

MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW

JULY 2026

July 2026 was a dry and cool to cold, partly cloudy month.

The first 19 days of the month were mostly cloudy and damp with light showers and drizzle on a number of days, while the remaining 12 days were dry and sunny with cold frosty mornings. There were no cold outbreaks which is unusual for the middle month of winter.

The rainfall total of 20.0 millimetres was 28 mm less than the average, and the progressive total for the year of 248.2 mm was only 55 per cent of the normal rainfall for this period.

Day temperatures were a little higher than normal, while overnight minimums were close to normal. There was one noteworthy temperature extreme of -8.5C on the 25th – see details below.

Frosts occurred on 18 mornings, eight of them were severe, and fogs occurred on six mornings.

There were no thunderstorms, snow or hail.

Winds were predominantly light to moderate westerlies which is normal for this time of year.

Noteworthy events:

25th - The minimum temperature of -8.5C was the lowest since 20th July 2023 when -9.2C was recorded. Calm, clear conditions with cold dry air from the south-west allowed a significant temperature inversion to develop in the Armidale valley from early evening on the 24th with the minimum occurring at 6.40am on the 25th. The minimum at the nearby higher elevation Armidale airport of -4.4C shows the extent of the temperature inversion. These inversions in the Armidale valley occur frequently, particularly during winter months.

JULY 2026 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 20.0 mm (47.7 mm)

Rain days: 8 (9)

2026 rainfall total Jan to Jul: 248.2 mm (450.6 mm)

Average maximum temp: 14.3 C (12.7 C)

Average minimum temp: 0.2 C (-0.2 C)

Highest maximum temp: 17.5 C on the 21st, 27th

Lowest maximum temp: 11.4 C on the 19th

Highest minimum temp: 10.4 C on the 3rd

Lowest minimum temp: -8.5 C on the 25th

Fine sunny days: 13 (15)

Ideal weather days: 3 (4)

Days with thunderstorms: 0 (0.3)

Days with frosts: 18 (19) light: 2, moderate: 8, severe: 8

Days with fogs: 6 (3)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 14, E: 9, SE: 5, S: 2, NW: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 1.3 mm (1.4 mm)

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