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Patchy Australia Day for Cairns and Tablelands

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Lightning striking Mt Whitfield Range viewed from a Stratford backyard by Shay Rampal. PICTURE: SUPPLIED/SHAY RAMPAL

AUSTRALIA Day is set to be patchy in Cairns today following a dramatic overnight storm.

According to the Bureau of Meteorology, Cairns Airport received 130mm of rain in the three hours from midnight last night.

Cairns bureau duty forecaster Bill O'Connor said lightning strikes were aplenty but there is no official strike counter in Cairns to record the number of bolts.

Today's weather forecast for Cairns is a maximum temperature of 33 degrees with a 90 per cent chance of rain.

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Showers are also expected for Atherton with a maximum temperature of 29 degrees.

Storms are likely for Innisfail and a balmy 32 degrees, while Mareeba is expecting a high of 31 degrees and more rain.

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