

**MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW**  
**MAY 2019**

May 2019 was a very dry and cool to mild mostly sunny month.

As the drought deepened the rainfall total of just 11.0 millimetres was 32 mm lower than the average. The rain fell in the first 18 days with the rest of the month remaining dry.

The progressive rain total for the year of 168.0 mm was 49 per cent of the average, and was the driest January to May period since 1986.

Day temperatures were generally warmer than normal, while overnight minimums were a little lower than normal resulting in 18 frosts, 4 higher than the average.

The only notable temperature extreme was the minimum of -5.5C on the 31st which was the lowest for the month of May since 2016.

There were no thunderstorms, and winds were predominantly light to moderate westerlies.

***Noteworthy events:***

**11th** - An intense cold front moved through north-east New South Wales late on the 10th with a few showers and cold south-westerly winds which persisted through the day on the 11th. The maximum temperature of 9.6C which occurred at 3.50pm was the lowest for the month of May since 4th May 2014 (6.9C).

***MAY 2019 STATISTICS*** (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 11.0 mm (42.6 mm)

Rain days: 5 (8)

2019 rainfall total Jan to May: 168.0 mm (341.8 mm)

Average maximum temp: 17.7 deg (16.4 deg)

Average minimum temp: 2.1 deg (3.0 deg)

Highest maximum temp: 23.0 deg on 2nd

Lowest maximum temp: 9.6 deg on the 11th

Highest minimum temp: 12.7 deg on the 4th

Lowest minimum temp: -5.5 deg on the 31st

Fine sunny days: 15 (15)

Ideal weather days: 3 (4)

Days with thunderstorms: 0 (1)

Days with frosts: 18 (14) light: 8, moderate: 9, severe: 1

Days with fogs: 3 (5)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 11, E: 5, S: 4, SW: 4, NW: 3, NE: 2, SE: 2

Average daily pan evaporation: 1.8 mm (1.6 mm)

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