



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Temporary Road Closure — Airstrip Back Road Sandy Creek Bridge Replacement

What's happening?

Etheridge Shire Council is replacing the existing causeway crossing at Sandy Creek on Airstrip Back Road with a new 3-span concrete bridge. The new bridge will provide improved flood immunity and safer all-weather access for the community.

When?

Closure commences	Monday 22 June 2026
Closure ends	Late 2026 (approximate — subject to weather and progress)

Where?

Airstrip Back Road at the Sandy Creek crossing, between Forsayth Road (to the south) and Airstrip Road / Racecourse Road (to the north). The closure applies only to the bridge crossing itself; access to properties beyond the closure remains available from the opposite direction.

Detour route

Traffic between the southern end of Airstrip Back Road and the airport area is to detour via:

- Forsayth Road northbound to Gulf Developmental Road
- Gulf Developmental Road westbound through Georgetown
- Racecourse Road southbound to Airstrip Road

The detour adds approximately 5 km to the journey. Signage will be in place at all approaches from 19 June 2026.

Airport access

Georgetown Airport remains fully accessible via its primary access on Racecourse Road / Airstrip Road throughout the works. Charter, recreational and emergency aviation operations are not affected.

Emergency access

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Police Service and Queensland Ambulance Service have been notified of the closure and detour route. In the event of an emergency, please dial Triple Zero (000) as usual; responding services will route via the detour.



Sandy Creek Bridge — Road Closure & Detour Route

Airstrip Back Road, Georgetown QLD | ESC2025-019 | 22 June - late 2026

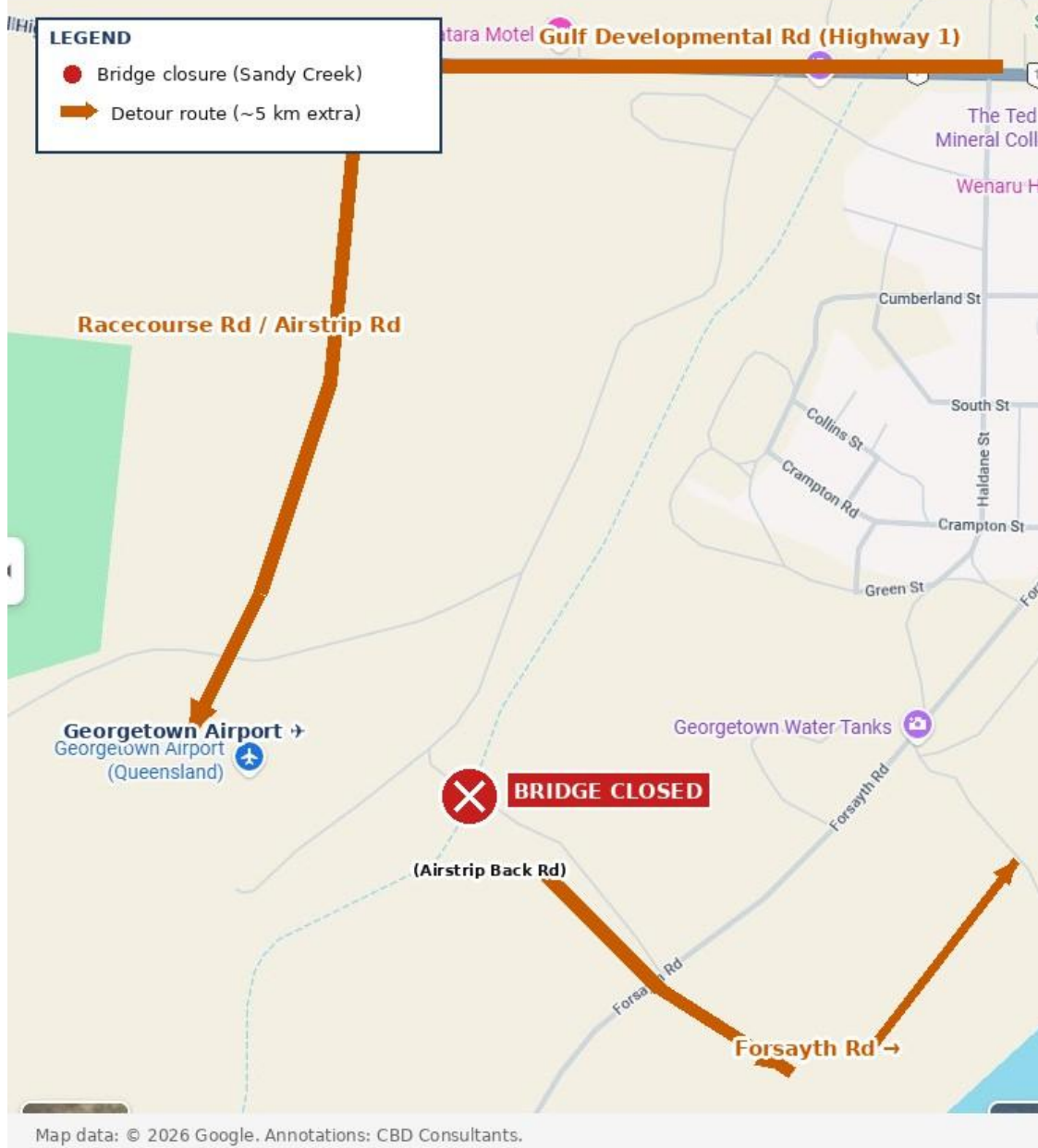


Figure: Bridge closure point and detour route. Detour adds approximately 5 km to the journey.

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Why this closure is necessary

The works involve demolition of the existing causeway, deep foundation piling, construction of bridge piers, abutments and headstocks, installation of precast bridge beams by crane, and casting and curing of the bridge deck and barriers. For safety reasons the crossing cannot remain open to traffic during these works.

Who is doing the work?

The works are being delivered by Civil Build & Design (CBD) Consultants on behalf of Etheridge Shire Council.

Questions or feedback?

For all enquiries, please contact Etheridge Shire Council:

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Site-specific enquiries (construction activity, plant movement, working hours) may be directed to the contractor:

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Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these important works.

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