

MCA Update #86 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Constructing the gabion basket foundation raft for the Dry Creek box culvert.



The crane from Pierre Brunet Enterprise Generale lifts the concrete box culvert units into place at Dry Creek.



NZ Educationalist Jackie Scoggins and Suango Primary School teacher Janet Taleo deliver a “Rod Sefti Awenes Blong Pikinini” session to pupils gathered under the Mango tree in the school yard.



A sea of yellow – pupils from Mele Primary School gather in the Fauea Pasifica for a road safety talk. Head Teacher Leisau Taravaki addresses the large group.

Efate Work

This week Downer work crews completed the excavation for the box culvert at Dry Creek and placed a raft of gabion baskets with a concrete slab on top to complete the foundation of the new structure. Pumps were required to lower the water level in the excavation so that the work could proceed. All 12 precast units have now been craned into position and site crews will commence to construct the head and wing walls.

In conjunction with constructing a short length of pavement at the base of Klehm’s Hill, “Rod Sefti Awenes Blong Pikinini” sessions were held at both the Mele Primary Schools. The road work has progressed well and now only needs a final trim before it can be sealed.

The traffic survey was completed on Sunday and the results are currently being analysed. The grass planting continues and is now approaching Euriti.

Santo Work

The sealing crew are continuing to make good progress with widening the existing 5 m seal to 6 m wide and have now reached the half way point at Matevulu. The traffic counting has been completed.

Traffic Conditions and Road Safety

A one lane temporary detour road has been constructed around the work site at Dry Creek. 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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