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NZ-Funded Seafront Rehabilitation Supporting Port Vila's CBD Vision

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Representatives from the Port Vila City Council (PVCC), the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP) Project Management Unit, and contractor Fletcher during a site inspection of the NZ-funded Seafront rehabilitation works.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS



NZ-funded rehabilitation of Port Vila Seafront and Feiawa Park is underway.



Works include upgrades to market roofing, benches, playground and public spaces.



Supports the CBD Vision and precinct development approach.



Works expected to be completed by July (weather dependent).

Rehabilitation works to upgrade Feiawa Park and the Port Vila Seafront are currently underway, following a site inspection by representatives from the Port Vila City Council (PVCC) and the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning.

The project is funded by the Government of New Zealand through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and forms part of ongoing investment to maintain and improve key public infrastructure within Port Vila's Central Business District (CBD).

The initiative builds on New Zealand's long-standing support for Port Vila and previous investments that upgraded waterfront and public spaces within the CBD. The current works focus on restoring facilities, addressing maintenance issues, and improving the condition and usability of public infrastructure following recent earthquake impacts.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The rehabilitation works are being carried out by the Fletcher Organization (Vanuatu) Limited.



SCOPE OF WORKS

The rehabilitation works include:

- Installation of new natangura roofing for Mamas' Handikraf Market
- Minor crack repairs to existing structures
- Refurbishment of public tables and benches
- Repainting of car park areas and associated facilities
- Replacement of crushed coral in selected landscaped areas
- Replacement of sand in the children's playground
- General maintenance and beautification works across the park

Works are expected to continue over the coming weeks and are scheduled for completion by July, subject to weather and construction conditions.



SUPPORTING THE CBD VISION AND PRECINCT APPROACH

The CBD Vision and Concept Plan adopts a precinct-based approach to guide development and investment within Port Vila's central area. The Seafront and Fatumaru Bay area is identified as a waterfront precinct that supports tourism, recreation, business activity and community use.

The rehabilitation works will improve the condition, safety and usability of public facilities within the waterfront precinct and strengthen connections between the seafront, surrounding businesses, public spaces and community facilities.

The project supports key objectives of the CBD Vision and Concept Plan:

- ✓ Repairing and improving public infrastructure
- ✓ Increasing the resilience of public assets
- ✓ Improving accessibility and pedestrian movement
- ✓ Supporting economic activity in the CBD
- ✓ Maintaining public spaces used by residents and visitors
- ✓ Protecting previous infrastructure investments

The project demonstrates continued cooperation between the Port Vila City Council, the Government of Vanuatu, the Government of New Zealand and other partners in maintaining and improving key urban public assets.

Once completed, the works will deliver upgraded public facilities, improved accessibility, safer infrastructure and better-maintained public spaces for community use, tourism and business activity across the CBD.

QUOTES

"The seafront beautification and upgrade works are focused on practical improvements that keep important public spaces in good condition and safe for public use. It reflects New Zealand's ongoing partnership with Port Vila City Council to support the maintenance and improvement of key urban infrastructure.



His Excellency Peter Kemp
New Zealand High Commissioner to Vanuatu

"This project delivers practical improvements for residents, vendors and visitors, reflects strong partnership in maintaining public spaces and supporting efficient CBD function, and aligns with the Government's 2030 target for completing key CBD infrastructure works.



Hon. Andrew Solomon Napuat
Minister of Internal Affairs



EXPECTED BENEFITS



Improved safety and condition of public spaces



Enhanced accessibility and pedestrian movement



Better user experience for residents, vendors and visitors



Strengthened functionality of the Port Vila CBD



Increased attractiveness of the waterfront precinct

PROJECT IN PROGRESS



New roofing installation at Mamas' Handikraf Market



Minor crack repairs to existing structures



Refurbishment of public tables and benches



Repainting of car park areas and facilities



Landscaping improvements with crushed coral



Playground sand replacement



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