

Bushfire Area Access Strategy Project Update – March 2026

Since the Council briefing paper prepared in April 2025, further work has been undertaken to progress investigation and planning for priority Bushfire Area Access Strategy (BAAS) locations.

As previously noted, the BAAS review expanded from the original 130 potential entrapment points to a broader combined database of 340 potential entrapment points, grouped into 228 roads or road groupings, reflecting updated local and agency data together with field assessment work. The review has continued to progress through a risk-based approach to help identify where works, maintenance, engagement, planning processes or longer-term capital responses may be most appropriate.

A key focus since the last briefing has been targeted investigation of the highest priority locations. The current investigation summary records outcomes for the top priority roads assessed to date and shows that the work is now identifying more practical, road-specific pathways, rather than applying a single solution across all locations. Investigations are confirming that some roads may support future engineering or capital works responses, while others are better addressed through maintenance, fuel management, signage, engagement, planning triggers or longer-term subdivision opportunities.

In addition to investigations on the top priority roads, the impacted roads have now been added to the Shire's mapping system so relevant staff across service areas have clearer visibility of them when considering works, maintenance, planning matters and related decisions.

Summary of investigation outcomes to date

The outcomes of recent investigations indicate that the assessed priority roads currently fall within the following seven broad workstreams. The full summary table is included on the final page for reference.

1. ***Already progressing / partially progressed (2)***

- Falls Road - EAW creation progressing through boundary realignment
- Marnie Road - initial fuel load reduction / verge works already undertaken, with further options to be considered

2. ***Proposed for near-term works / funding consideration (2026-2027) (2)***

- Hedges Road
- Riley Road



3. *Allocated for future budget consideration (5)*

- 2027-2028: Bernard Street (East + West), Hummerston Street
- 2028-2029: Coolgardie Street (*works on Elizabeth Ave*)
- 2029-2030: Boya Crescent
- 2030-2031: Constance Street (*works linking Cook Street to Dale Place*)

4. *Technically possible but requiring further investigation (2)*

- Bushlands Road
- Manjiri Drive

5. *Complex / major works requiring longer-term consideration (3)*

- Council Road
- Hanley Street
- Pittersen Road

6. *Dependent on subdivision / planning outcomes (2)*

- Rosedale Road
- Thomas Road

7. *Not able to achieve compliant EAW outcomes and better suited to PAW / maintenance / engagement responses (6)*

- Benowa Drive
- Giffellon Road
- Matthews Way
- Narla Retreat
- Rainsford Way
- Saw Drive

This is consistent with the broader review direction previously reported, including the need to combine infrastructure, planning, bushfire risk management and community preparedness responses rather than relying on a single treatment type.

Suggested next steps

1. Ensure the updated mapping layer is routinely used to inform decision-making, and that the Emergency Management team is consulted as needed to provide relevant background and context for affected locations. **[Planning]**
2. Progress roads identified for works and future budget consideration through the relevant internal planning and budgeting processes. **[Infrastructure]**
3. Identify a process for locations requiring maintenance and / or minor works responses. **[Operations]**
4. Identify a process for locations included in the road resurfacing program, so opportunities are not considered in isolation and any practical access improvements on or near BAAS roads can be incorporated where feasible. **[Operations]**
5. Prepare tailored communications for affected and interested residents once a clear position has been settled internally. **[Emergency Management]**

