

MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW
FEBRUARY 2026

February 2026 was a cloudy, dry and unusually warm month.

The rainfall total of 55.8 millimetres was 32 mm less than the average, and followed a drier than normal January, with the rainfall deficit for the first two months of the year at 84 mm. The rain fell in the first three weeks of the month with the final week remaining dry. The highest daily fall of 21.8 mm came from an afternoon thunderstorm on the 21st.

Both daytime and overnight temperatures were well above normal with maximums of 30.0 degrees or higher on seven days, four days more than the long term average. There was one notable extreme - see below.

The warmer than normal conditions were the result of a number of low pressure troughs over inland New South Wales throughout the month drawing in very warm air from central Australia.

Thunderstorm activity was lower than normal with storms on only three days, no hail was observed with these storms.

Winds were predominantly light to moderate easterlies which is normal for late summer.

It was an unusually cloudy month with only three sunny days resulting in slightly lower than normal evaporation.

Noteworthy events:

1st - The maximum temperature of 34.8C was the highest for the month of February since 12th February 2017 when 37.6C was recorded.

FEBRUARY 2026 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 55.8 mm (88.0 mm)

Rain days: 11 (10)

2026 rainfall total Jan to Feb: 105.6 mm (189.2 mm)

Average maximum temp: 27.2 C (25.6 C)

Average minimum temp: 14.1 C (12.6 C)

Highest maximum temp: 34.8 C on the 1st

Lowest maximum temp: 19.6 C on the 13th

Highest minimum temp: 19.0 C on the 20th

Lowest minimum temp: 8.0 C on the 17th

Fine sunny days: 3 (12)

Ideal weather days: 0 (1)

Days with thunderstorms: 3 (5)

Days with frosts: 0 (0.0)

Days with fogs: 1 (1.5)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: E: 14, SW: 5, W: 3, NE: 2, SE: 2, NW: 1, S: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 4.3 mm (4.5 mm)

Thunderstorm Details:

1st: 8.10-8.20pm - slight storm from west

9.50-10.30pm - moderate storm from west

20th: 3.00-4.00pm - slight storm from south-west, 0.8 mm rain

4.00-5.00pm - almost continuous thunder heard from east, no rain

5.00-5.40pm - slight thunder heard, no rain

21st: 3.45-4.45pm - moderate storm from south, 19 mm rain