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**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 #54 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road**



MCA and Downer staff discuss the Santo East Coast road works in the Hog Harbour area, following good feedback from the local community.



Final tidy up on the Lelepa Hill concrete pavement site. Downer Cadet Matthew Smith (right) discusses work with subcontractor M A Builder's representative



The new seal reaches the Epule Bailey Bridge – 47 km from the start of the Project on Efate



Materials for the “Bigrod Sefti Posta Kompetisen” : Downer Cadet Matthew Smith (right) handing out poster making materials to children in Pangpang

### **Highlight**

Sealing reaches Epule Bridge. This is 47 km from the start of the Project at Mele Maat.

### **Santo Planned Work**

Pavement construction has reached the 30 km peg and will continue progressing North of Velit Bay. Clearing will progress to towards the new Loreloraseri Quarry at the 34 km peg.

### **Efate Planned Work**

Clearing and widening work will progress towards Pangpang. Side drains and pavement will be constructed between Epau and Elu. Pavement overlay will continue between Epau Village and Vatgate.

### **Bigrod Sefti Posta Kompetisen**

Details of the “Bigrod Sefti Posta Kompetisen” have been advertised. Paper, crayons and coloured pencils to make the posters have been distributed to the villages on Santo and Efate associated with the road (although entrants can use other materials, apart from those distributed, if they want to).

Separate competitions are being held on Santo and Efate and the winners will be announced at the Hand-back Ceremonies being held on Santo (3 February) and Efate (4 February). The closing date for entries is 28 January.

### **Damage To New Signs**

We are disappointed to see that some of the recently installed signs have been damaged by having stones thrown at them. This is happening on both Efate and Santo. Apart from being an offence under the

Road Traffic Act this also reflects badly on the village or location where the signs are installed. Local residents are requested to be vigilant and report offenders to the Police.

### **Traffic Cautions**

Traffic flows on Klehm's Hill will continue to be restricted to one lane while the guardrail and concrete pavement is constructed. There will also be some total road closures of up to 30 minutes while the concrete trucks discharge. Twenty-four hour traffic control will be in place and 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. The roads are construction sites and used by pedestrians as well as vehicles.

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