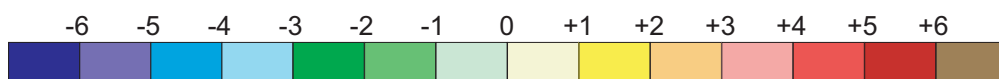
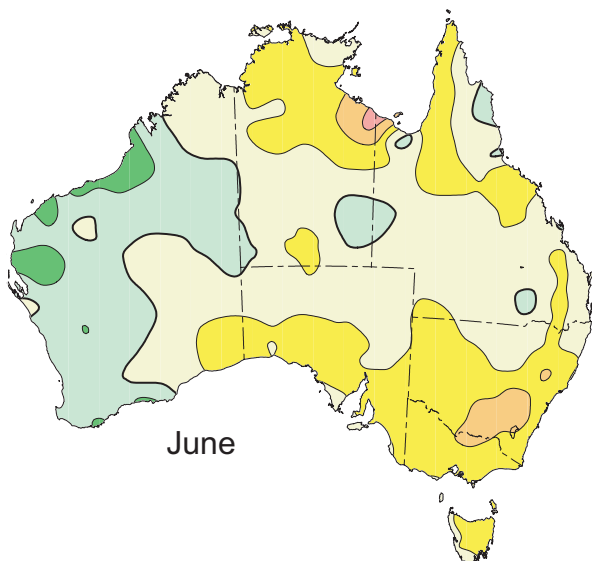
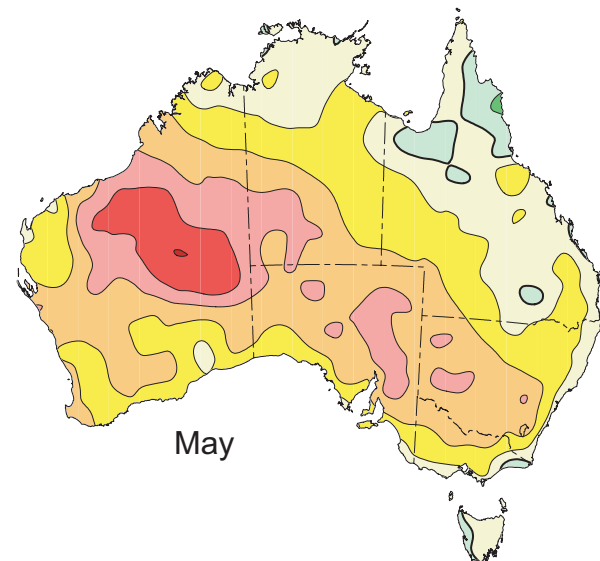
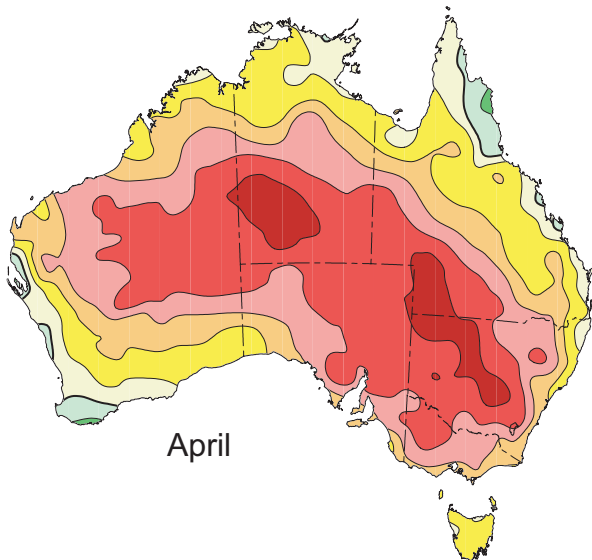
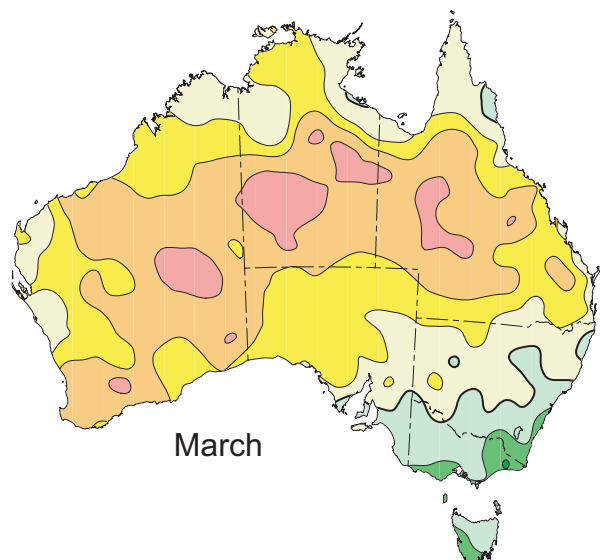
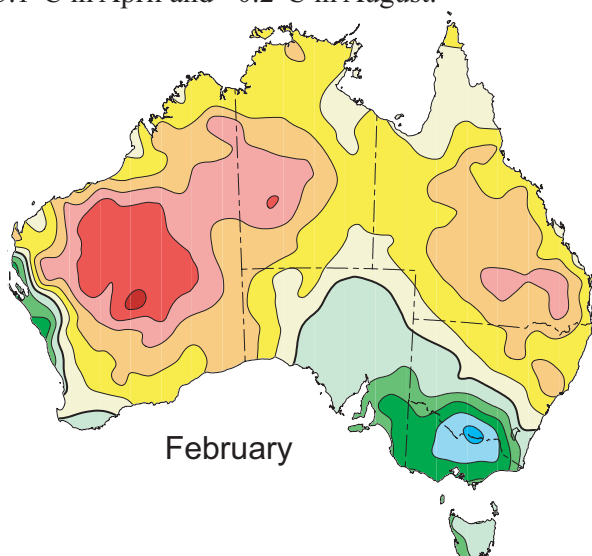
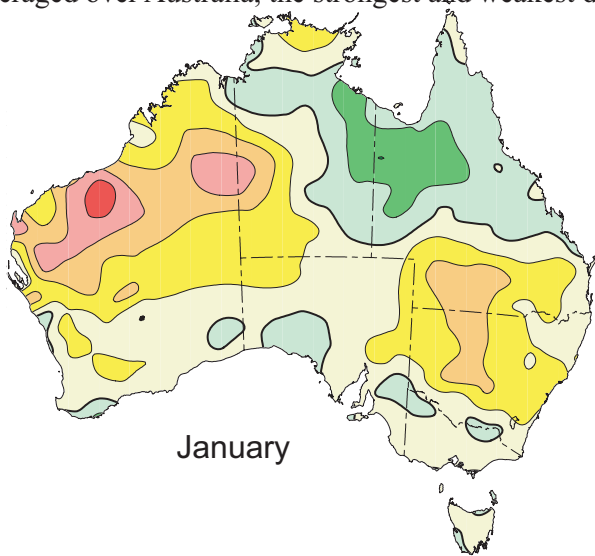


