to big wet

Children frolicked in water in the Todd River at the Telegraph Station, following a thundery downpour on Wednesday afternoon. Meteorologist Adam Morgan from the Bureau of Meteorology said 20mm of rain dropped from the sky over Wigley Gorge, north of the town.

In the town itself no rainfall was officially recorded between 9am on Wednesday and 9am Thursday.

Mr Morgan said it was because showers were localised and not widespread. However, there was 1.2mm rainfall at the airport in the same 24-hour period.

The Alice Springs December rainfall average was 36.8mm, which normally occurred during six days throughout the month.

In the first five December days, Tennant Creek has nearly had its monthly 69.6mm precipitation average.

The town received 55mm from the skies in 24 hours from 9am December 3 to 9am December 4. It adds to the 12mm which fell on December 1.

The bureau has forecast a 70 per cent likelihood an El Niño weather event will occur in the coming months.

El Niño is a long-term weather pattern which affects rainfall, by shifting precipitation from the continent. Its effect on Central Australia will be a "70 per cent chance of greater than average maximum temperatures", the meteorologist said.

Storm brings down power lines

The brief storm that pelted Alice Springs with rain and provided a sky show to be marvelled at yesterday also caused power lines to fall on roads. Fire and rescue crews were called to assist near the intersection of Bradshaw Drive and Bromley St just after 2pm. Traffic was temporarily diverted until the power lines were repaired.

Mangoes

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