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### Ross River virus (RRV) Wheatbelt Health Region

2 RRV cases this quarter for the Wheatbelt Health region, 1 was notified by Doctor with no follow-up data available.

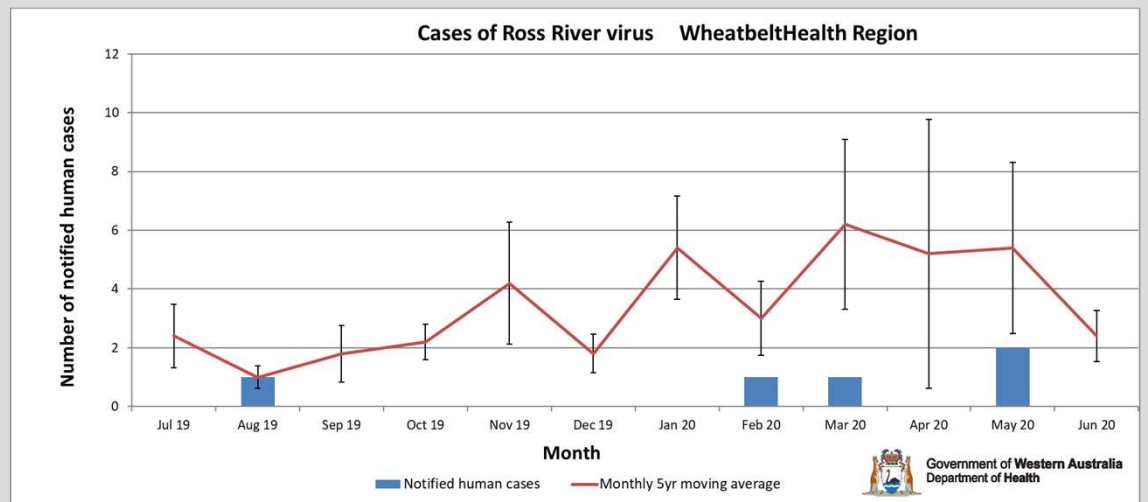
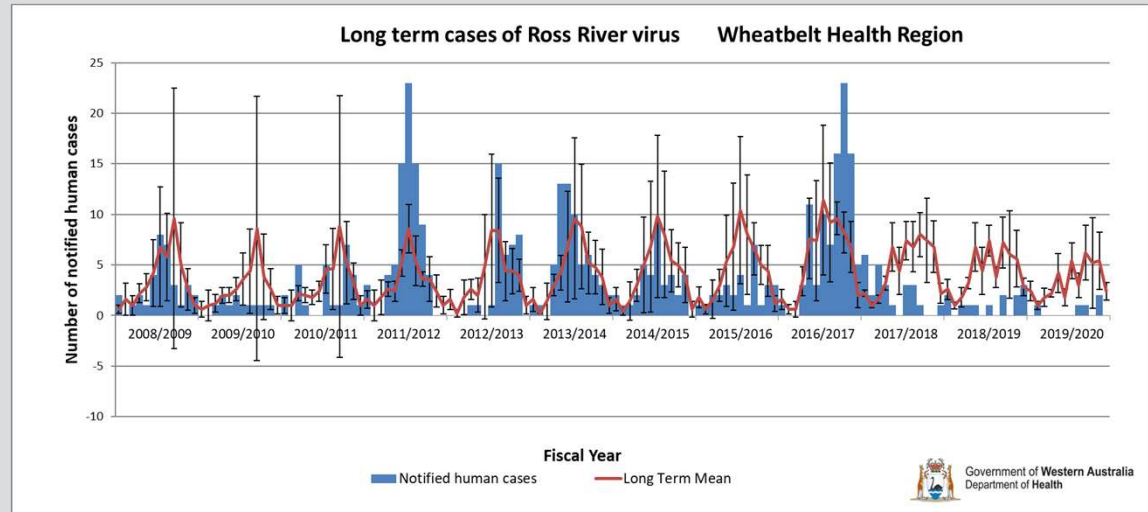
The number of cases has been significantly below the 5-year moving average for all months except August.

