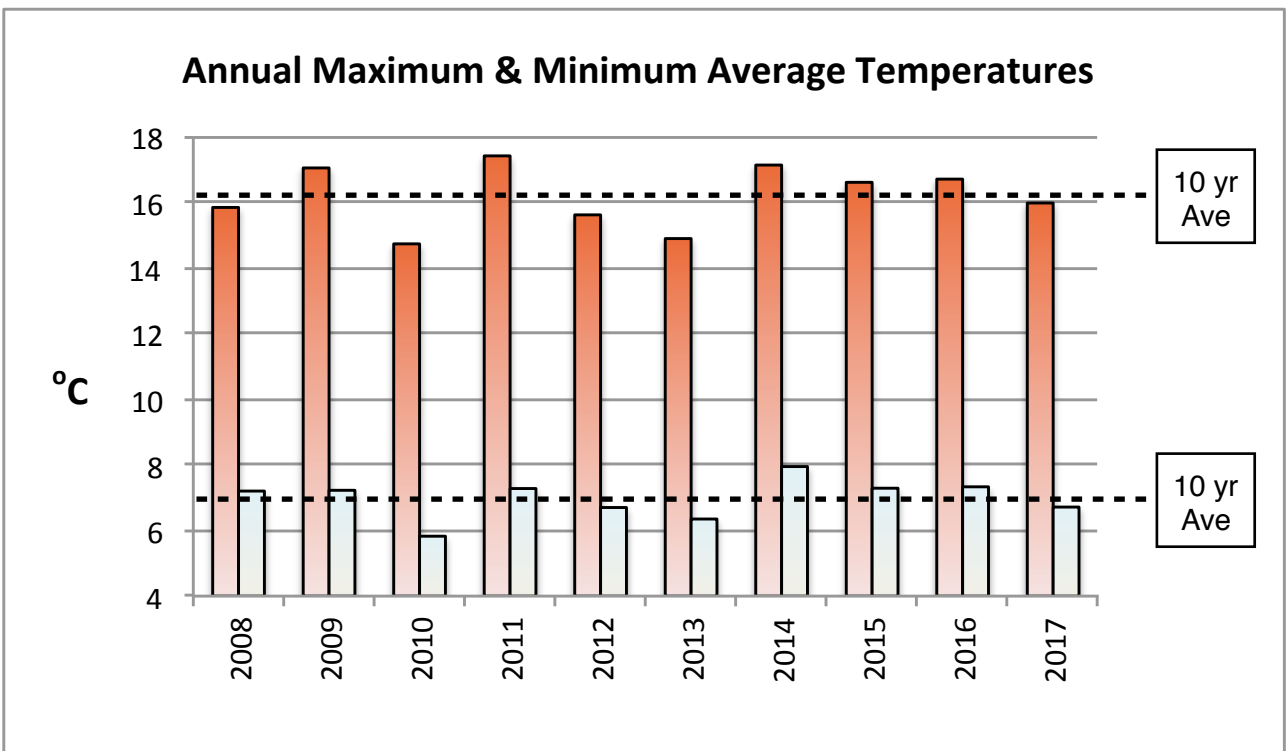
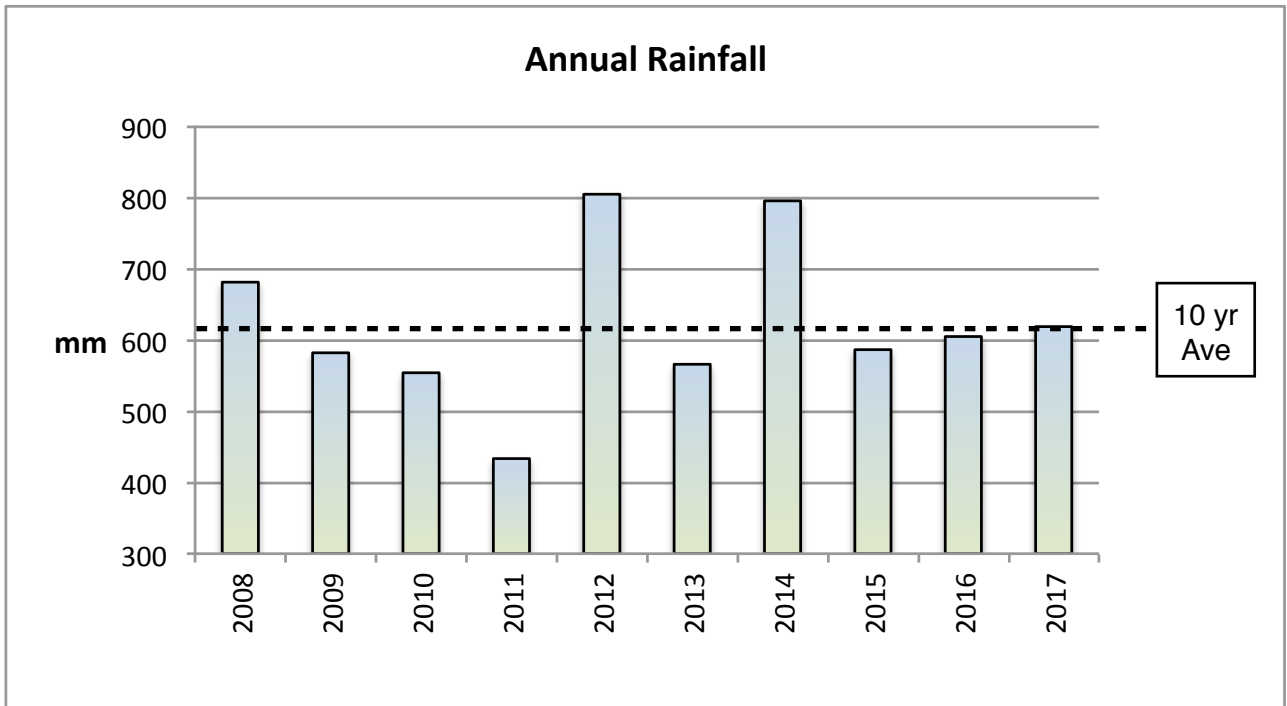