BAAS 2026-2027 Investigation Summary Data

LINEREF	LOCALITY	ROAD	ROADS CONNECTED	Risk Rating (BRMS)	2026-2027 Investigation Outcome	PRIORITY out of 349 roads as at 14/07/2025
23	GLEN FORREST WA 6071	Benowa Drive	And Bailey Road, Casino Road, Kirip Court and Taree Street	Very High	2026-2027: Investigated - unable to comply with EAW guidelines so will need to remain as a PAW. Suggest maintenance + engagement.	20
24 + 25	MOUNT HELENA WA 6082	Bernard Street (East + West)		Extreme	2027-2028 - investigated in 2026-2027 and works allocated for 2027-2028 budget consideration (related to Hummerston works).	67
33	BOYA WA 6056	Boya Crescent		Extreme	2029-2030 - investigated in 2026-2027 and works allocated for 2029-2030 budget consideration.	23
42	HOVEA WA 6071	Bushlands Road	And Fern Hill Place, Mueller Place and Bud Court	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated - technically possible to become an EAW but requires additional investigation. The works selected for 2026-2027 to be undertaken on Hedges will assist this area, but benefit more people overall.	24
61	DARLINGTON WA 6070	Constance Street	And Allpike Road, Cook Street, Dale Place, Edith Street, Harold Street, Hillcrest Drive, Hubert Street, Jane Street and Lawrence Close	Extreme	2030-2031 - investigated in 2026-2027 and works allocated for 2030-2031 budget consideration (Cook Street - Dale Place).	3
65	MUNDARING WA 6073	Coolgardie Street	And Barlee Street, Elizabeth Avenue, Forrest Avenue, Janeczak Road and Vernon Avenue (school in the vicinity)	Very High	2028-2029 - investigated in 2026-2027 and works allocated for 2028-2029 budget consideration (Elizabeth Avenue).	12
67	MUNDARING WA 6073	Council Road	And Martin Road	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated, will be considered in the future as it has potential to become a Capital Works project as it's very 'big' job. Works in vicinity to be undertaken on Elizabeth Ave, proposed for 2028-2029.	30
93	HOVEA WA 6071	Falls Road	And Richardson Road and Victoria Road, incl Blue Body Life Sanctuary	Extreme	2025-2026: EAW being created following a boundary realignment, links will be formed from Falls to Richardson (west) and Falls (south) to Victoria.	15
106	STONEVILLE WA 6081	Giffellon Road	And Cousins Place and Tassell Place *note, could also add Fennell Place	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated - unable to comply with EAW guidelines so will need to remain as a PAW. Suggest maintenance + engagement.	16
130	STONEVILLE WA 6081	Hanley Street		Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated, will need a lot of work and funding, is noted for future investigation.	22
134	HOVEA WA 6071	Hedges Road	And Callan Street, Echidna Court, Mons Road, Oxley Road and Plateau Heights	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated (Priority 6) and works proposed for the 2026-2027 budget to upgrade the unmade section at the east end of Oxley Road south the Hedges Road.	6
154	MOUNT HELENA WA 6082	Hummerston Street	And Brazier Road, Houston Street and Wilkins Road	Extreme	2027-2028 - investigated in 2026-2027 and works allocated for 2027-2028 budget consideration (refer also to Bernard Street works).	17
200	GLEN FORREST WA 6071	Manjiri Drive	And Berrima Court and Nundah Court	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated, whilst it's not in the top 5 for this year to remain in the list for reconsideration after 2030-2031.	14
202	GLEN FORREST WA 6071	Marnie Road	And Binbrook Place, Dairy Road, Devlin Street, Glenwood Avenue, Hogan Road, John Street, Mayhew Road (east), Neilson Crescent and Newman Road (school in the vicinity)	Extreme	2025-2026 - initial works fuel load reduction and verge works undertaken via MAFGP, additional works to be considered as wider implications exist as a connection between Glen Forrest and Darlington with a number of options to be considered.	1
206	STONEVILLE WA 6081	Matthews Way	And Jason Place	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated - unable to comply with EAW guidelines so will need to remain as a PAW. Also requires attention in relation to drainage. Suggest maintenance + engagement.	11
230	STONEVILLE WA 6081	Narla Retreat		Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated - unable to comply with EAW guidelines so will need to remain as a PAW. Suggest maintenance + engagement. Note, separately there are works being undertaken on Piano Lane which will positively impact this area.	26
257	DARLINGTON WA 6070	Pittersen Road	And Dryandra Crescent	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated, would involve extremely complex works to create an EAW to meet guidelines, suggest that the PAW from Pittersen to Dryandra be added to maintenance / improvement list.	18
266	PARKERVILLE WA 6081	Rainsford Way	And Feldman Cr	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated - unable to comply with EAW guidelines so will need to remain as a PAW. Suggest maintenance + engagement.	9
271	MOUNT HELENA WA 6082	Riley Road	And Goodwin Place	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated, in the first instance support is for works to be undertaken on Cromwell (proposed 2026-2027 through MAF), this can remain on the list for future consideration.	25
273	CHIDLOW WA 6556	Rosedale Road	And Frith Street, Honeyeater Glade, Wallaby Way, Laguna Vista, Grand Valley Drive, Innisfree Place and Keenan Way	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated, but awaiting subdivision (to the north). Suggestion that in the meantime there be maintenance and engagement.	4
278	DARLINGTON WA 6070	Saw Drive	And Coolangatta Road, Holmesdale Place, Lumeah Court, Nooneameena Place and Valest Place + Reserve 33079	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated, works can only be undertaken if land is purchased as currently no options are able to comply with EAW guidelines. Suggest maintenance + engagement in the interim, noting adjacent firebreak works have been undertaken through MAF2627.	2
308	MUNDARING WA 6073	Thomas Road	And Grancey Ave, Gill Lane and Hobbit Glade	Extreme	2026-2027: Investigated and works would be subject to subdivision (which is currently out for advertising). Note that the widening of Grancey Ave is being undertaken in 2026-2027 as a Capital Works project.	5