During 2019/2020 there was a total of 5 cases, 3 were Doctor notified with no follow-up data available.

Wheatbelt  
Health Region



RRV 2020	Apr	May	Jun	Total
<b>Wheatbelt</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Northam (S)</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
NORTHAM		1		1
<b>Victoria Plains (S)</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
YERECOIN		1		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>



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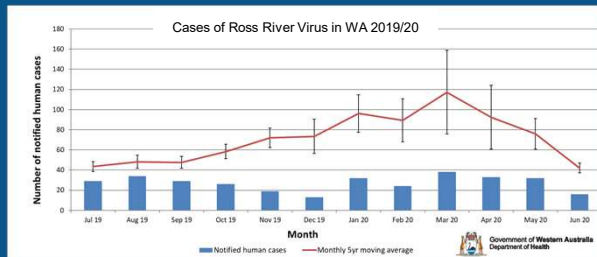
## Western Australia: 2019/20

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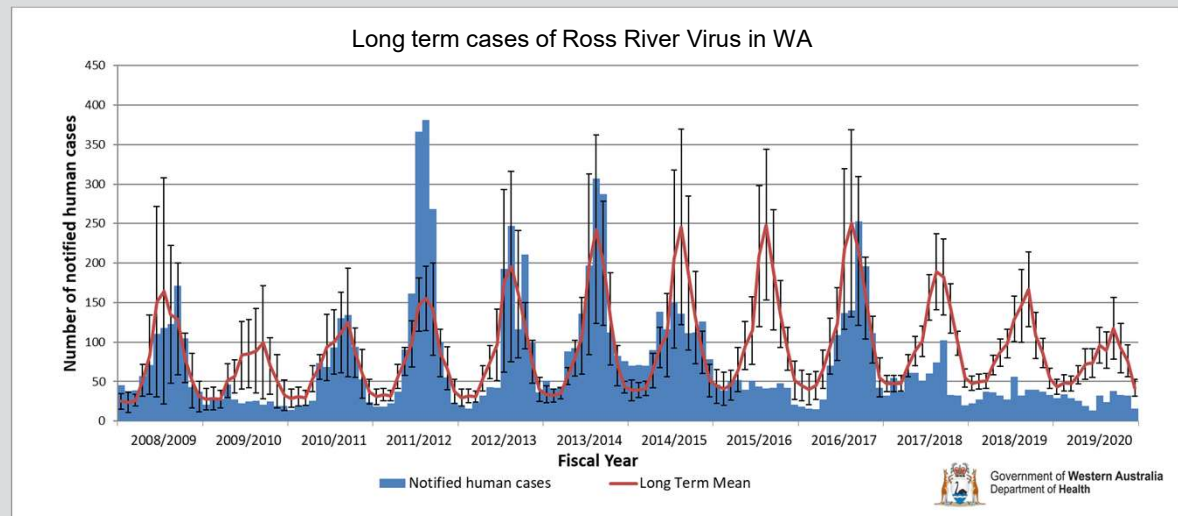
### Ross River virus (RRV) Western Australia

A total of 317 cases of RRV have been reported between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 in Western Australia. 179 cases were notified by Doctor and follow-up data is available for 72.

The number of cases was significantly below the 5-year moving average.



REGION	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Crude Rate	Age Std Rate
KIMBERLEY	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	14	7	1	1	29	80.5	75.7
PILBARA	4	3	1	1	0	0	2	1	9	3	3	0	27	43.8	41.8
GASCOYNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	10.6	10.3
MIDWEST	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	9	14.8	13.8
WHEATBELT	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	6	8.8	8.6
METRO	8	13	17	13	9	3	13	10	6	6	0	2	100	5.6	5.4
PEEL	4	4	5	2	5	3	4	4	4	7	22	10	74	27.3	26.6
LESCHENAULT	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	15	20.3	19.5
GEOGRAPHE	1	4	2	2	3	3	4	2	0	3	0	0	24	42.1	47.6
ELSEWHERE SW	0	2	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	10	21.0	22.3
SOUTH WEST	8	12	9	9	10	7	10	6	4	12	25	11	123	27.3	
GREAT SOUTHERN	0	1	0	2	0	2	5	1	0	2	0	1	14	23.0	21.1
GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	14.5	15.0
WA UNDETERMINED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
INTERSTATE	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	8		
<b>WA TOTAL (does not include interstate)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>317</b>		