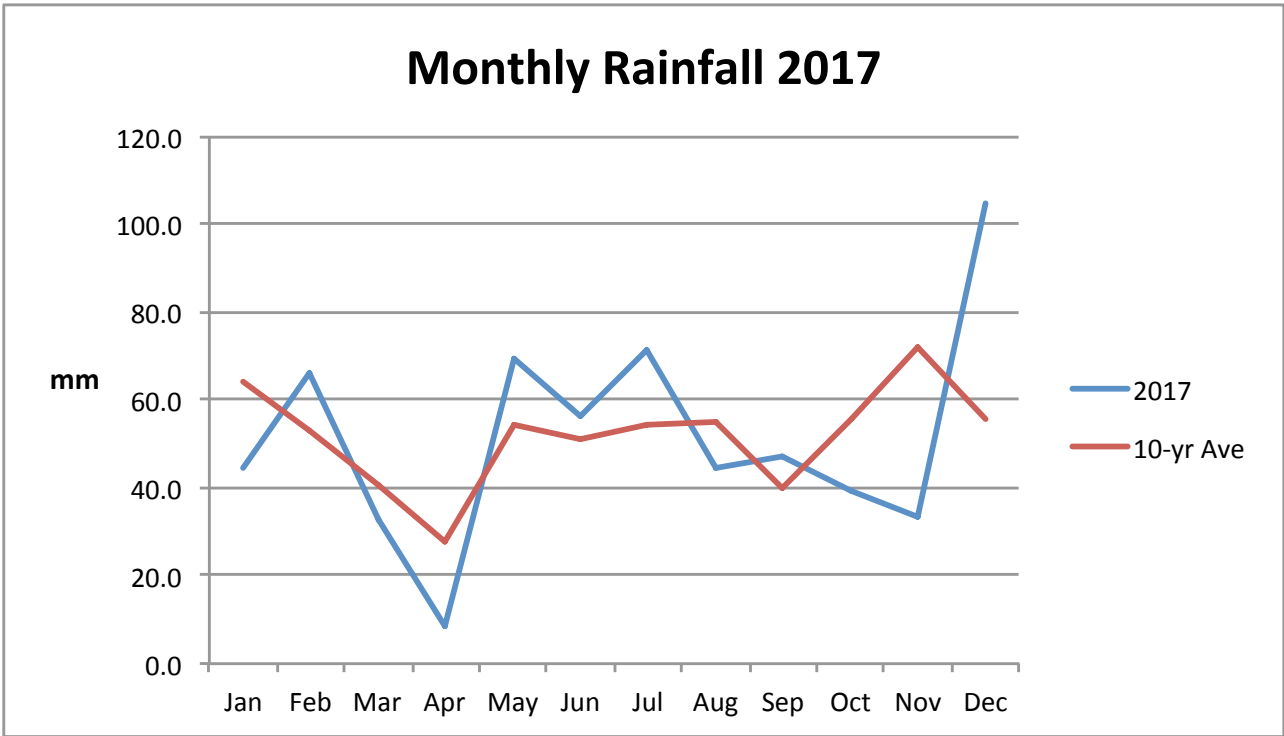


