

MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW

JUNE 2018

June 2018 was a cool, cloudy and very dry month with light winds.

The rain total of just 13.2 millimetres was 42 mm lower than the average, and was the driest June since 2001. It was also the eighth consecutive month with below average rainfall. All falls were light with the highest daily fall being just 3.0 mm on the 9th.

Temperatures were mostly close to normal with no notable extremes.

It was a cloudy month with only ten sunny days, however nights were still cold enough to produce 20 frosts, four more than the average.

Winds were mostly light westerlies.

Noteworthy events:

17th-19th - The first major cold outbreak of the year was caused by upper level cold air and cold south-westerly surface winds which brought light showers and drizzle in the early hours of the 18th. There were light snowfalls in the higher areas of the Northern Tablelands including Guyra and Black Mountain, but there was no snow in Armidale. The 18th was an overcast windy, drizzly day with a maximum temperature of 6.6C, although the wind chill kept the apparent temperature below zero most of the day. Total rain recorded over the three days was just 2.2 mm.

JUNE 2018 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 13.2 mm (55.5 mm)

Rain days: 9 (10)

2017 rainfall total Jan to Jun: 216.8 mm (398.4 mm)

Average maximum temp: 14.0 deg (13.2 deg)

Average minimum temp: 0.3 deg (0.9 deg)

Highest maximum temp: 17.8 deg on the 12th

Lowest maximum temp: 6.6 deg on the 18th

Highest minimum temp: 6.1 deg on the 9th

Lowest minimum temp: -6.6 deg on the 24th

Fine sunny days: 10 (13)

Ideal weather days: 3 (3)

Days with thunderstorms: 0 (0.4)

Days with frosts: 20 (16) light: 8, moderate: 8 severe: 4

Days with fogs: 6 (4)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 13, E: 6, S: 6, SE: 2, NE: 1, SW: 1, NW: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 1.2 mm (1.2 mm)