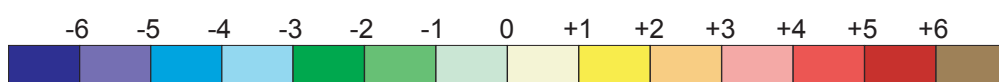
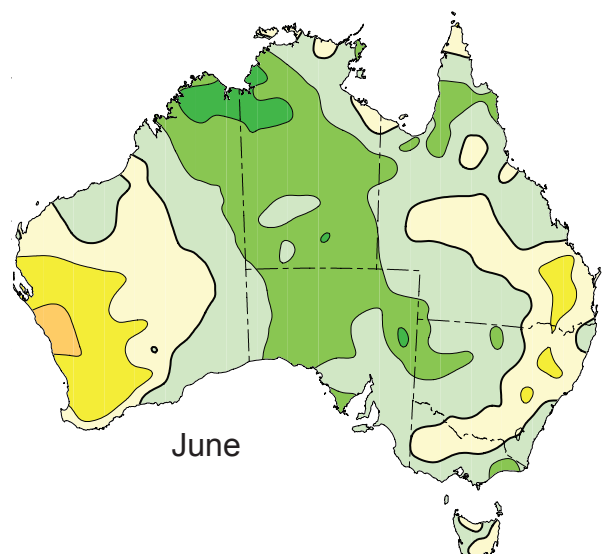
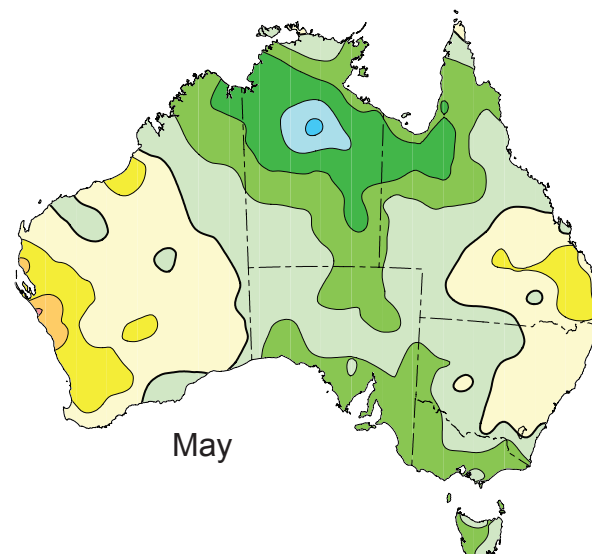
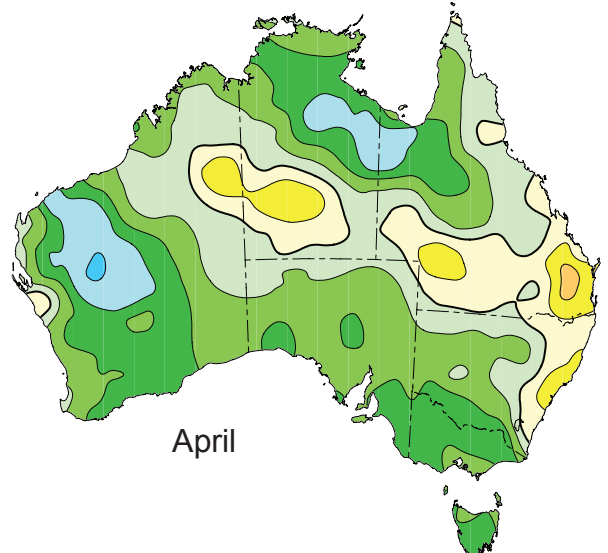
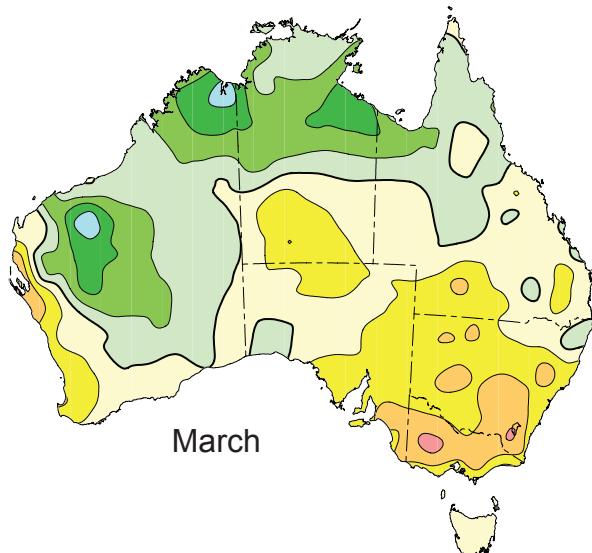
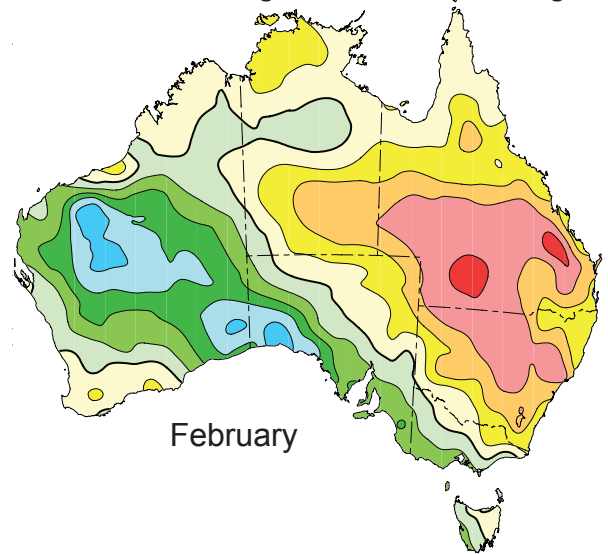
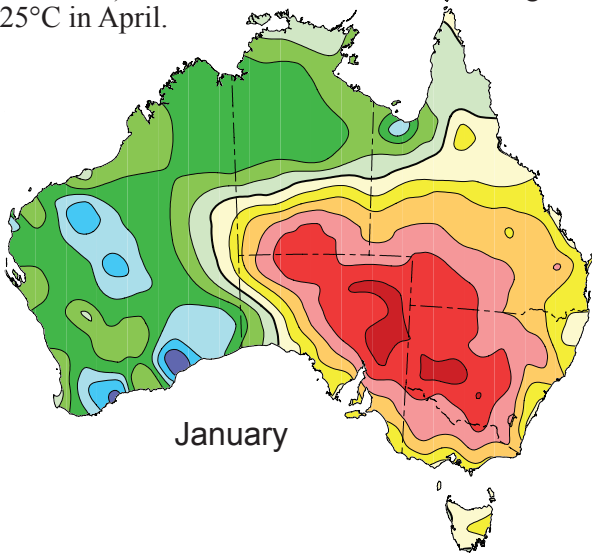
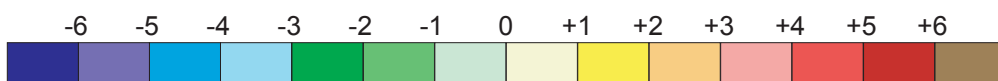
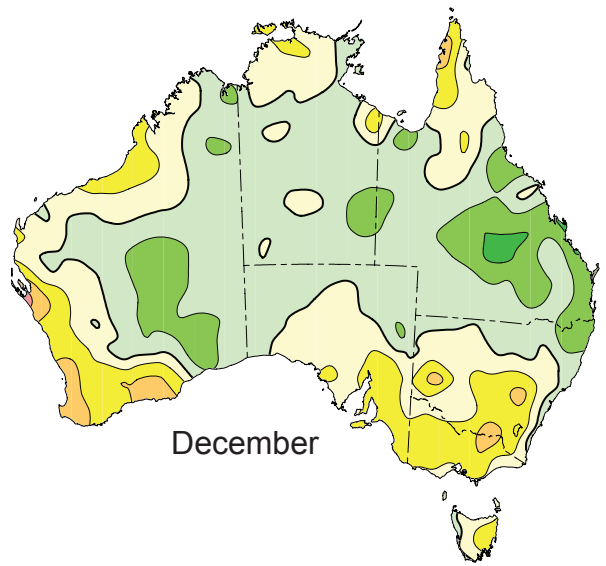
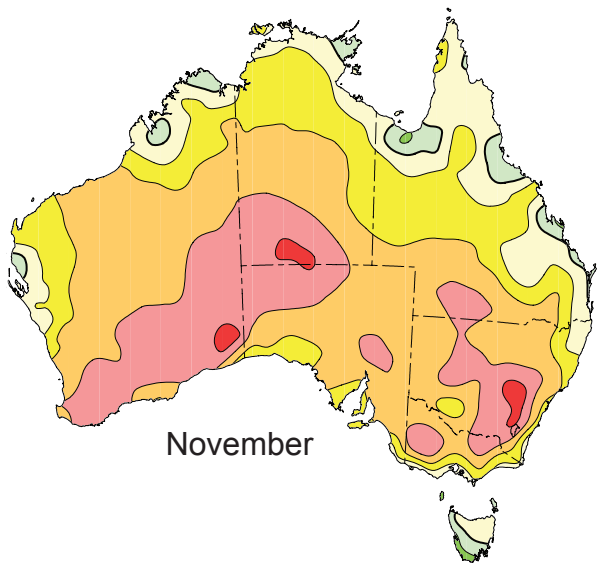
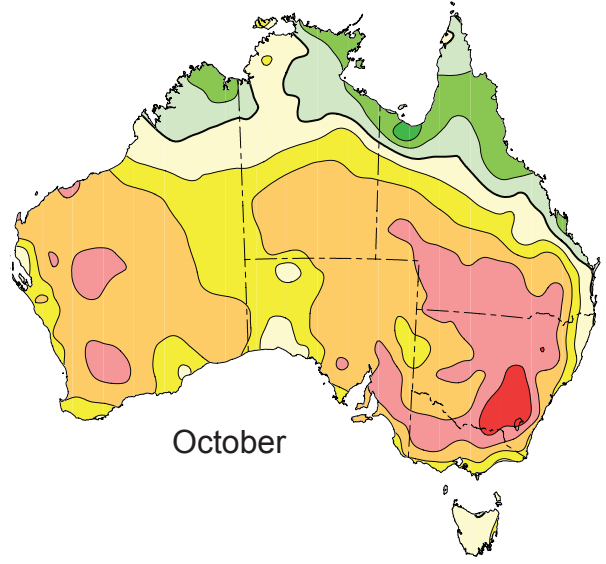
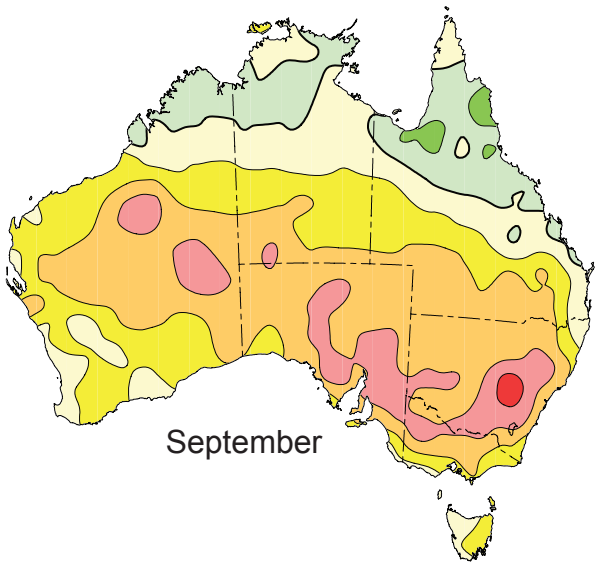
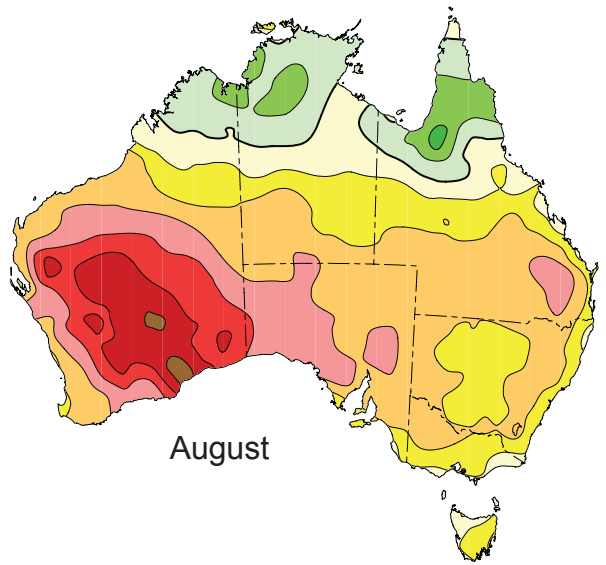
