

MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW MAY 2020

May 2020 was a dry, cool to cold month with mostly light winds.

The rainfall total of 38.6 millimetres was slightly below the average with light falls scattered throughout the month. The exception was 23.0 mm which fell on the 21st.

Day temperatures were a little cooler than normal, while overnight minimums were very close to normal. There was one notable temperature extreme on the 22nd, see below.

Prevailing winds were light to moderate westerlies, and there were no thunderstorms, hail or snowfalls.

Noteworthy events:

21st - 22nd - A cold snap which brought rain to the region on the 21st brought very low day temperatures on the following day, the 22nd. The maximum temperature of just 6.7C recorded at 3.25pm was the lowest maximum for the month of May since 30th May 2000 (6.5C). Overcast skies and cold westerly winds, following a severe cold front which moved through the state on the 21st, caused the extreme wintry conditions.

MAY 2020 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 38.6 mm (42.4 mm)

Rain days: 10 (8)

2020 rainfall total Jan to May: 512.6 mm (340.8 mm)

Average maximum temp: 15.4 deg (16.4 deg)

Average minimum temp: 2.6 deg (3.0 deg)

Highest maximum temp: 18.7 deg on 8th

Lowest maximum temp: 6.7 deg on 22nd

Highest minimum temp: 9.6 deg on 2th

Lowest minimum temp: -4.5 deg on 11th

Fine sunny days: 14 (15)

Ideal weather days: 1 (4)

Days with thunderstorms: 0 (1)

Days with frosts: 12 (14) light: 6, moderate: 5, severe: 1

Days with fogs: 1 (5)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: W: 14, E: 7, SW: 4, NE: 2, SE: 2, S: 2

Average daily pan evaporation: 1.6 mm (1.6 mm)

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