

## MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW MARCH 2018

March 2018 was a dry, warm month with light winds.

Due to a lack of any major rain systems or thunderstorms, only light falls of rain occurred during the month with the total of 21.0 millimetres being 45 mm lower than the average. This follows on from a dry summer and is the fifth consecutive month with below average rain.

Temperatures were well above the long term average, and based on maximums it was the fourth warmest March on record. Temperatures reached 28.0 degrees or higher on eight days, and exceeded 30.0 degrees on four days. The maximum of 32.5 degrees on the 19th was the highest for the month of March for three years. There were no thunderstorms or frosts, and winds were mostly light easterlies.

There were no noteworthy events.

### ***MARCH 2018 STATISTICS*** (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 21.0 mm (65.6 mm)

Rain days: 7 (10)

2017 rainfall total Jan to Mar: 169.2 mm (254.9 mm)

Average maximum temp: 25.4 deg (23.5 deg)

Average minimum temp: 11.8 deg (10.3 deg)

Highest maximum temp: 32.5 deg on the 19th

Lowest maximum temp: 17.9 deg on the 22nd

Highest minimum temp: 17.6 deg on the 4th

Lowest minimum temp: 4.0 deg on the 12th

Fine sunny days: 12 (16)

Ideal weather days: 2 (2)

Days with thunderstorms: 0 (3)

Days with frosts: 0 (1)

Days with fogs: 3 (3)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: E: 14, SE: 8, W: 7, SW: 1, NW: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 3.7 mm (3.7 mm)