

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 #89 Efate Ring Road & Santo East Coast Road



Efate Ring Road: Constructing the pavement over the new box culvert at Dry Creek.



Efate Ring Road: Mangaliliu villagers carrying out work for one of the PWD organised Community Maintenance Contracts.



Santo East Coast Road: A magnificent view and a magnificent road. The view from the top of the Champagne Beach hill.



Santo East Coast Road: The finished road approaching the 'Mary Tree' just south of Port Olry.

Efate Work

Downer crews have now opened the road to traffic and removed the temporary by-pass road at DryCreek. They are now placing and compacting the pavement over the top of the new culvert.

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 will start this week.

The Maintenance Contracts between PWD and Communities along the Efate Ring Road are progressing. So far the Mele and Mele Maat Communities have carried out work in their areas and now Mangaliliu villagers have just started work in theirs.

The grass planting continues from Eton Beach towards La Cressonniere.

Santo Work

All the sealing and roadmarking work has been completed on Santo. Edge-lines have been marked on the insides of some corners as an additional feature to assist drivers.

The sealing equipment is expected to be barged back to Efate this weekend.

Traffic Conditions and Road Safety

Construction work is underway at Dry Creek and at the Ulei Bridge. Traffic is also restricted to one lane on Klehm's Hill, 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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