

MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW
MARCH 2026

March 2026 was a very dry and unusually warm month.

The rainfall total of 18.6 millimetres was 49 mm less than the average , and was the driest March for eleven years since March 2015 which recorded 11.6 mm. The highest daily fall was 5.4 mm on the 10th.

Rainfall has been well below average in all three months so far this year with the total of 124.2 mm representing just 48 per cent of the normal rain for the January to March period.

Day temperatures were well above the long term average reaching 25.0C or higher on 19 days. Overnight minimums were slightly higher than normal, cooling down in the last week of the month, but not to frost level.

There was one notable temperature extreme - see below.

There were no thunderstorms or hail, and prevailing winds were from the east, which is normal for March, and were slightly stronger than the average.

Noteworthy events:

27th - The maximum temperature of 14.1C was the lowest maximum for the month March since 26th March 1989 which recorded 13.5C. The unusually low temperatures were caused by cold blustery westerly winds following a severe cold front which passed through in the early hours of the morning. The system brought with it 3.4 mm of rain.

MARCH 2026 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 18.6 mm (67.2 mm)

Rain days: 9 (10)

2026 rainfall total Jan to Mar: 124.2 mm (256.4 mm)

Average maximum temp: 25.5 C (23.6 C)

Average minimum temp: 11.4 C (10.6 C)

Highest maximum temp: 31.0 C on the 6th

Lowest maximum temp: 14.1 C on the 27th

Highest minimum temp: 17.5 C on the 13th

Lowest minimum temp: 5.0 C on the 30th

Fine sunny days: 10 (14)

Ideal weather days: 4 (2)

Days with thunderstorms: 0 (3)

Days with frosts: 0 (0.5)

Days with fogs: 3 (3)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: E: 16, SE: 5, W: 4, S: 3, NE: 2, SW: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 3.7 mm (3.6 mm)

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