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City's summer chiller

Antarctic blast brings wild winds and frost

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A HOWLING sou'westerly on Wednesday, followed by a record low overnight temperature with light frost in places.

High summer in Goulburn?

But this wildly weird weather was only a one-day wonder, courtesy of a blast of Antarctic air hitting Tasmania, Victoria and Southern NSW.

Goulburn's weather returned to a pleasant summer normal yesterday, and for the next week or so, with generally easterly winds and daytime temperatures in the mid-high 20s.

And don't forget your hat and sunscreen: the Bureau of Meteorology warns the UV index will reach an extreme 12.

Overnight temperatures will range from 6C tonight up to 14C next week – certainly less wintry than Wednesday's record low of -0.1.

This was recorded at 5.42am on Thursday, easily "beating" the previous 1.4C Goulburn lowest, registered on January 4, 2002.

And to reinforce what most of us have felt with this summer's unusually cool weather, we've now had the three coldest summer months on record: readings of 0.7 in November, 0.6 last month, and now -0.1.

How does that -0.1C temperature

reading come about?

Canberra Airport weather station staff explain: "That's how we express the temperature when it's 1 degree below. Temperatures are automatically recorded and printed out every half hour, and this record low (at 5.42am) was the temperature for a time between 5.30am and 6am, when they were a bit higher."

"We've looked at the records since they have been compiled from 1988, and it was a record low temperature for January, whichever way you express it.

"Now we've got a lovely clear day and outlook."

Remarkably, damage around Goulburn from Wednesday's swirling gale force winds was relatively light.

But the wind snapped a large tree in half in Hurst Street on Wednesday afternoon at the height of the gale.

While it fell right across the roadway and blocked traffic, no damage was done to houses, cars or power lines.

Marianne Hupalo, who lives in Hurst St, said she heard a loud wind gust and crack around 4pm as the tree came down. It somehow missed by just centimetres the parked car of Mrs Hupalo's neighbours.

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