



Forecast Service Changes District Forecasts

The Australian Government has provided funding to roll-out the NexGen Forecast & Warning System (NexGen FWS) to upgrade the operational forecasting systems in each State. The NexGen FWS will enable the Bureau to provide more meaningful and detailed forecast services to the Australian community.

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Mallee District Forecast

Issued at 5:40 am EDT on Tuesday 21 October 2008
 for the period until midnight EDT Friday 24 October 2008.

New label outlining the extent of the forecast

Warning Summary at issue time

Nil.

Details of warnings are available on the Bureau's website www.bom.gov.au, by telephone 1300-659-217 or through some TV and radio broadcasts.

Weather Situation

A cold front well south of Western Australia will move northeastwards and cross southern Victoria late Tuesday. A high pressure system south of the Bight will move eastwards to reach Tasmania later Wednesday then drift northeast to be just east of Bass Strait on Thursday. The high will weaken on Friday. Wind speeds described in kilometres per hour of Western Australia.

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Forecast for the rest of Tuesday

Sunny. Winds southerly averaging 15 to 25 km/h. Temperatures in the lower 20s during the day.

Mildura	Sunny.	Max 22
Swan Hill	Sunny.	Max 21

UV alert string indicates the highest values for the district

Fire Danger: Low

UV Alert from 9:50 am to 4:00 pm, UV Index predicted to reach 8 [Very High]

Addition of descriptive forecasts for each day

Forecast for Wednesday

Sunny. Winds south to southeasterly averaging 10 to 20 km/h. Overnight temperatures falling to around 6 with daytime temperatures reaching the lower 20s.

Mildura	Mostly sunny.	Min 8	Max 22
Swan Hill	Sunny.	Min 6	Max 21

Terms such as 'mild' and 'warm' replaced with temperature values

Forecast for Thursday

Cloudy. Light winds. Overnight temperatures falling to around 6 with daytime temperatures reaching the mid 20s.

Mildura	Cloudy.	Min 7	Max 25
Swan Hill	Becoming cloudy.	Min 5	Max 24

Maximum & minimum temperatures will be replaced with daytime maximum temperatures for the period 6am to 9pm, and overnight minimum temperatures for the period 6pm to 9am

Forecast for Friday

Cloudy. The chance of showers from the morning until late afternoon. Winds northwesterly averaging 10 to 20 km/h becoming light later in the evening. Overnight temperatures falling to around 12 with daytime temperatures reaching the upper 20s.

Mildura	Partly cloudy.	Min 13	Max 30
Swan Hill	Possible shower.	Min 10	Max 27

The next routine forecast will be issued at 4:15 pm EDT Tuesday.

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New label indicating the next issue time