MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW JANUARY 2021

January 2021 was a warm cloudy month with below average rain and cooler than normal temperatures. The rainfall total of 34.0 millimetres was 68 mm lower than the average, and was the driest January since 2014 (17.2 mm). Most of the rain (30.4 mm) fell in the first ten days with only four light falls during the remainder of the month.

Because of the high number of cloudy days day temperatures were cooler than normal with maximums reaching 30 degrees or higher on just one day, compared with 17 days in January 2020. Overnight temperatures were also cooler than normal. There were no noteworthy temperature extremes.

There were thunderstorms on six days, no hail was observed with any of the storms.

Winds were mostly light easterlies which is normal for this time of year.

There were no noteworthy events.

JANUARY 2021 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 34.0 mm (101.6 mm)

Rain days: 13 (10)

Average maximum temp: 25.5 deg (26.7 deg) Average minimum temp: 11.6 deg (12.9 deg) Highest maximum temp: 30.9 deg on 27th Lowest maximum temp: 17.9 deg on 7th, 8th Highest minimum temp: 17.6 deg on 28th Lowest minimum temp: 4.0 deg on 17th

Fine sunny days: 9 (15) Ideal weather days: 1 (1) Days with thunderstorms: 6 (7)

Days with frosts: 0 (0) Days with fogs: 0 (1)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: E: 10, SW: 7, W: 5, SE: 5, S: 2, NW: 1, N: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 4.5 mm (5.2 mm)

Thunderstorm details:

2nd: 12.15-1.30pm - thunder heard, slight storm from west

3.10-3.40pm - slight storm from west

5th: 3.55-5.00pm approx - slight storm from west

14th: 6.00pm approx - thunder heard, no rain21st: 3.50pm - thunder heard in west, no rain

22nd: 5.00-6.30pm - thunder heard, no rain

31st: 1.00-1.30pm - slight storm from south, 0.2 mm rain

3.00-3.20pm - thunder heard, no rain

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