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## JANUARY 2000 - VICTORIAN WEATHER - MOSTLY DRY AND COOL

Bureau of Meteorology data released today show that most of Victoria recorded significantly below average rainfall during January. North Wimmera 1.9 mm (normal 26.0 mm), South Mallee 3.5 mm (normal 24.7 mm), were the lowest.

While West Gippsland and East Central Districts recorded slightly above average rainfall, it was not enough to change the long term picture which shows they have had the driest 36 month period on record. The figures are:

West Gippsland 2140.7 mm - previous low 1925 and normal 2751.6 mm  
East Central 2007.3 mm - previous low 1943 and normal 2638.8 mm (this includes the eastern metropolitan area).

The highest monthly rainfall was at Mt Baw Baw in West Gippsland with 131.0 mm (normal 83.8 mm), by comparison Werrimull and Patchewollock in the Mallee recorded no rainfall (normal 21.1 mm and 20.4 mm respectively).

In spite of the hot spell in the middle of the month, temperatures across Victoria during January averaged between half and one deg C below normal, except in the Northeast and North districts where they were one to three deg C below normal.

The State's highest temperature for the month was 44.4 deg C recorded at Nhill on January 18. The State's lowest temperature for the month was minus 2.9 deg C at Mt Hotham on January 23.

**Melbourne's** average minimum temperature for January was 15.3 deg C (normal 15.1 deg C) whilst the average maximum temperature was 25.6 deg C (normal 25.9 deg C). 38.0 mm of rainfall (normal 48.7mm) fell on 14 rain days, contributing to the low 36-month period of 1563.6 mm (normal 1935.0 mm).

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