# Barmah Forest virus disease case data summary

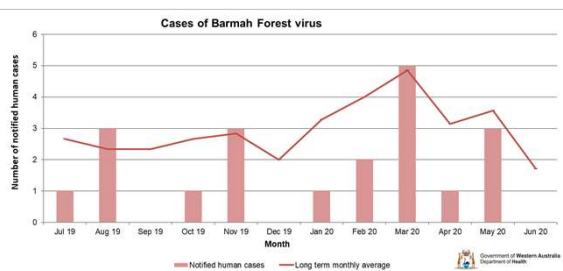
## Wheatbelt and State summary: 2019/20

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### Barmah Forest virus (BFV) Western Australia

A total of 20 cases of BFV have been reported between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 in Western Australia. 12 were notified by Doctor and follow-up data is available for 7 cases.

The number of cases was below the 5-year moving average for all months except August, November and March.

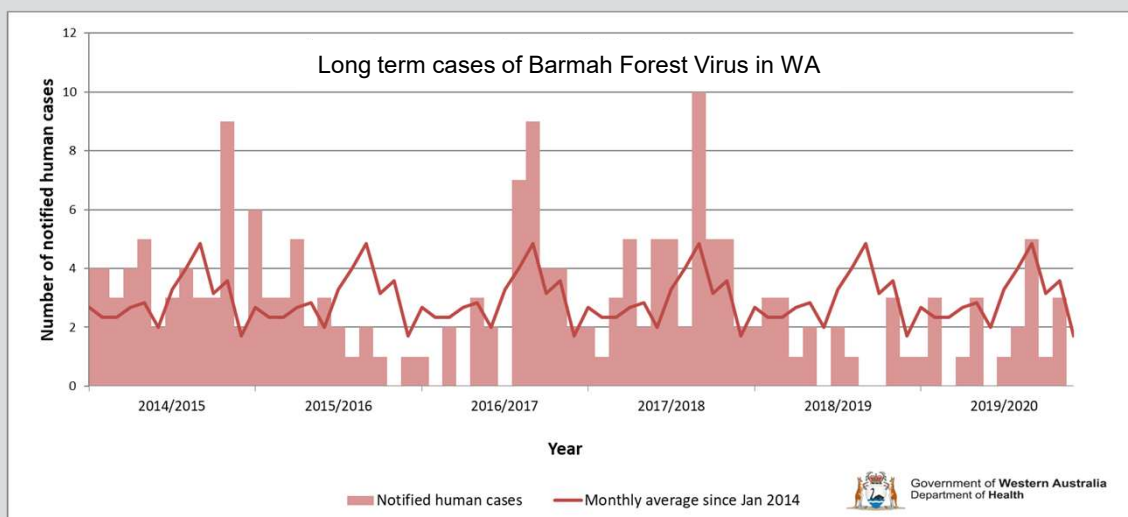


### Barmah Forest virus (BFV) Wheatbelt Health Region

No BFV cases were notified in the Wheatbelt between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020.

The 5-year moving average is less than one case per month for this region.

REGION	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Crude Rate	Age Std Rate
KIMBERLEY	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	5	13.9	14.9
PILBARA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.6	1.4
GASCOYNE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10.6	9.7
MIDWEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
WHEATBELT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
METRO	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1	0.1
PEEL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1.1	1.0
LESCHENAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.4	1.0
GEOGRAPHE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
ELSEWHERE SW	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.1	1.4
SOUTH WEST	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	5	1.1	
GREAT SOUTHERN	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	6.6	6.5
GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3.6	3.2
WA UNDETERMINED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
INTERSTATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>WA TOTAL (does not include interstate)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>		



# Climate outlook for Western Australia

## July – Sept 2020

### Predicted impact of climatic conditions on mosquito breeding

ENSO and the Indian Ocean Dipole are neutral and predicted to remain neutral though winter with a 50-55% chance of La Niña developing during Spring. As a result average to above average seasonal rainfall is expected.