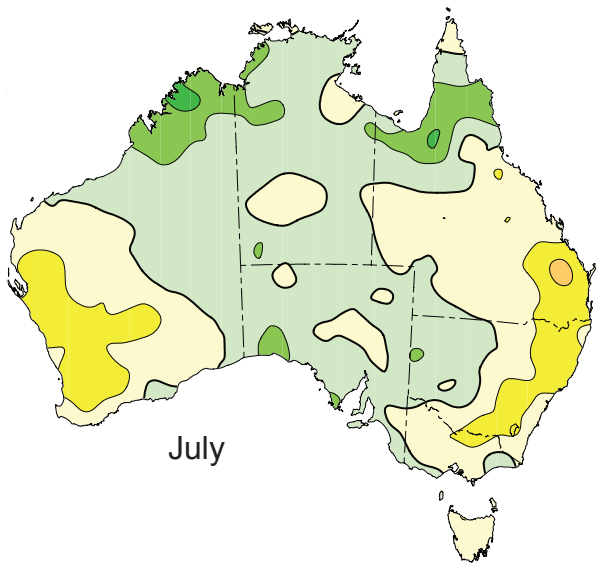


## 2. Monthly maximum temperatures - January to December 2006

There was a strong east-west contrast in monthly anomalies for January, February, and to a lesser extent March. Parts of western NSW and northeast SA had anomalies over  $+5^{\circ}\text{C}$  in January, while parts of WA's south coast had anomalies below  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the year's lowest. April to July was mainly cooler than average, apart from the far west and east. An intensifying El Niño resulted in positive anomalies from August to November, except in the far north. The highest anomalies for the year ( $+6$  to  $+7^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) occurred in southern WA in August. Extremes of the Australia-wide average were  $+2.17^{\circ}\text{C}$  in August and  $-1.25^{\circ}\text{C}$  in April.



□ **Maximum Temperature : Departures from average ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )**  
(Based on a 30 year mean calculated from 1961-1990)



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