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Springvale Road in Glen Waverley takes Australia’s unwanted AAMI Crash Index crown

- *Springvale Road in Glen Waverley overtakes Plenty Road in Bundoora as Australia’s No.1 crash hotspot for the first time in eight years.*
- *Melbourne dominates the 2026 AAMI Crash Index, with nine of Australia’s Top 10 crash hotspots located across the city.*
- *Nose-to-tail collisions remain Australia’s biggest bingle, followed by failure to give way and collisions with stationary objects.*
- *Mornings and Fridays are the peak prang periods nationally.*

Springvale Road in Glen Waverley has been named Australia’s worst crash hotspot, according to the 2026 AAMI Crash Index.

The result marks the first time in eight years Plenty Road in Bundoora has been knocked from the top spot, with the former No.1 now sitting in second place nationally.

But the bigger story is Melbourne’s dominance of the national list, with nine of Australia’s Top 10 crash hotspots located across the city. Pennant Hills Road in Carlingford, Sydney was the only non-Melbourne Road to make the national Top 10.

The 2026 AAMI Crash Index analysed more than 394,000 motor insurance claims lodged across Australia between 1 January and 31 December 2025.

Rather than identifying just one dangerous road, the data paints a broader picture of where and how Australians are crashing. The nation’s worst hotspots share strikingly similar characteristics: busy arterial roads, traffic lights, major intersections, shopping precincts, car parks and heavy stop-start traffic.

These are roads where congestion, merging traffic, turning vehicles and momentary lapses in concentration create the perfect conditions for everyday driving mistakes.

Australia’s Top Ten Crash Hotspots

	Crash Hotspot	Worst Intersection	Most Common Crash Type
1.	Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, VIC	Springvale Road & Ferntree Gully Road	Nose to tail
2.	Plenty Road, Bundoora, VIC	Plenty Road & Settlement Road	Nose to tail
3.	Doncaster Road, Doncaster, VIC	Doncaster Road & Elgar Road	Failure to give way
4.	Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, VIC	Maroondah Highway & Dublin Road	Nose to tail
5.	Sydney Road, Campbellfield, VIC	Sydney Road & Mahoneys Road	Nose to tail
6.	Bell Street, Preston, VIC	Bell Street & Albert Street	Nose to tail
7.	Cooper Street, Epping, VIC	Cooper Street & High Street	Nose to tail
8.	Nepean Highway, Cheltenham, VIC	Nepean Highway & Bay Road	Nose to tail
9.	Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford, NSW	Pennant Hills Road & Evans Road	Nose to tail
10.	Stud Road, Rowville, VIC	Stud Road & Wellington Road	Nose to tail



State and territory snapshot

While Melbourne dominated the national Top 10, the AAMI Crash Index shows every capital city has its own crash story.

- **Melbourne:** Springvale Road in Glen Waverley was named Australia's No.1 crash hotspot, with Melbourne accounting for nine of the national Top 10.
- **Sydney:** Pennant Hills Road in Carlingford was the only non-Melbourne road to make the national Top 10, ranking ninth nationally.
- **Brisbane:** Mains Road in Sunnybank was Brisbane's worst crash hotspot, with nose to tail collisions continuing to dominate across the city, reflecting the challenges of busy arterial roads, signalised intersections and heavy stop-start traffic.
- **Perth:** Albany Highway in Cannington was Perth's worst crash hotspot, with nose-to-tail collisions the city's most common crash type.
- **Adelaide:** North East Road in Modbury topped the Adelaide list, where failure to give way was the city's biggest bingle.
- **Hobart:** Sandy Bay Road in Sandy Bay was Hobart's worst crash hotspot, with collisions with stationary objects the city's most common crash type.
- **Canberra:** Hindmarsh Drive, in Phillip topped the capital's list, with nose-to-tail collisions the most common crash type.
- **Darwin:** Trower Road in Casuarina was Darwin's worst crash hotspot, with nose-to-tail collisions, stationary object crashes and failure to give way all featuring prominently.

The driving habits behind Australia's crashes

While the AAMI Crash Index reveals where Australians are crashing, data from thousands of drivers using the AAMI Driver Rewards (ADR) technology through the AAMI App provides insights into *how* they're driving... and where they can improve to become safer on our roads. ADR tracks five key driving behaviours; speeding, distraction, acceleration, braking and cornering, and provides drivers with a score out of 100, offering a unique snapshot of real-world driving habits across the country.

Encouragingly, Australians are performing well when it comes to speed, recording an average speeding score of 95.9 out of 100. Drivers also scored strongly for avoiding phone distraction, with an average score of 87.6.

However, acceleration (78.6), braking (77.9) and cornering (76.3) were drivers' lowest scoring behaviours, suggesting many motorists could improve by looking ahead, leaving more space between them and the car in front and taking greater care when navigating busy intersections.

AAMI's data shows Australia's crashes are caused by everyday driving habits like following too closely, braking late, misjudging turns and failing to anticipate changing traffic conditions.

Quotes attributable to AAMI Motor Prevention Manager, Mary Kennedy

"Springvale Road in Glen Waverley may have taken Australia's unwanted crash crown, but the bigger story is Melbourne's dominance of the national crash hotspot list," Ms Kennedy said.

"Nine of Australia's Top 10 crash hotspots are in Melbourne, which tells us this is not about one bad road. It is a broader pattern across some of our busiest arterial roads.



“The hotspots topping our list all share similar traits — heavy traffic, multiple lanes, traffic lights, major intersections, shopping precincts and constant turning movements, where even a momentary lapse in concentration can lead to a crash.

“Most claims aren’t high-speed collisions. They are everyday bingles like nose-to-tail crashes, failure to give way and collisions with stationary objects, which means they are also among the most preventable.

“Mornings and Fridays are peak prang periods nationally, when school pick-ups, commuters, shoppers and heavy traffic all converge. It is a timely reminder to slow down mentally as much as physically, stay patient and avoid distractions.

“The AAMI Crash Index isn’t about naming and shaming roads or drivers. It is about giving Australians practical insights into where crashes happen and how we can make small changes to keep everyone on the roads safer.

“Whether you are driving through Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, Canberra or Darwin, the message is the same: leave a safe gap, look further ahead, take extra care at intersections and avoid rushing through busy traffic.”

2026 AAMI Crash Index: Australia by the numbers

Total claims analysed:	394,000+
#1 crash hotspot:	Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, VIC
Most common crash types:	1. Nose to tail (28%) 2. Failure to give way (23%) 3. Collision with a stationary object (22%)
Peak prang time:	Mornings (9:30am – 1pm)
Worst day for crashes:	Friday
Drivers with the most crashes:	• Drivers aged 65yrs+ • Male drivers
Top vehicle makes involved in crashes:	1. Toyota 2. Mazda 3. Hyundai 4. Ford 5. Mitsubishi
Most common vehicle colours involved in crashes:	1. White 2. Grey 3. Silver

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Notes to Editor

Claims data collected from AAI Limited trading as AAMI. Data sourced from motor insurance claims from AAI Limited's portfolio of brands from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

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