

**MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW**  
**MAY 2018**

May 2018 was a cool, very dry month with sunny days and frosty nights.

The very dry conditions from previous months continued into May with the rainfall total of just 7.6 mm being 35 millimetres less than the average. It was Armidale's seventh consecutive month with below average rain. A number a large blocking high pressure systems over Australia kept most rain systems well to the south of this region, and low pressure troughs extending south from Queensland were few, and those which did develop produced little or no rain.

The high pressure systems meant sunny days and clear nights which resulted in day temperatures being a little higher than normal, and overnight minimums well below normal.

The first frosts of the year arrived from the 5th ending a frost-free period of 175 days since the last frost on 10th November last year.

Prevailing winds were light westerlies, and there were no thunderstorms.

There were no noteworthy events

***MAY 2018 STATISTICS*** (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 7.6 mm (42.9 mm)

Rain days: 3 (8)

2017 rainfall total Jan to May: 203.6 mm (342.9 mm)

Average maximum temp: 17.5 deg (16.4 deg)

Average minimum temp: 1.0 deg (3.0 deg)

Highest maximum temp: 21.4 deg on the 2nd

Lowest maximum temp: 11.4 deg on the 31st

Highest minimum temp: 8.1 deg on the 4th

Lowest minimum temp: -4.3 deg on the 12th, 21st

Fine sunny days: 18 (15)

Ideal weather days: 4 (4)

Days with thunderstorms: 0 (1)

Days with frosts: 18 (14) light: 6, moderate: 10, severe: 2

Days with fogs: 6 (5)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 11, E: 5, SE: 4, SW: 4, S: 3, N: 2, NW: 1, NE: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 1.8 mm (1.6 mm)