MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW
OCTOBER 2026

October was a mild to warm and very wet month.
The first 12 days were warm and mostly dry, while during the remainder of the month a number of low pressure troughs developed over northern New South Wales bringing cloudy and cool conditions with rain on most days. The total rain for the month of 137.4 mm was 69 mm higher than the average. The highest daily fall was 38.4 mm on the 26th.
Day temperatures overall were close to normal, but overnight minimums were well above normal due to numerous cloudy nights. There were no notable temperature extremes.
Thunderstorms occurred on two days with small hailstones mixed with rain during a storm in the afternoon.
Winds were predominantly from the west, although easterly winds developed from the 14th to the 23rd due to a large slow moving high pressure system to the south of Australia. These humid easterly winds contributed to the high rainfall during the second half of the month.

There were no noteworthy events.

OCTOBER 2026 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)
Rainfall: 137.4 mm (68.0 mm)
Rain days: 18 (9)
2026 rainfall total Jan to Oct: 436.6 mm (612.3 mm)
Average maximum temp: 21.1 C (21.0 C)
Average minimum temp: 8.2 C (5.8 C)
Highest maximum temp: 28.5 C on the 12th
Lowest maximum temp: 15.8 C on the 16th
Highest minimum temp: 15.3 C on the 13th
Lowest minimum temp: 0.0 C on the 1st
Fine sunny days: 4 (17)
Ideal weather days: 1 (2)
Days with thunderstorms: 2 (4)
Days with frosts: 3 (6) light: 3
Days with fogs: 1 (2)
Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 13, E: 6, NW: 5, NE: 2, SE: 2, SW: 1, N: 1, S: 1
Average daily pan evaporation: 3.1 mm (4.1 mm)

Thunderstorm Details:
25th: 9.00-9.55pm - moderate storm from west
26th: 11.40am-1.00pm - slight & moderate storms from west
3.25-3.45pm - slight storm from west
3.32-3.35pm - hail mixed with rain - less than 10 mm diameter - sparse
5.30-6.15pm - slight storm from west
7.35-8.00pm - slight storm from west

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