

MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW
APRIL 2020

April 2020 was a warm, dry and mostly sunny month with light winds.

The rainfall total of 41.2 millimetres was just 4 mm lower than the average with most of the rain falling in the first ten days. The heaviest daily fall was a healthy 22.4 mm from a rain event on the 10th.

Temperatures were close to normal throughout the month with no notable extremes.

The first frosts of the year arrived from the 12th ending a frost-free period of 149 days since the last frost on 14th November 2019.

Winds were mostly light to moderate westerlies.

There was only one early morning fog, and thunderstorms on two days.

Noteworthy events:

4th - The minimum temperature of 16.0C recorded at 7.45am was the highest minimum for the month of April since 13th April 1998 (17.1C). The unusually warm night was the result of mild north-westerly winds being pushed ahead of a cold front and trough moving through New South Wales.

APRIL 2020 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 41.2 mm (44.7 mm)

Rain days: 4 (8)

2020 rainfall total Jan to Apr: 474.0 mm (298.4 mm)

Average maximum temp: 21.2 deg (20.2 deg)

Average minimum temp: 6.2 deg (6.5 deg)

Highest maximum temp: 24.8 deg on 17th

Lowest maximum temp: 15.8 deg on 10th

Highest minimum temp: 16.0 deg on 4th

Lowest minimum temp: -1.1 deg on 19th

Fine sunny days: 13 (15)

Ideal weather days: 7 (3)

Days with thunderstorms: 2 (1)

Days with frosts: 6 (5) light: 3, moderate: 3

Days with fogs: 1 (4.5)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 14, NE: 4, E: 3, SW: 3, NW: 3, S: 2, N: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 2.5 mm (2.5 mm)

Thunderstorm details:

3rd: 3.00-3.20pm - slight storm from west followed by rain till 5pm

30th: 3.20-3.30pm - slight storm from north-west

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