

Number of severe heat days in the previous year

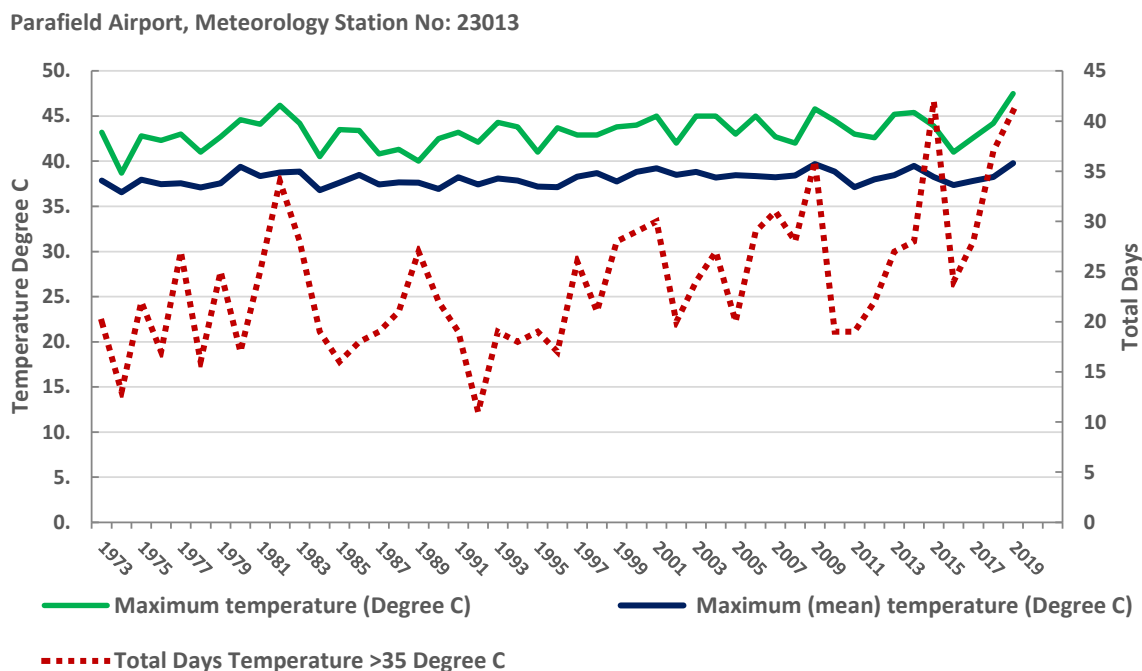
Headline Figure: 41 days above 35 Degrees C (2019)

Why this indicator is important

A heatwave is defined as three or more days in a row when both daytime and night-time temperatures are unusually high. However, a heatwave is more than just 'hotter than usual' weather, mainly when more than 35°C, whereby a person may not be able to cool down enough to stay healthy. Especially for older persons and those taking certain medications, and subsequently at a higher risk of mortality and morbidity.

Current Performance (Will redo graph when I locate original data!)

At Parafield Airport weather station from January 1973 until December 2019 there have been 1125 days over 35°C or 6.5% of the period, and the number of heat intense days are increasing.



Source Data

Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology: monthly mean maximum temperature Parafield Airport and Government of South Australia SA Health: what is a heatwave?

Further Information

Further information can be found at

http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/ncc/cdio/weatherData/av?p_nccObsCode=36&p_display_type=dataFile&p_startYear=&p_c=&p_stn_num=023013

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