**Impact on mosquito breeding:** Above average rainfall conditions and warmer nights, predicted along the mid-coast and inland, are conducive to mosquito breeding and possible mosquito-borne virus activity. This will be heightened if conditions swing towards La Niña in early spring.

#### El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

A weather forecast based on interaction between the atmosphere and tropical Pacific Ocean. Conditions can be El Niño, La Niña or neutral:

**El Niño:** Associated with drier conditions, decreased rainfall and tidal activity. Warmer days in south. Late start to northern wet season with less cyclones and less flooding.

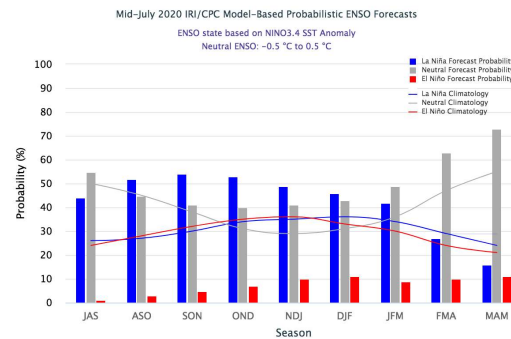
**La Niña:** Associated with wetter, cooler days and warmer nights (due to increased cloud cover). Earlier start to the northern wet season with more tropical cyclones. More conducive to mosquito breeding and possible mosquito-borne virus activity.

#### Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)

**Positive IOD:** Brings below average winter-spring rainfall, warmer days in the west, warmer nights in the south west, and cooler nights in the north.

**Negative IOD:** Brings above average winter-spring rainfall, cooler days in the south, and warmer nights in the north with increased chances of flooding.

### International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI ENSO) Forecast Issued 20 July 2020

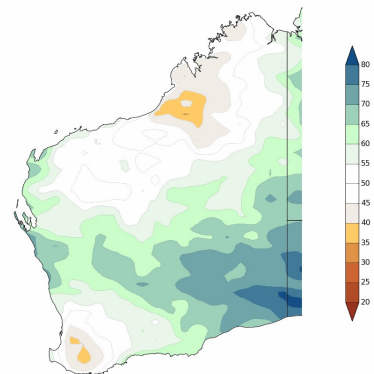


**ENSO Alert Status: La Niña WATCH. ENSO-neutral is expected to continue through to Autumn and Winter 2020.**



### Australian BOM Rainfall Outlook Issued 23 July 2020

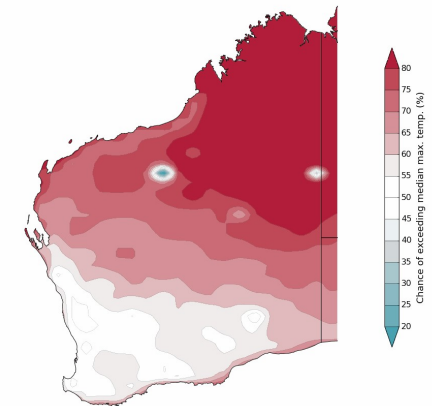
Chance of exceeding the median rainfall for August to October 2020



**Rainfall is likely to be above average in the mid-coast and central inland of WA.**

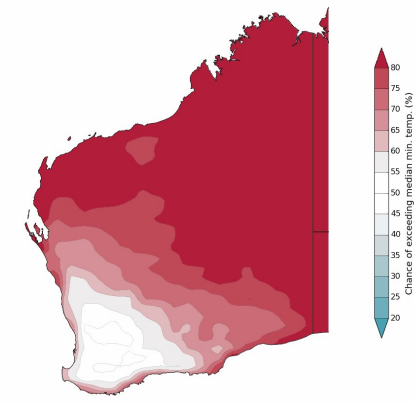
### Australian BOM Temperature Outlook Issued 23 July 2020

Chance of exceeding the median maximum temperature for August to October 2020



**Daytime temperatures for winter are likely to be above average across northern and central Western Australia.**

Chance of exceeding the median minimum temperature for August to October 2020



**Winter night-time temperatures are likely to be warmer than average across much of the state except the South West.**