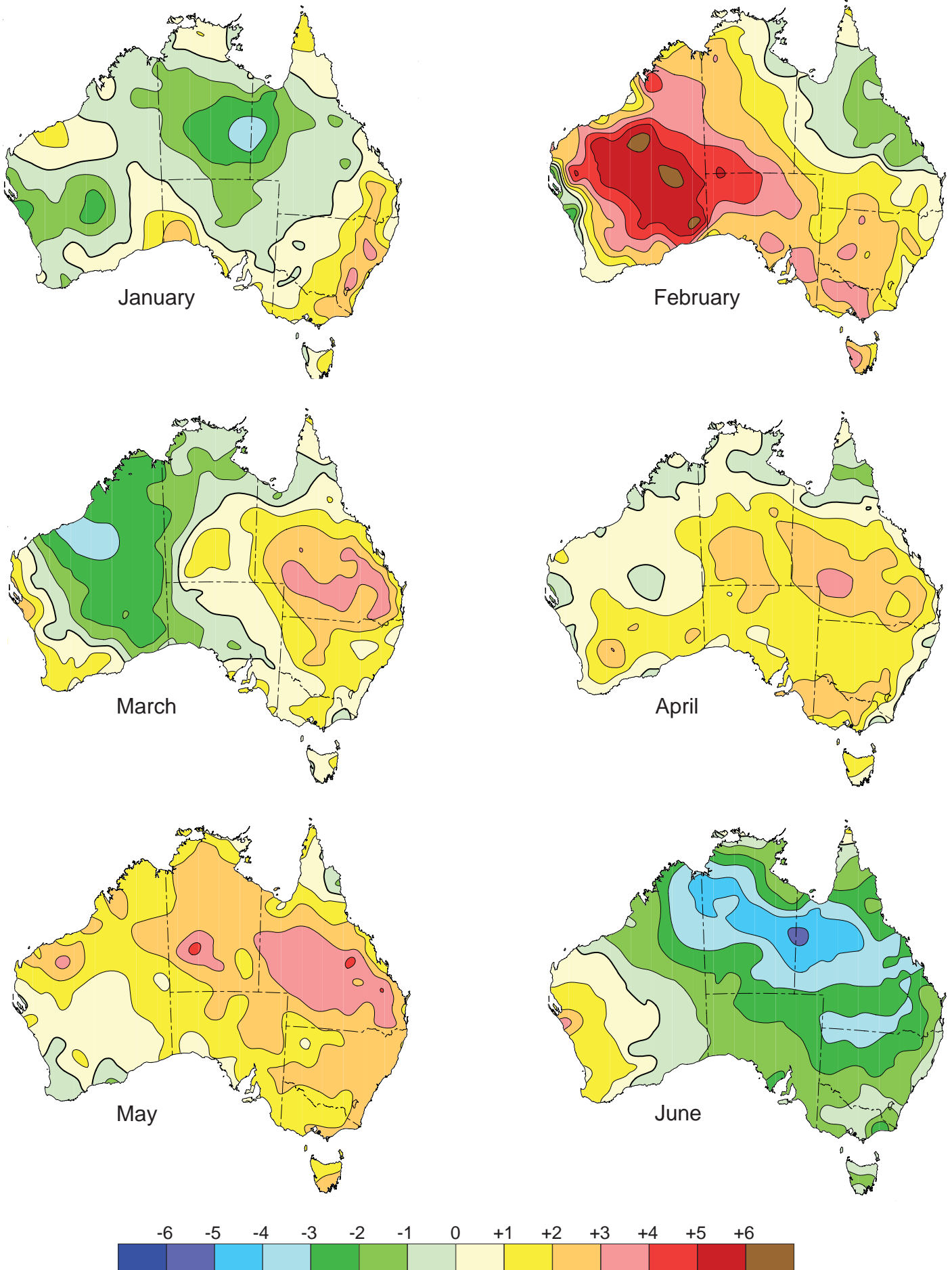


2. Monthly maximum temperatures - January to December 2007

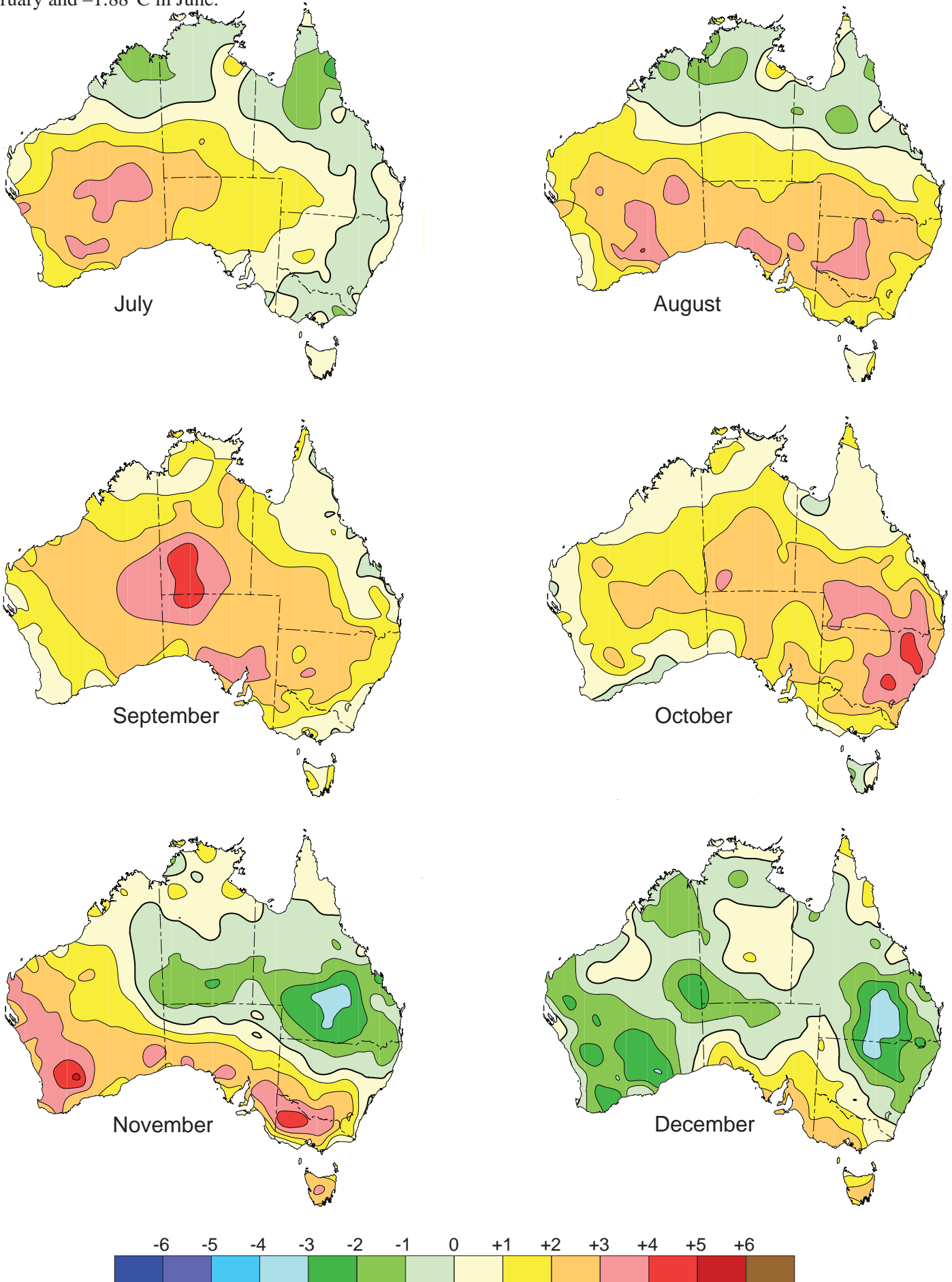
Large parts of northern Australia were cooler than average in a majority of months. There was some waxing and waning of these from January to March during active and inactive phases of the monsoon, while in June and December negative anomalies covered most of the country, as they did in January. The year's strongest negative anomalies occurred in June when -4 to -5°C departures covered a band from northern WA to central Queensland, with values approaching -6°C on the Qld/NT border.



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

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

Positive departures generally prevailed across Australia's southern half, with the southeast being particularly warm: both Victoria (June & July) and Tasmania (June & Oct) had only two months when negative anomalies were more widespread. The highest departures were in February when anomalies over $+5^{\circ}\text{C}$ stretched across a wide band from northwest to southeast WA, with several pockets of $+6$ to $+7^{\circ}\text{C}$ departures. Extremes of the Australia-wide average were $+2.04^{\circ}\text{C}$ in February and -1.88°C in June.



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