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### Ross River virus (RRV)

#### Wheatbelt Health Region

3 RRV cases this quarter for the Wheatbelt Health Region.

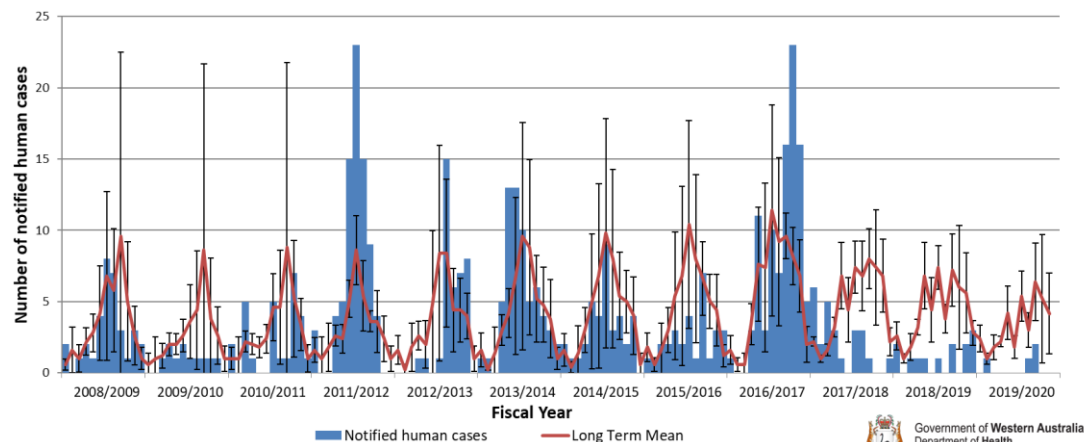
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Wheatbelt  
Health Region



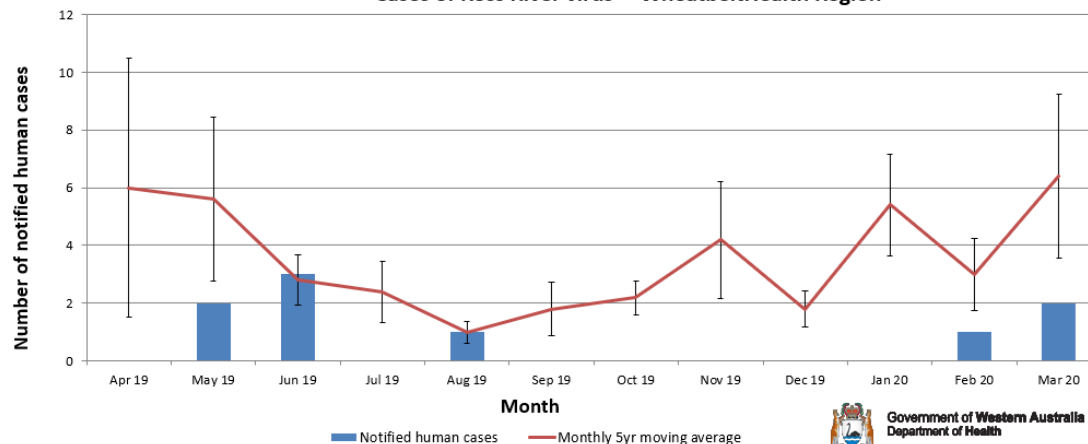
RRV	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
<b>Wheatbelt</b>		1	2	3
<b>Boddington (S)</b>			2	2
BODDINGTON			1	1
RANFORD			1	1
<b>York (S)</b>		1		1
YORK		1		1
<b>Total</b>		1	2	3

Long term cases of Ross River virus Wheatbelt Health Region



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Cases of Ross River virus Wheatbelt Health Region



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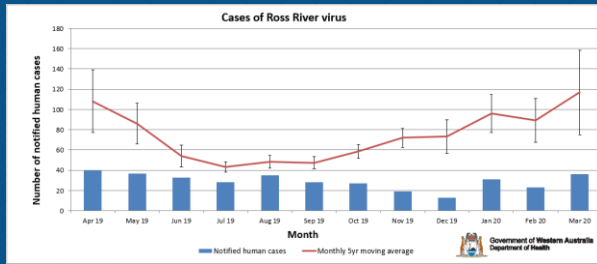
## Western Australia: 2019/20

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### Ross River virus (RRV) Western Australia

A total of 259 cases of RRV have been reported between 1 July 2019 and 30 April 2020 in Western Australia.

