



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.

Addition of descriptive forecasts for each day

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

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

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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.

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.

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

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

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

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.
 * Calls to 1300 numbers cost around 27.5c incl. GST, higher from mobiles or public phones.

New label outlining the extent of the forecast

Wind speeds described in kilometres per hour

UV alert string indicates the highest values for the district

New label indicating the next issue time