

**MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW**  
**APRIL 2026**

April 2026 was an extremely dry, sunny month with unusually warm days.

The rainfall total of just 4.8 millimetres was 40 mm less than the average, and it was the driest April since 2019 when 3.0 mm was recorded. The highest daily fall was 2.8 mm on the 25th. It was the fourth consecutive month with well below average rain with the year total of 129.0 mm representing just 43 per cent of the normal rain for the January to April period. In an interesting comparison, in the severe drought year of 2019 the January to April rain total was 157.0 mm.

The lack of rain and numerous sunny days resulted in maximum temperatures rising well above the normal levels for April, particularly in the first half of the month. The average maximum for the month of 23.0C was the highest for April since 2005 which also averaged 23.0C.

There were some unusually high day temperatures from the 7th to the 11th - see below.

Overnight temperatures were cooler than normal due to the many calm clear nights allowing for radiational cooling which resulted in the first frosts of the year arriving from the 12th. This ended a 149 day frost-free period since the last frost on 13th November 2025.

There were no thunderstorms or thunder heard, and winds were mostly light easterlies which is normal for this time of year.

***Noteworthy events:***

**7th-11th** - Unusually warm conditions prevailed over the five days as a result of very warm north-westerly winds from the centre of Australia being directed into New South Wales ahead of a cold front which arrived late on the 11th.

Maximum temperatures: 7th: 27.0C, 8th: 28.0C, 9th: 30.0C, 10th: 29.5C, 11th: 27.5C.

The maximum of 30.0C on the 9th was the highest April temperature since 4th April 1986 when 30.2C was recorded which was also the highest on record for the month of April.

***APRIL 2026 STATISTICS*** (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 4.8 mm (45.2 mm)

Rain days: 4 (8)

2026 rainfall total Jan to Apr: 129.0 mm (301.6 mm)

Average maximum temp: 23.0 C (20.1 C)

Average minimum temp: 4.7 C (6.6 C)

Highest maximum temp: 30.0 C on the 9th

Lowest maximum temp: 17.5 C on the 25th

Highest minimum temp: 11.2 C on the 11th

Lowest minimum temp: -1.9 C on the 14th

Fine sunny days: 19 (15)

Ideal weather days: 6 (3)

Days with thunderstorms: 0 (1.2)

Days with frosts: 10 (5) light: 6, moderate: 4

Days with fogs: 3 (4)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: E: 10, W: 9, SE: 6, SW: 3, S: 2

Average daily pan evaporation: 3.3 mm (2.5 mm)

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