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2021 AAMI Crash Index: Hume's Monaro Hwy takes back title of worst crash hotspot, plus five new entries into Canberra's top 10

- **Nose-to-tail collisions** account for almost a third of crashes at top spot
- **Monday & Thursdays** are the most common days, with **afternoons** and **evening peak hours** the most common times
- **Five new entrants** to hotspots list: Gundaroo Drive at Gungahlin, Belconnen Way at Belconnen, Anthony Rolfe Ave at Gungahlin, Monaro Highway at Fyshwick and Gungahlin Drive, Gungahlin

Known speeding hotspot, the Monaro Highway at Hume has taken back its title as the worst crash location in Canberra, up from second last year, according to new data from national insurer AAMI.

The annual AAMI Crash Index analysed more than 360,000 motor insurance claims¹ across Australia from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, to reveal the top 10 crash hotspots in each capital city.

The top two locations – Monaro Highway, Hume and Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick – have a long history of battling it out for the number one spot, with Canberra Avenue taking out the title in 2020, after Monaro Highway was crowned with the dubious honour in 2019 and 2018.

A well-known stretch of road for speedsters, AAMI's Head of Motor Claims Anna Cartwright said despite speed cameras and signage being installed along this busy section of the highway, collisions were still common.

"The Monaro Highway is an important recreational and freight route, connecting the ACT and New South Wales," Ms Cartwright said.

"The Hume section of the highway carries a lot of heavy vehicles and commuter traffic and there are speed changes which add a layer of complexity for drivers."

Nose-to-tail collisions were the most common type of crash in this location (29%), Monday and Thursdays were the most common days (each 18%), and afternoons² between 1-4.30pm and evening peak hours (4.30-8pm) were the most common times (each 25%).

Males³ (45%) and those aged 35 – 49yrs (27%) were most likely to be involved in collisions along the notorious stretch of road.

Canberra saw five new entries join the ranks – Gundaroo Drive at Gungahlin (#3), Belconnen Way at Belconnen (#4), Anthony Rolfe Avenue at Gungahlin (#5), Monaro Highway at Fyshwick (tied #6) and

¹ Claims data collected from Suncorp Group's network of brands including: AAMI, Suncorp Insurance, GIO, Apia, Shannons, CIL, Vero Insurance, Bingle and Essentials by AAI (N = 360, 574).

² Early morning 12-6am; morning peak 6-9.30am; morning 9.30am-1pm; afternoon 1-4.30pm; evening peak 4.30-8pm; night 8pm-12am.

³ Gender data is classified into male, female and unidentified.



Gungahlin Drive at Gungahlin (tied #7). They join repeat offenders Canberra Avenue at Fyshwick and Griffith, Newcastle Street at Fyshwick and Drakeford Drive at Kambah.

Canberra top 10 hotspots:

2021 Rank	Road	Suburb	2020 Rank	Change
1	Monaro Hwy	Hume	2	↑
2	Canberra Ave	Fyshwick	1	↓
3	Gundaroo Dr	Gungahlin	-	New
4	Belconnen Way	Belconnen	-	New
5	Anthony Rolfe Ave	Gungahlin	-	New
Tied 6	Monaro Hwy	Fyshwick	-	New
Tied 6	Newcastle St	Fyshwick	3	↓
Tied 7	Gungahlin Dr	Gungahlin	-	New
Tied 7	Canberra Ave	Griffith	8	↑
8	Drakeford Dr	Kambah	4	↓

Ms Cartwright said the top 10 hotspots shared some commonalities.

“Many of these roads take commuters to and from the city centre,” she said

“This means that at any time of the day – but particularly during peak hours – there are a lot of vehicles on the road, requiring drivers to stay alert, drive to the conditions and follow the road rules.

“All it takes is for you to be distracted and take your eyes off the road for a split second for things to go wrong.”

The AAMI Crash Index, which has been running since 1994, highlights the top crash hotspots across the nation’s capital cities to raise awareness of dangerous locations and reinforce the importance of road safety.

AAMI is calling on all Australians to be SAFE on our roads – **S**low down, **A**llow space, **F**ollow conditions, and keep your **E**yes on the road.

For more information, head to www.aami.com.au/crash-index. (*Please note this link will be live from 7am AEDT).

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