

WAVE AT WAVE
TWO-DAY RECORD FOR CANBERRA
MAXIMUM BETWEEN 96 AND 102 FOR WEEK

An unparalleled hot spell was experienced in Canberra during the week-end when for the first time on record, temperatures of more than 100 degrees were recorded on two consecutive days.

The maximum on Saturday was 101.7 degrees and on Sunday 102.8.

For six successive days, the maximum reading has been around the 100 mark. On Tuesday it was 96.8, Wednesday 96, Thursday 97.8, Friday 97.2, Saturday 101.7, and yesterday 102.8.

Hourly readings made available by the Canberra Weather Bureau show that the city gained respite between 6 a.m. Saturday and 9 o'clock last night.

The hourly readings were:—

SATURDAY	
6 a.m.	69
7 a.m.	71
8 a.m.	79.4
9 a.m.	85.6
10 a.m.	96.7
11 a.m.	97
Noon	98
1 p.m.	99
2 p.m.	99.8
3 p.m.	101.7
4 p.m.	100.8
5 p.m.	97
6 p.m.	86
7 p.m.	82
8 p.m.	78
9 p.m.	77
SUNDAY	
6 a.m.	76
7 a.m.	79
8 a.m.	81
9 a.m.	82.6
10 a.m.	89
11 a.m.	92
Noon	97

11 a.m.	97
Noon	97
1 p.m.	102.8
2 p.m.	99.9
3 p.m.	99.8
4 p.m.	97
5 p.m.	94
6 p.m.	91
7 p.m.	90
8 p.m.	89.6
9 p.m.	86

Conditions on Saturday and Sunday were most uncomfortable. About 5 p.m. on Saturday a thunderstorm which had been working up from the west brought a little rain, but no relief. A thunderstorm passed over Canberra about 9 o'clock last night, producing a few points of rain, but up to a late hour the humidity was high.

All centres on the Southern Tablelands report high readings and 100 degrees was exceeded at Yass, Queanbeyan, and Goulburn.

Patronage of the Canberra swimming pool was the heaviest since 1932. For the two days it was estimated that nearly 2,000 people visited the pool. On Saturday, 608 persons paid for admission, whilst yesterday 672 paid. Season and monthly ticket holders could not be checked, but officials stated that they would easily amount to six hundred for the two days.

Despite the heat, heavy tourist traffic passed through Canberra during the week-end, and exceptional demands were made on refreshment and eating houses.

Relief is promised by the State meteorologist (Mr. Mares) early this week. His forecast for Canberra is sultry and unsettled and some rain and thunderstorms, followed by a cool southerly change.