



**THREE-MONTH SEASONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK STATEMENT**  
**Temperature probabilities for April to June 2003**, issued 18th March 2003

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# Neutral outlook for Tasmania

The latest seasonal temperature odds from the Bureau's National Climate Centre show moderate to strong swings towards above average temperatures in the tropics and Western Australia for the June quarter.

For the **April to June** period the chances of above average *seasonal maximum temperatures* are close to 50% across Tasmania (*see Figure 1*). These probabilities have resulted from higher than average sea temperatures in both the tropical Pacific and Indian Oceans.

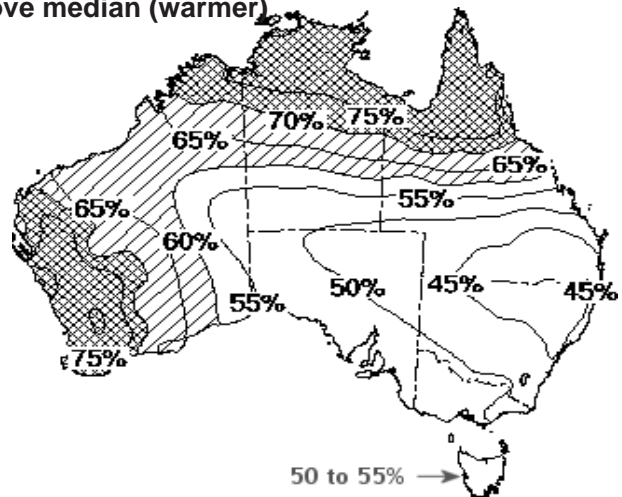
So with climate patterns like the current, about 5 seasons out of every 10 are warmer than average across these parts of the country, with about 5 out of 10 being cooler. The objective statistical outlook model has only low to moderate reliability across the state for the April to June period (*see background on page 1*).

The chances of above average *seasonal minimum temperatures* are between 40 and 45% across Tasmania (*see Figure 2*). This means that cooler than average nights are a little more likely for the June quarter. The minimum temperature outlooks for this period have only low reliability across the state.

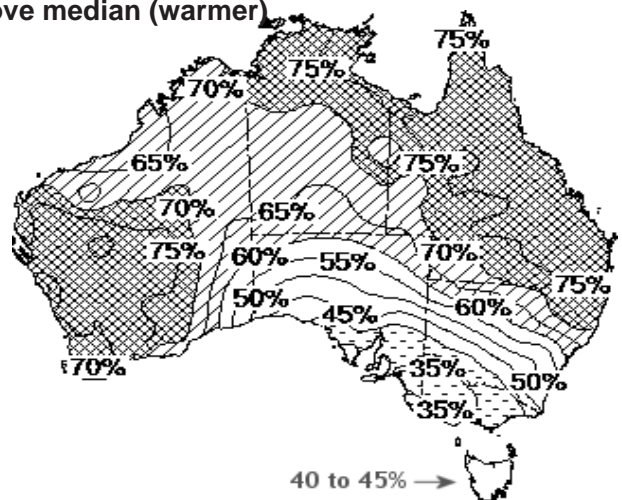
## **Background Information:**

- These outlooks are for the average maximum and minimum temperatures for the entire outlook period. Information about whether individual days or weeks may be unusually hot or cold, is unavailable.
- This outlook uses data from both the Pacific and Indian Oceans, with the Pacific Ocean having the major influence on the north of the country and the Indian Ocean the chief influence on southern areas.
- This outlook represents a summary.
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are shown on page 3.

**Fig.1: Chance that max temps averaged over Apr-June will be above median (warmer)**



**Fig.2: Chance that min temps averaged over Apr-June will be above median (warmer)**



*The national text, with colour maps, is also on the WEB at [http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/temps\\_ahead.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/temps_ahead.shtml) .*

More information on this outlook is available from 9:00am to 5:00pm (EDT) Monday to Friday by contacting the Climate and Consultancy section in the Bureau's Hobart Office: (03) 6221 2043.