

MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW AUGUST 2018

August 2018 was a dry, sunny and frosty month with cool days and cold nights.

The rainfall total of 26.6 millimetres was 21 mm lower than the average and was the tenth consecutive month with below average rain. The total rain for the year to the end of August was just 55 per cent of the normal rainfall for the eight months. Most of the rain was concentrated into two events on the 6th (13 mm) and on the 25th-26th (10.4 mm).

It was a sunny month with clear skies which caused day temperatures to be higher than normal and overnight minimums to be lower than normal with numerous frosts, 15 of them severe. The lowest minimum of -7.6 degrees on the 30th was the coldest for the month of August since 2005.

Winds were mostly moderate westerlies, and there was no hail or snow.

There were no noteworthy events.

AUGUST 2018 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 26.6 mm (48.0 mm)

Rain days: 7 (9)

2018 rainfall total Jan to Aug: 285.0 mm (494.0 mm)

Average maximum temp: 15.7 deg (14.3 deg)

Average minimum temp: -1.9 deg (-0.2 deg)

Highest maximum temp: 20.6 deg on the 14th

Lowest maximum temp: 10.1 deg on the 12th

Highest minimum temp: 6.2 deg on the 26th

Lowest minimum temp: -7.6 deg on the 30th

Fine sunny days: 23 (18)

Ideal weather days: 5 (4)

Days with thunderstorms: 1 (0.6)

Days with frosts: 25 (20) light: 4, moderate: 6, severe: 15

Days with fogs: 1 (2)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 17, NW: 6, SW: 3, E: 2, NE: 1, N: 1, S: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 2.3 mm (2.1 mm)

Thunderstorm details:

4th: 12.05am - slight storm from west

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