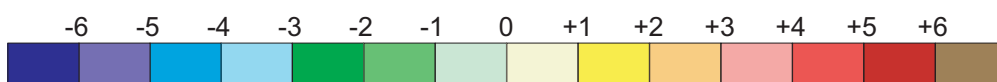
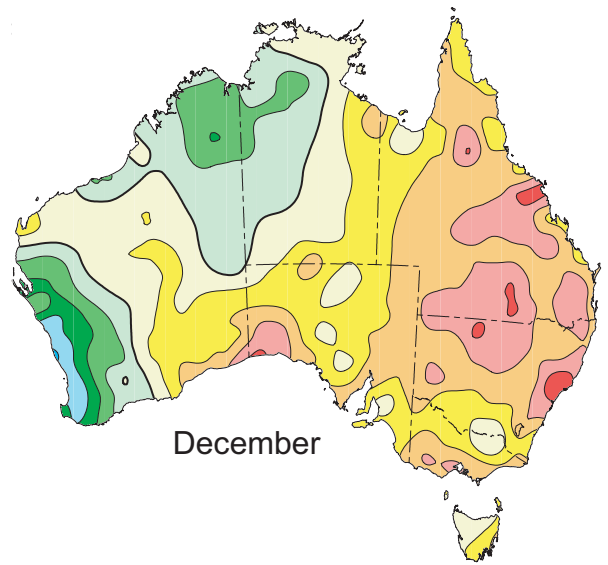
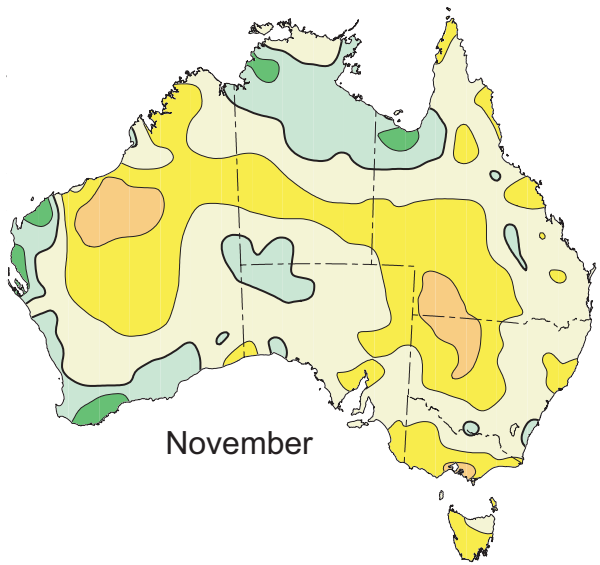
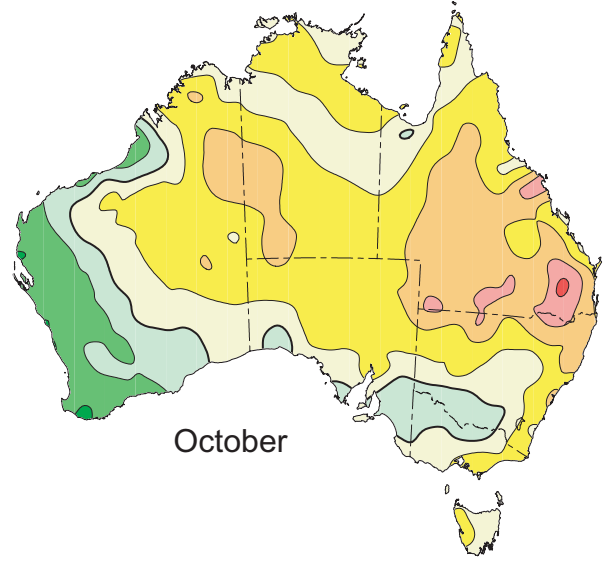
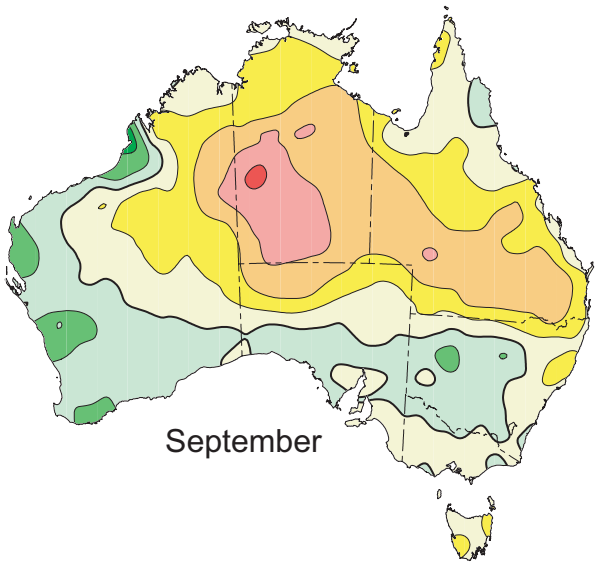
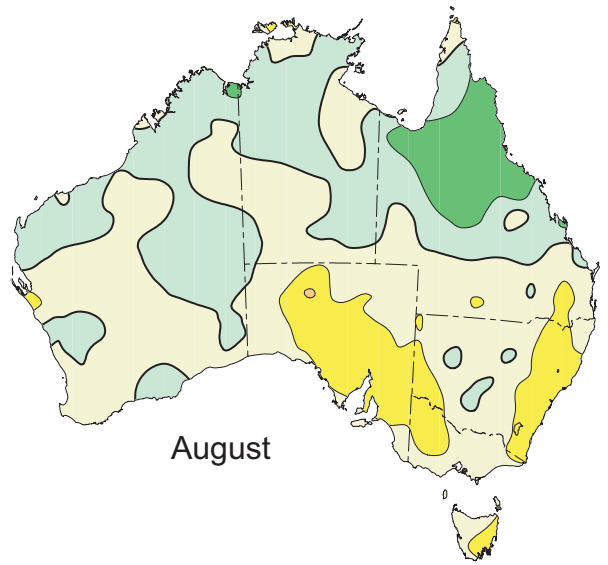
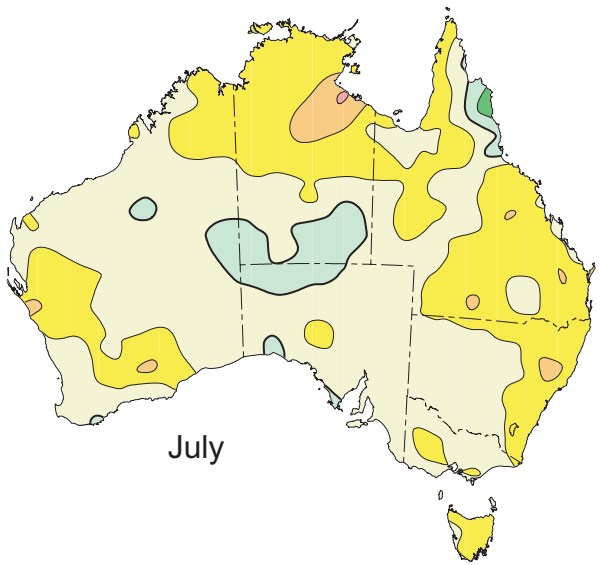
2. Monthly maximum temperatures - January to December 2005

Nationally-averaged, every month was warmer than normal. The warmest part of the country was mainly in the western half from January to May, and in the east thereafter. March to May was particularly warm. Negative anomalies dominated the west coast from September. The peak positive departures (+5 to +6°C) occurred in February (WA), April (NT, Qld, NSW) and May (WA), while the peak negative anomalies (-4 to -5°C) occurred in February (NSW, Vic) and December (WA). Averaged over Australia, the strongest and weakest departures were +3.1°C in April and +0.2°C in August.



Maximum Temperature : Departures from average (°C)

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



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