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Highest Temperature on Record for Niue

The Niue Meteorological Service (NMS) recorded to date the highest maximum temperature, 33.9 degrees Celsius during the 9am climate observation on Tuesday 2 February 2016. It broke the last record of 32.6 degrees Celsius made on Thursday 14 January 2010.

Both of these years are associated with the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO), such as the El Niño that is currently in place and for much of 2016. Rainfall outlook is for below normal for the next 3 months.

"Since the beginning of February, Niue sits in an area of calm winds with predominantly north to northeast winds, which created the warm airflow and results in warm temperatures for the Island. Southeast winds is considered the normal wind direction for Niue," said Acting Director, Rossy Mitiepo from the Niue Meteorological Service.

"Warm temperatures remained above 30 degrees Celsius and have already impacted through heat stress on humans and natural resources. Light winds less than 20 kilometres per hour will continue as it turns from northeast to southeast by Sunday 14th February 2016".

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