

MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW SEPTEMBER 2026

September 2026 was a mostly sunny, and unusually warm and dry month.

The rainfall total of just 5.2 millimetres on four days was 45 mm less than the average, increasing the severity of the current dry spell. The progressive total for 2026 of 299.2 mm was 55 per cent of the normal average rainfall for the first nine months of year.

Temperatures were unusually high for the first month of spring with maximums higher than 20.0C on 19 days. It was the third warmest September on record after 2013 and 2023 with maximums averaging 21.5C over the month.

Minimum temperatures were close to normal averaging 2.7C, dropping to frost levels on 19 days.

The first spring thunderstorms arrived on the 23rd, while overnight frosts continued through to the end of the month.

There were no falls of snow or hail.

Prevailing winds were light to moderate westerlies which is normal for this time of year.

Noteworthy events:

6th - The minimum temperature of 13.0C was the highest minimum recorded in the month of September since 29th September 2005 when 13.4C was recorded. The unusually high temperature was caused by mild north-westerly winds ahead of a weak cold front which passed through the region in the early hours.

SEPTEMBER 2026 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 5.2 mm (50.3 mm)

Rain days: 4 (8)

2026 rainfall total Jan to Sep: 299.2 mm (544.3 mm)

Average maximum temp: 21.5 C (18.0 C)

Average minimum temp: 2.7 C (2.6 C)

Highest maximum temp: 27.5 C on the 20th

Lowest maximum temp: 14.0 C on the 28th

Highest minimum temp: 13.0 C on the 6th

Lowest minimum temp: -3.9 C on the 17th

Fine sunny days: 19 (19)

Ideal weather days: 4 (3)

Days with thunderstorms: 2 (2)

Days with frosts: 19 (15) light: 13, moderate: 6

Days with fogs: 2 (2)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 9, E: 5, SW: 4, S: 4, SE: 3, NE: 2, NW: 2, N: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 3.3 mm (3.2 mm)

Thunderstorm Details:

23rd: 3.45-4.15pm approx. - slight storm

27th: 2.15pm - thunder heard

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