. A big thanks to the speakers at the ceremonies for their kind words, and also for the various gifts presented to our staff. Also many thanks to the ceremony organisers and those who worked to prepare the venues and the food.

Finally Downer Vanuatu would like to thank all the numerous people involved throughout the planning, consultation, construction and supervision of the work.

Efate Work

Downer crews will be carrying out minor fencing and drainage works at several locations around the Efate Ring Road over the next week or so.

Santo Work

Several more yellow “tiger tail” stripes will be painted to warn road users that people often swim near several bridges along the East Coast Road and there may be pedestrians gathered on the bridge or nearby road concentrating on fun in the water and not fully aware of traffic on the road.

Traffic Conditions and Road Safety

While construction activities are much reduced there is still some minor work underway in several locations and road users are urged to continue to comply with the safety signs and the directions of traffic controllers at work sites.

Finally we ask all drivers to refrain from speeding anywhere on the sealed road. The roads are used by pedestrians as well as other vehicles.

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