

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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June was very similar to the same month in 1975, beginning cool but ending hot and sunny. The maximum temperature of 31C (88F) was the hottest June day since 27 June 1976 (31.6C) and was the first time that the temperature has topped 31C since 3 August 1990. The final 5 days were all "hot" with air maximums above 25C (77F).

The month was also sunny with an excess of 35 hours over a normal June. In fact the 15.6 hours recorded on the 29th equalled both the June and all-time record first set on 19 June 1989. No day was totally without sun, the first time since 1975 and only the eighth such June in 40 years.

Rainfall has been sparse, only 16.1mm(0.64in) falling over a period of 9 days. Of this almost two-thirds fell on the 3rd, the wettest day. It was the driest June since 1983 (15.4mm) and the fourth driest in half a century.

There was no incidence of hail, fog or thunder in the month.