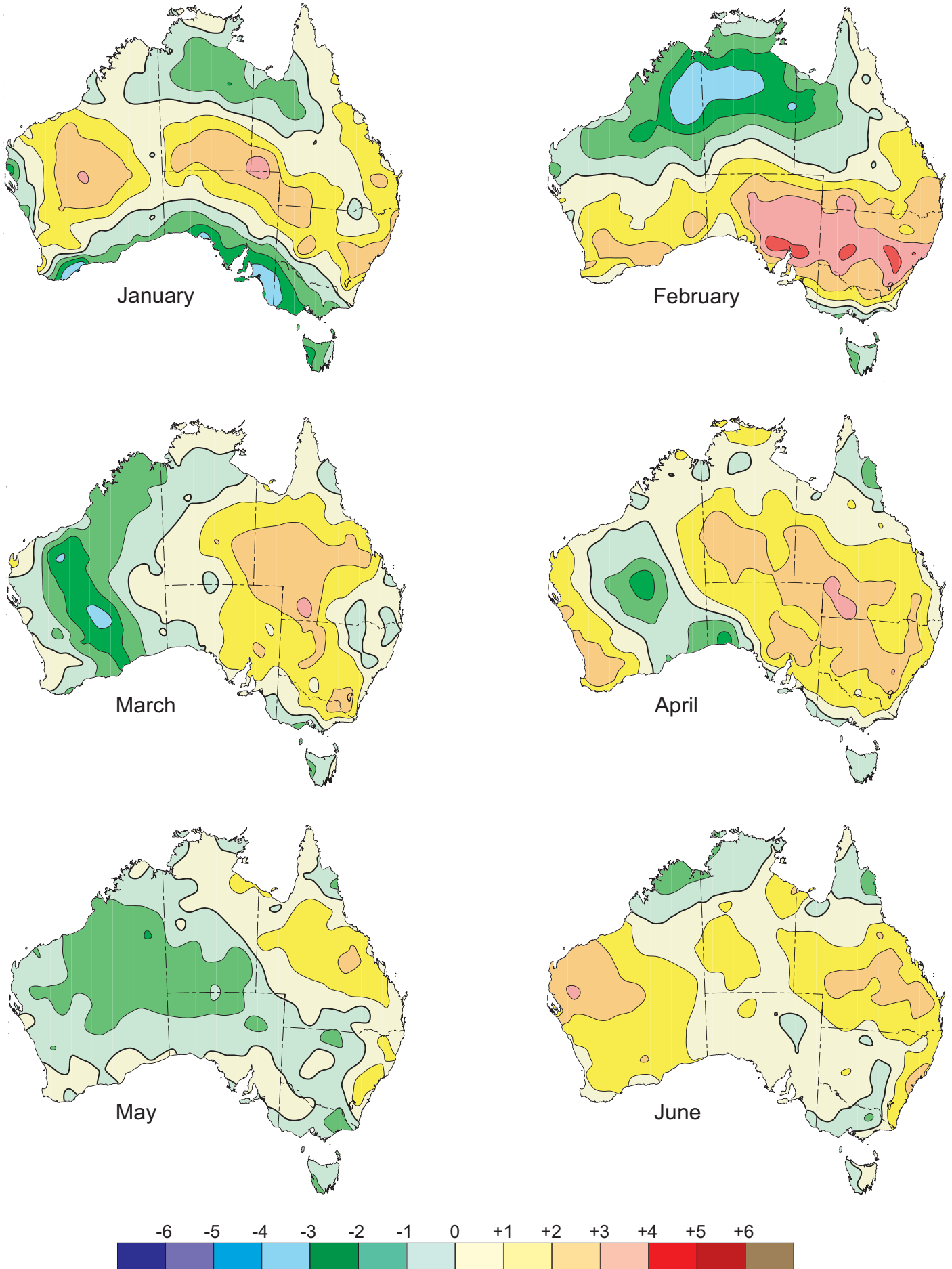


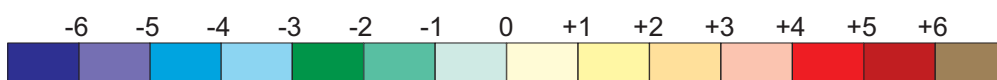
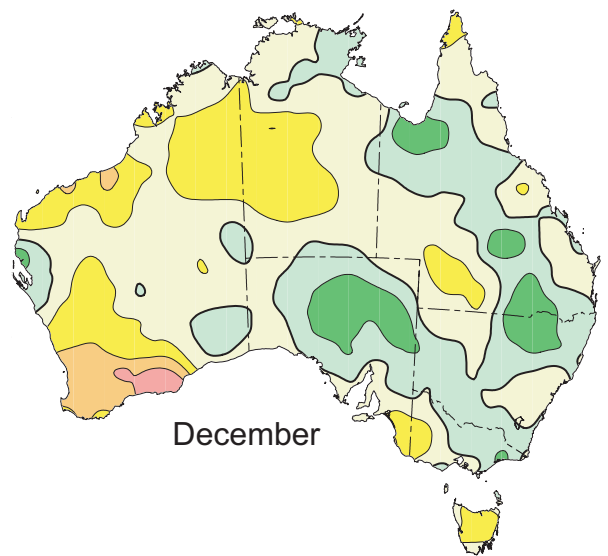
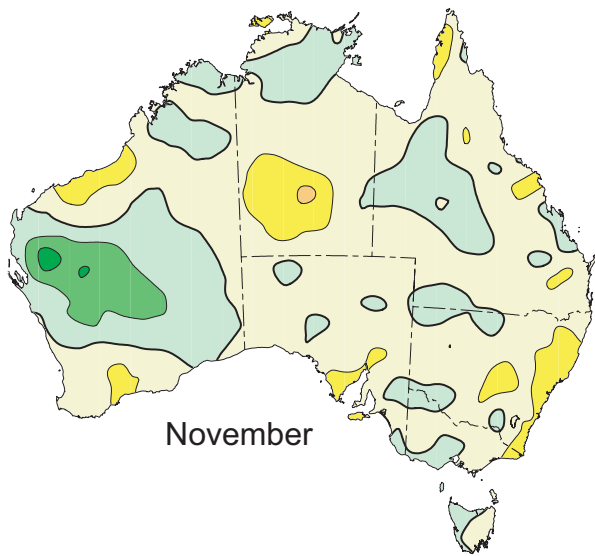
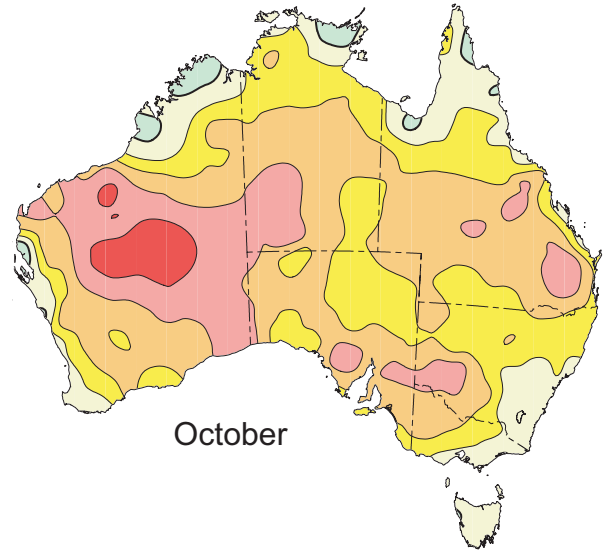
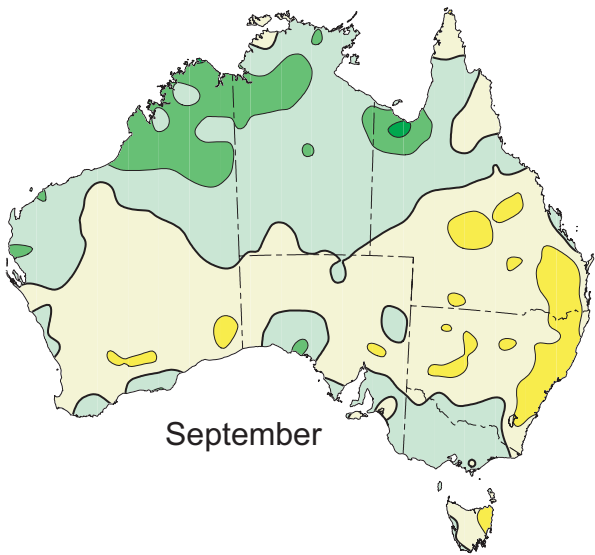
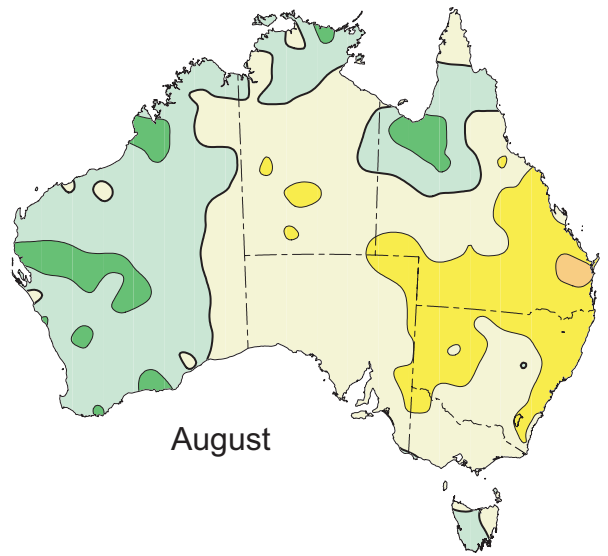
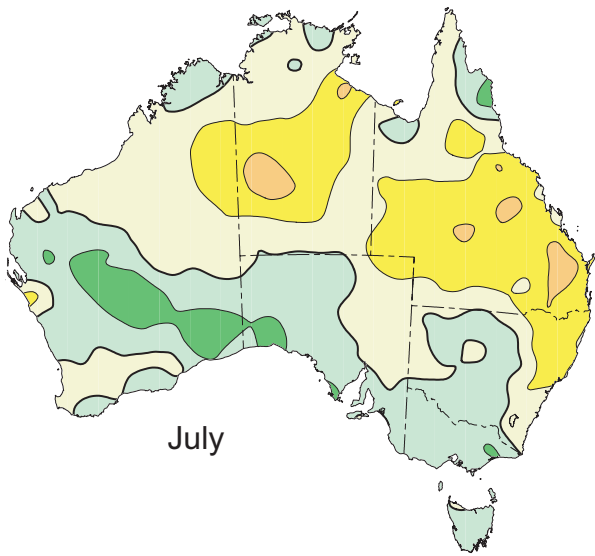
2. Monthly maximum temperatures - January to December 2004

Positive departures outweighed negative ones in all months except May, and were especially widespread in April, June and October. Areas of negative anomalies were more common in the north and/or west of the country, and along the southern coast. The strongest positive departures occurred in February (NSW, SA) and October (WA), while the peak negative anomalies occurred in each of January (WA, SA, Vic.), February (NT, WA) and March (WA). October and May were the most anomalously warm and cool months respectively with Australia-wide anomalies of $+2.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ and -0.3°C .



Maximum Temperature : Departures from average ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)

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



Maximum Temperature : Departures from average (°C)
 (Based on a 30 year mean calculated from 1961-1990)