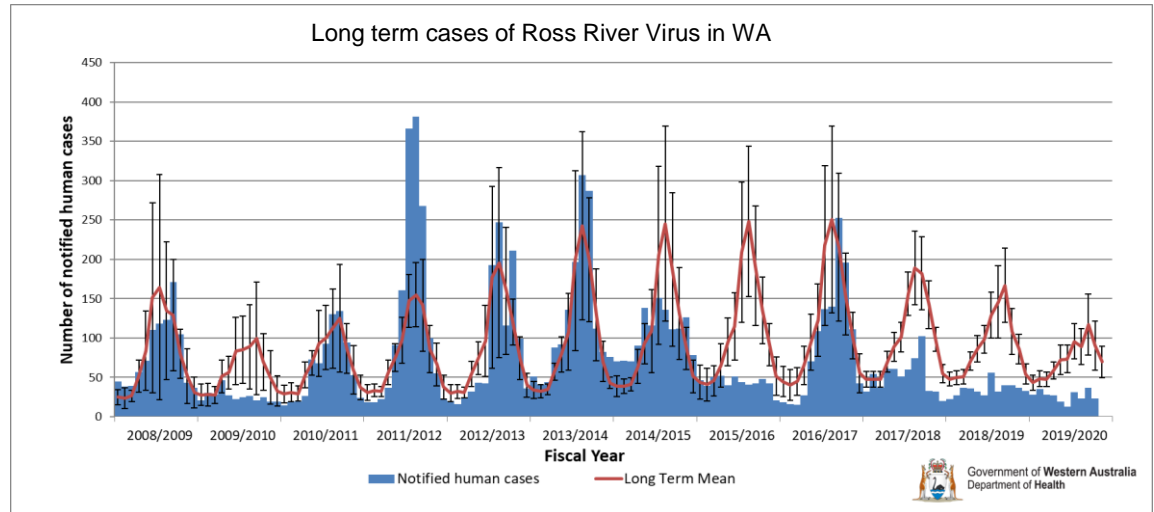
The number of cases was significantly below the 5-year moving average.



**Serologically confirmed doctor-notified and laboratory reported cases of Ross River virus disease each month in WA, July 2019 - June 2020 #**

*\* Compiled by the Medical Entomology, WA Department of Health*

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	13	6	0	0	25	69.4	65.9
PILBARA	4	3	1	1	1	0	2	1	6	2	0	0	21	34.0	30.2
GASCOYNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
MIDWEST	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	8	13.2	12.1
WHEATBELT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	5	7.3	6.7
METRO	7	14	17	14	9	3	13	10	6	6	0	0	99	5.5	5.3
PEEL	4	4	5	2	5	3	4	4	4	4	0	0	39	14.4	13.2
LESCHENAULT	3	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	16.2	15.8
GEOGRAPHE	1	4	2	2	3	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	22	38.6	43.7
ELSEWHERE SW	0	2	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	14.7	15.6
SOUTH WEST	8	12	9	9	7	9	6	5	6	0	0	0	80	17.8	
GREAT SOUTHERN	0	1	0	2	0	2	5	1	0	2	0	0	13	21.4	20.1
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	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		
<b>WA TOTAL (does not include interstate)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>259</b>		



# Barmah Forest virus disease case data summary

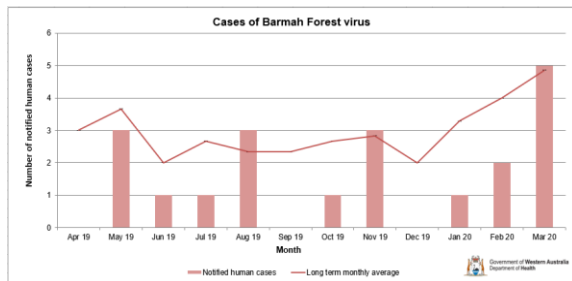
## Wheatbelt and State summary: 2019/20

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### Barmah Forest virus (BFV) Western Australia

A total of 16 cases of BFV have been reported between 1 July 2019 and 30 April 2020 in Western Australia.

