MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW JUNE 2023

June 2023 was a dry, sunny and cool month with cold frosty nights.

The rainfall total of 26.0 millimetres was less than half the average with all falls being light except for 15.4 mm on the 23rd. It was the third consecutive month with below average rainfall as a result of a developing El Nino event in the Pacific Ocean.

Because of the numerous sunny days, day temperatures were a little higher than normal, while clear skies at night resulted in overnight minimums being slightly lower than normal which in turn meant more frosts than usual. With 21 frosts it was the frostiest June since 2004 which recorded 24 frosts.

There were no thunderstorms, hail or snowfalls, and prevailing winds were light to moderate westerlies.

Noteworthy events:

21st - The minimum temperature of -7.6C was the coldest for any month since 7th July 2021 which also recorded -7.6C. The minimum at Armidale airport was a little milder at -4.4C. Temperatures in the Armidale valley drop to -7.0C or lower on average of four days per year.

JUNE 2023 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 26.0 mm (54.6 mm) Rain days: 6(10)2023 rainfall total Jan to Jun: 382.0 mm (397.4 mm) Average maximum temp: 14.6 deg (13.2 deg) Average minimum temp: 0.0 deg (0.8 deg)Highest maximum temp: 20.0 deg on the 3rd Lowest maximum temp: 9.6 deg on the 29th Highest minimum temp: 8.9 deg on the 5th Lowest minimum temp: -7.6 deg on the 21st Fine sunny days: 18 (13) Ideal weather days: 6(3)Days with thunderstorms: 0 (0.5) Days with frosts: 21 (16) light: 7, moderate: 7, severe: 7 Days with fogs: 1 (4) Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 17, E: 5, SW: 4, NW: 3, S: 1 Average daily pan evaporation: 1.4 mm (1.2 mm)

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