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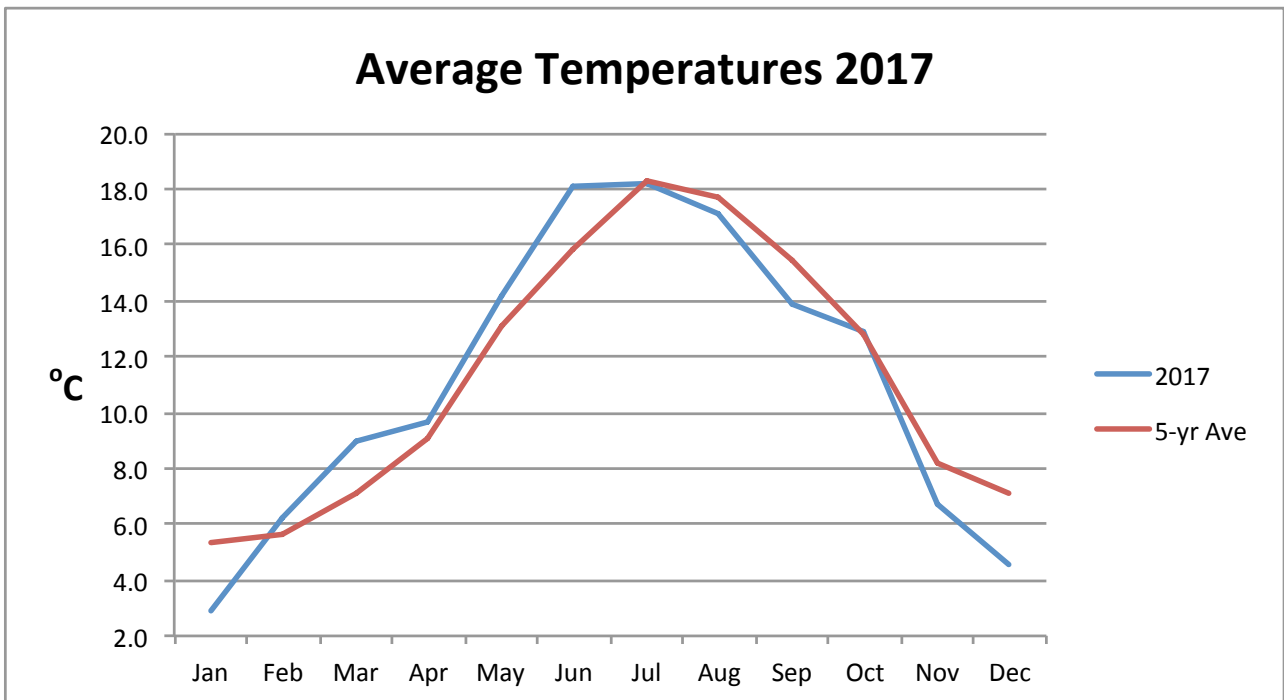
For yet another year the records indicate another year very close to the 10-year average for both rainfall and temperatures. The fluctuations we experienced during the year have evened out overall.



However the comparisons for monthly rainfall show are more interesting picture. The chart below shows a month-by-month comparison for 2017 against the average for the last 10 years. April was significantly dryer than average and in combination with warm spring temperatures it looks as if we could be heading for a drought. A wetter than average May, June and July rescued us from this. It is very noticeable just how wet December was - there were 23 days on which at least some rain was recorded.



A similar chart for average temperatures shows the month-by-month variation in average temperature (taken each day over the full 24-hour period). The chart below shows the average temperatures compared with the 5-year average. (10 years of data for average temperatures is not yet available).



This clearly shows just how cold January 2017 was as compared with the previous 5 years. It was followed by a warm spring, but then a rather average summer. The decline in temperatures in November and December is very apparent.

Are our winters becoming colder after a number of years of relative mildness? We shall have to wait and see,