

**MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW
MARCH 2011**

March 2011 was a cloudy and warm month.

Rainfall was just below the average totaling 61.8 millimetres with the majority falling in the first week.

Day temperatures were close to normal, but overnight minimums were well above normal due to numerous cloudy nights. There were no notable temperature extremes.

It was an unusually cloudy month with fine sunny weather prevailing on only 5 days.

Prevailing winds were light easterlies.

There were no noteworthy events during the month.

MARCH STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets):

Rainfall: 61.8 mm (mm) (65-4mm)

Rain days: 17 (10)

2011 rainfall total Jan to Mar: 260.4 mm (255.9 mm)

Average maximum temp: 22.8 deg (23.4 deg)

Average minimum temp: 11.7 deg (10.1deg)

Highest maximum temp: 29.5 deg on the 1st

Lowest maximum temp: 18.0 deg on the 5th

Highest minimum temp: 16.8 deg on the 1st

Lowest minimum temp: 3.0 deg on the 26th

Fine sunny days: 5 (17)

Ideal weather days: 0 (2.5)

Days with thunderstorms: 5 (2.5)

Days with frosts: 0 (1)

Days with fogs: 1 (3.5)

Wind direction at 3pm & number of days: W: 10, E: 11, NE: 4, SE: 4, SW: 2

Average daily evaporation: 2.4 mm (3.8 mm)

Thunderstorm details:

1st: 6.00-6.45pm - moderate storm from south-west - 2.8 mm rain

2nd: 1.30-2.00pm approx - slight storm

3.00-8.00pm approx - slight & moderate storms

3rd: 2.00-8.00pm approx - slight & moderate storms

17th: 1.40-3.00pm - heavy storm from west - 1.6 mm

31st: 5.10pm - thunder heard