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



### Barmah Forest virus (BFV) South West Region

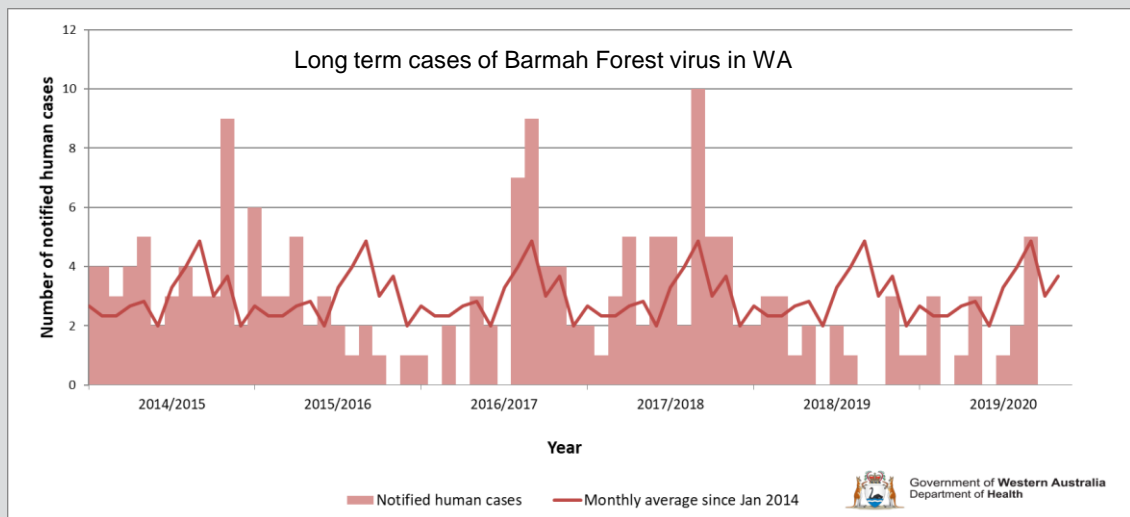
No BFV cases were notified in the Wheatbelt Health Region between Jan-Mar 2020.

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

### Serologically confirmed doctor-notified and laboratory reported cases of Barmah Forest virus disease each month in WA, July 2019 - June 2020 #

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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	0	0	0	4	11.1	11.7
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	0	0	1	0.4	0.3
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.1	1.4
SOUTH WEST	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.7	
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	0	0	1	1.8	1.7
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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>		



# Climate outlook for Western Australia

## May – July 2020

### Predicted impact of climatic conditions on mosquito breeding

Climate drivers, ENSO and the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), are both neutral and likely to remain so through until to spring. There is some likelihood that La Niña conditions may develop in late winter/early spring. Most models predict a negative IOD could develop from mid-winter (see explanation below).

#### Impact on mosquito breeding:

Above average rainfall conditions and warmer nights, predicted across the State, 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)

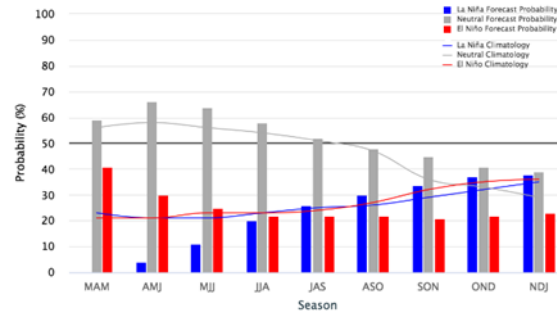
**Positive IOD:** Brings below average winter-spring rainfall, warmer days in the west, warmer nights in the south west, and cooler nights in the north.

**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

Early-April 2020 CPC/IRI Official Probabilistic ENSO Forecasts

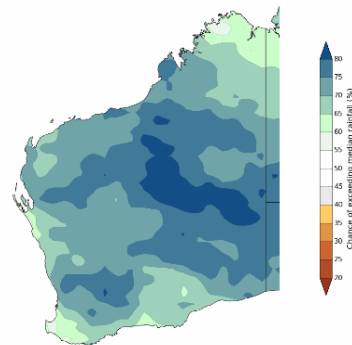
ENSO state based on NINO3.4 SST Anomaly  
Neutral ENSO: -0.5 °C to 0.5 °C



**ENSO Alert Status is Not Active. ENSO-neutral is expected to continue through to Spring 2020.**

### Australian BOM Rainfall Outlook Issued 16 April 2020

Chance of exceeding the median rainfall for May to July 2020

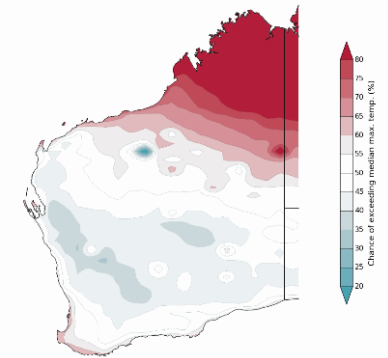


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**Rainfall is likely to be above average across WA with higher chances in inland areas**

### Australian BOM Temperature Outlook Issued 16 April 2020

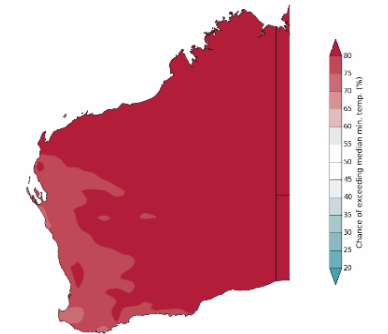
Chance of exceeding the median maximum temperature for May to July 2020



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**Daytime temperatures are likely to be above average across Northern WA, although days have roughly equal chances of being above or below average in the south.**

Chance of exceeding the median minimum temperature for May to July 2020



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**Night-time temperatures are likely to be warmer than average across WA.**