

Weather update for March and April



SURPRISINGLY, even though the level of Lake Merthley hovers at a dismal 40%, the rainfall for March was not the lowest recorded by Pannar Research since 2007.

In March it was 87mm but was 42.5mm in 2007/08.

The 41 year mean is 95.32 – the highest March rainfall recorded in the past eight years was actually last year – a total of 150.4mm. In Greytown, Grant Gifford was 55mm for March.

Last month actually started on a high note with 43.2mm recorded on 1 March, but apart from a 17.8mm on 19 March the rest of the month's rainfall was minimal.

Up to 22 April, just 29.6mm was recorded, the highest, 8.4mm, was on 4 April.

March temperatures were mainly high – with 10 days over 30°C – the hottest day, 34.8°, was on 10 March.

Minimum temperatures were

all double figures apart from on 3 March and 8.4 4 March.

There was a definite change April up to 22 April. The temperature was 30.8°C on and the lowest 1.8°C was

April.

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AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINES DEA EIA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/745

Notice is hereby given in terms of Government Notice No. R543 of 1 2010, under National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEM No. 108 of 1998), of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) above project for public review and comment. A Water Use Application will also be submitted for the proposed Isundu Sub-Station in accordance with National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), as amended.

The DSR will be made available in hardcopy and electronic form during the statutory 40-day public commenting period, 29 April 2015 to 9 June 2015 at the following public venues:

Municipalities	Msunduzi Local Municipality and Makabathini Local Municipality, Reception
Library	Camperdown Public Library

The complete DSR and an Executive Summary is also available on our website: www.acerafrika.co.za under 'Current Projects'.

Interested and Affected parties who wish to discuss the proposed development are invited to attend a public meeting, which will be held on the 12 May 2015 at Yans Hotel, in Cato Ridge from 17:30 to 19:30.

Invitation to Comment

To submit your comment or obtain further information related to the proposed project, please contact the Public Participation Office on 9 June 2015.

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PHOTO: SOURCED
The highest temperature in Greytown was 30.8°C on 2 April.

Have you seen this flower?

THIS stunning flower is threatened as they are harvested for traditional medicine use.

The Amaryllidaceae Clivia Gardenia is found from the Ngame Forest to the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands.

The leaves are bright green, in a compact clump at the base.

Flowers are hanging and tubular, varying from yellow to brownish red, usually orange-red with green tips, curved and not drooping.

The plant flowers from May to July. Fruit berries are more long than broad and one or two-seeded.

If you have seen this plant, please contact Suvarna Parbhoo, Crew programme - KZN node manager on s.parbhoo@sanbi.org.za.



Amaryllidaceae Clivia Gardenia.

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