

MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW
MAY 2024

May 2024 was a cool to mild month with above average temperatures and much higher than normal rainfall. The rainfall total of 78.8 millimetres was 37 mm higher than the average, and it was the wettest May since 2009 (87.6 mm). Most of the rain (70 mm) fell in the first 11 days of the month with the highest daily fall being 29.0 mm on the 11th. There were moderate rainfall events on the 4th/5th (26.6 mm) and on the 11th (29.0 mm).

Temperatures were milder than normal, and the numerous cloudy nights held off the start of the frost season until the 18th when the first frost of the year was recorded ending a frost-free period of 213 days since the last frost on 17th October 2023.

There were no notable temperature extremes.

Prevailing winds were light easterlies.

Noteworthy events:

It was an unusually foggy month with fogs on 12 days which was the highest for the month of May since May 1976 which also recorded 12 fogs.

MAY 2024 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 78.8 mm (42.2 mm)

Rain days: 12 (8)

2024 rainfall total Jan to May: 453.2 mm (342.7 mm)

Average maximum temp: 17.0 deg (16.4 deg)

Average minimum temp: 4.9 deg (2.9 deg)

Highest maximum temp: 20.8 deg on the 15th

Lowest maximum temp: 14.2 deg on the 19th

Highest minimum temp: 10.0 deg on the 10th

Lowest minimum temp: -2.4 deg on the 20th

Fine sunny days: 11 (15)

Ideal weather days: 2 (4)

Days with thunderstorms: 1 (0.6)

Days with frosts: 7 (14) light: 5, moderate: 2

Days with fogs: 12 (5)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: E: 11, S: 7, SE: 3, SW: 3, W: 3, NW: 2, NE: 1, N: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 1.4 mm (1.6 mm)

Thunderstorm Details:

18th: 2.40-3.40pm - slight storm from south

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