

WINTER WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW

June-July-August 2026

Winter 2026 was dry, partly cloudy and cool to cold.

High pressure systems moving across Australia during the three months were mostly taking a more southerly track than normal resulting in an increased number of days with easterly winds causing cloudy conditions, but little in the way of rain. There were no major rain events.

Rainfall totals were as follows. June 28.0 mm, July 20.0 mm, and August 45.8 mm. The total for the three months of 93.8 mm was 56 mm less than the average.

The cold winter weather started on 27th May and lasted for around 12 weeks until 22nd August, although a few wintry days made an appearance after this date.

The winter of 2026 was the equal warmest on record along with 2024.

Maximum temperatures of 18.0C or higher occurred on ten days, and it was most unusual that there was only one cold wintry day with the maximum below 10.0C (the long term average is 12 days). It was also highly unusual that there were no major cold outbreaks, just one minor short lived cold event on the 4th and 5th June - see details below.

Maximum temperatures were well above normal in all three months, while minimums were well above normal in June, but close to normal in July and August.

There was no snow, and one fall of small hail on 4th June.

It was a partly cloudy winter with only 32 sunny days, and there were 51 frosts with 14 of them being severe.

Prevailing winds were easterlies in June, and westerlies in July and August.

Noteworthy events

4th-5th June - A cold change passed through the region in the early evening of the 4th with showers of rain and small hail. Cold air following the change resulted in a maximum temperature the following day of 9.1C which was the lowest maximum recorded during the winter.

WINTER 2026 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 93.8 mm (149.7 mm)

Rain days: 29 (28)

Average maximum temp: 15.3 C (13.5 C)

Average minimum temp: 1.4 C (0.2 C)

Highest maximum temp: 20.5 C on 25th August

Lowest maximum temp: 9.1 C on 5th June

Highest minimum: 10.5 C on 26th August

Lowest minimum temp: -8.5 C on 25th July

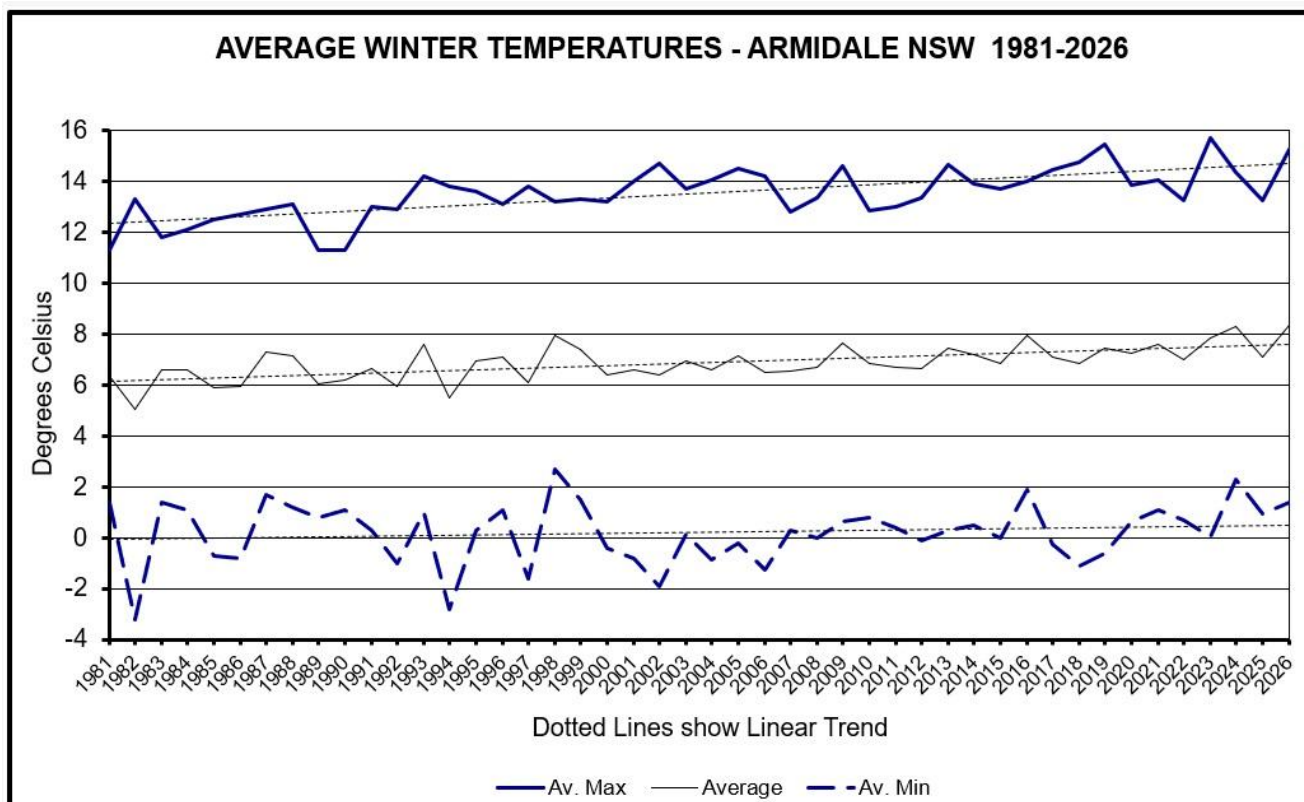
Number of days maximum temperature below 10.0 C: 14 (12)

Fine sunny days: 32 (46)

Days with thunderstorms: 2 (1.3)

Days with frosts: 51 (56)

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