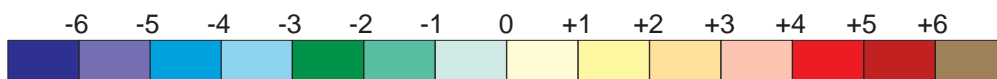
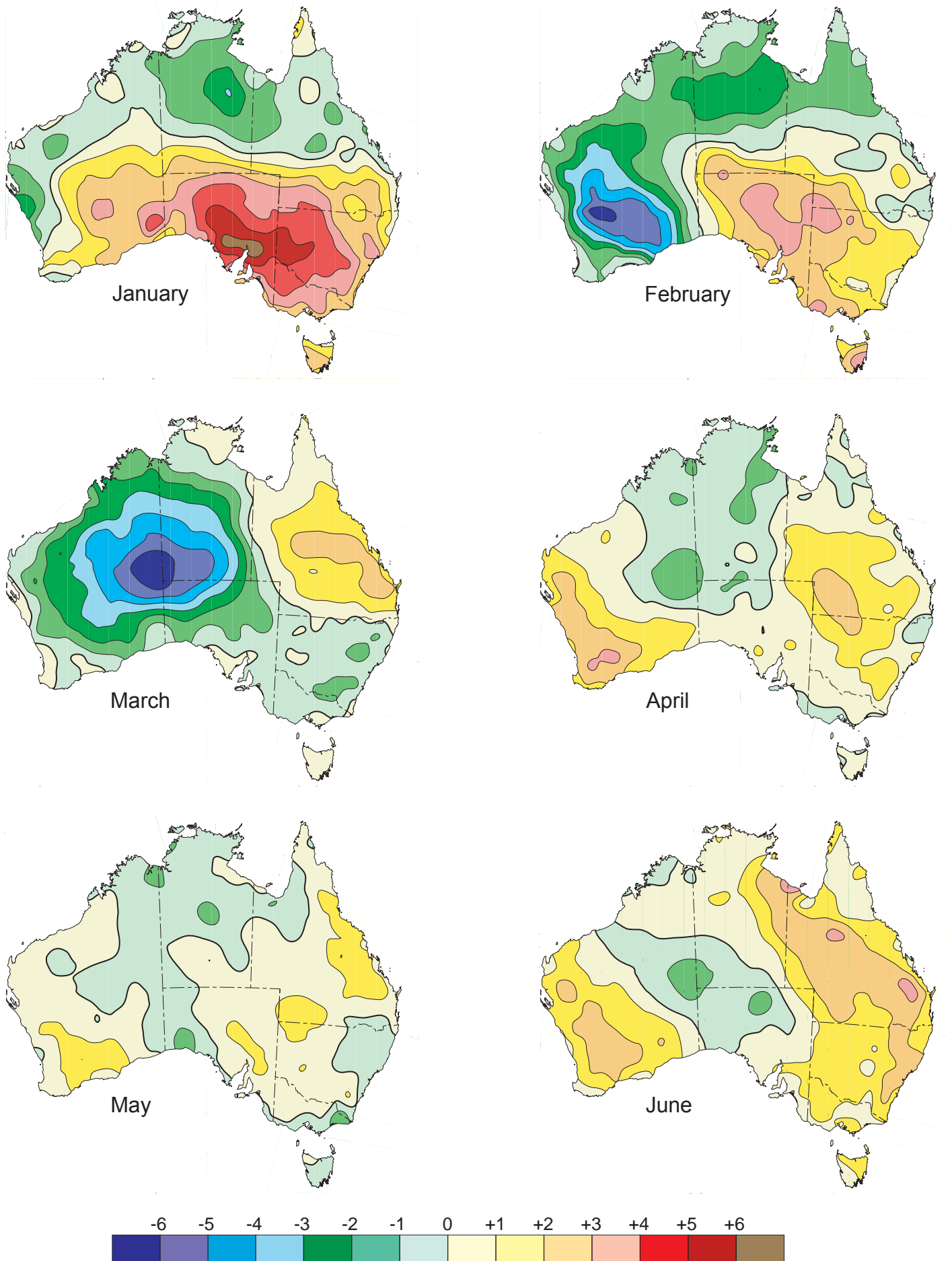


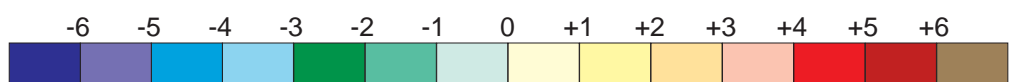
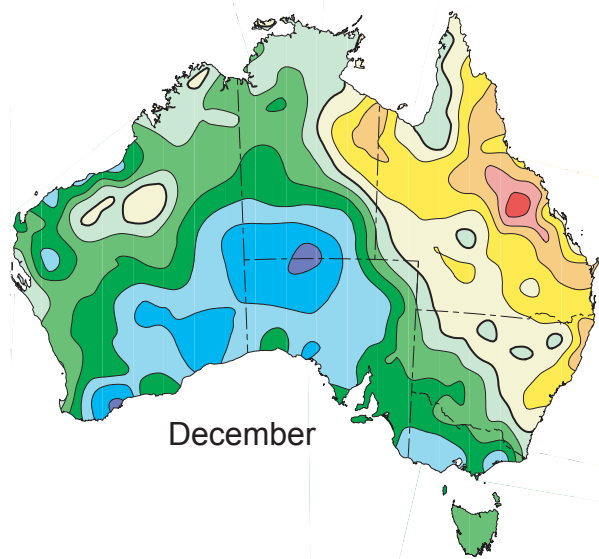
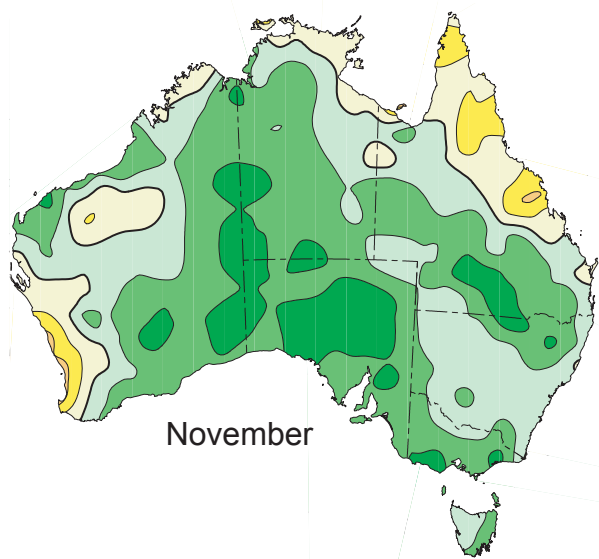
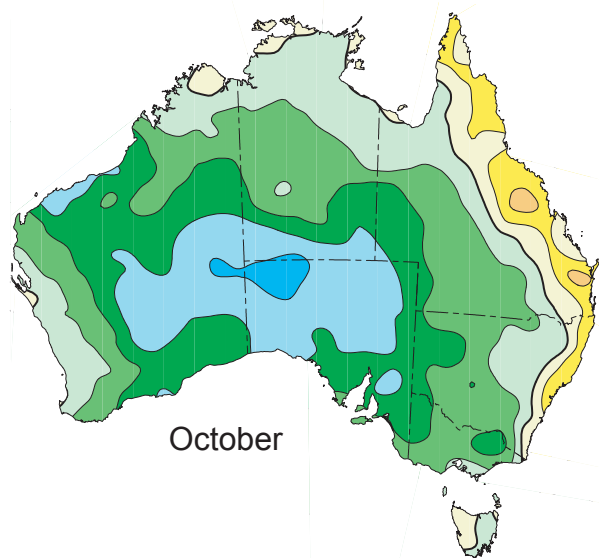
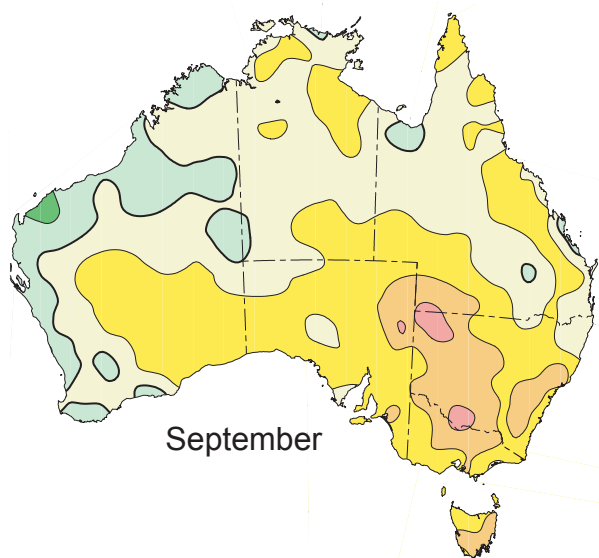
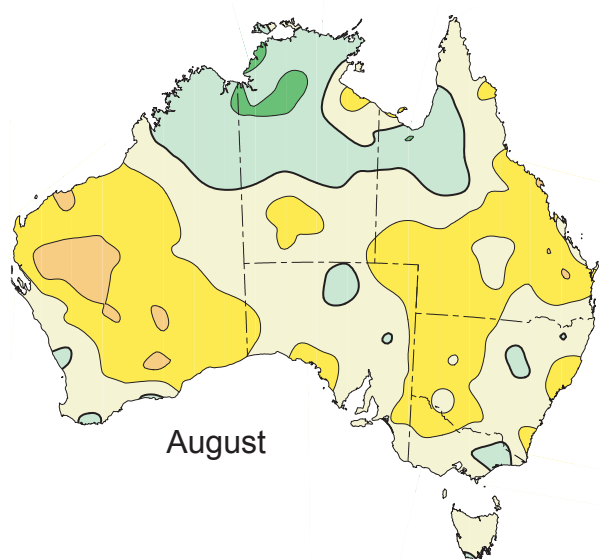
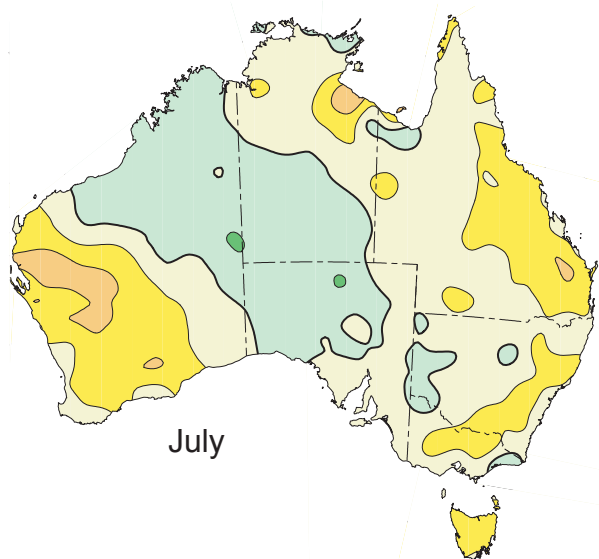
2. Monthly maximum temperatures - January to December 2001

Maximum temperatures were generally above average in the south and/or east of the country, particularly in January, February, June, September and December. Positive anomalies were notably strong in southern parts of Australia in January. In contrast, there were some strong negative anomalies in the western half of Australia in February and March. Also, negative anomalies were widespread from October to December being particularly intense around central Australia.



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(Based on a 30 year mean calculated from 1961-1990)



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