MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW MARCH 2019

March 2019 was a very warm partly cloudy month with normal rainfall.

The rain total of 69.2 millimetres was four millimetres higher than the average with most of the rain falling in two events, the 22nd to 24th (27.8 mm), and on the 30th (23.6 mm).

Temperatures were well above the long term average with maximums reaching 30.0 degrees or higher on five days. Nights remained mild with no frosts recorded.

There were no notable temperature extremes.

There were thunderstorms on four days, no hail was observed with any of the storms.

Winds were mostly moderate westerlies.

There were no noteworthy events.

MARCH 2019 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 69.2 mm (65.3 mm)

Rain days: 9 (10)

2019 rainfall total Jan to Mar: 154.0 mm (254.2 mm)

Average maximum temp: 26.2 deg (23.5 deg) Average minimum temp: 12.1 deg (10.4 deg) Highest maximum temp: 31.3 deg on 24th Lowest maximum temp: 16.4 deg on 27th Highest minimum temp: 17.0 deg on 26th Lowest minimum temp: 2.9 deg on 31st

Fine sunny days: 10 (15.5) Ideal weather days: 1 (2)

Days with thunderstorms: 4 (3)

Days with frosts: 0 (1) Days with fogs: 2 (3)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 16, E: 9, NE: 3, SE: 2, SW: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 4.3 mm (3.7 mm)

Thunderstorm details:

6th: 9.15-9.45pm - slight storm from south-west, 1.0 mm rain 17th: 2.20-3.30pm - slight storm from north-west, 10.2 mm rain 22nd: 8.30-10.00pm - moderate & heavy storms from west 23rd: 3.15-3.40pm - thunder heard in north-west, no rain

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