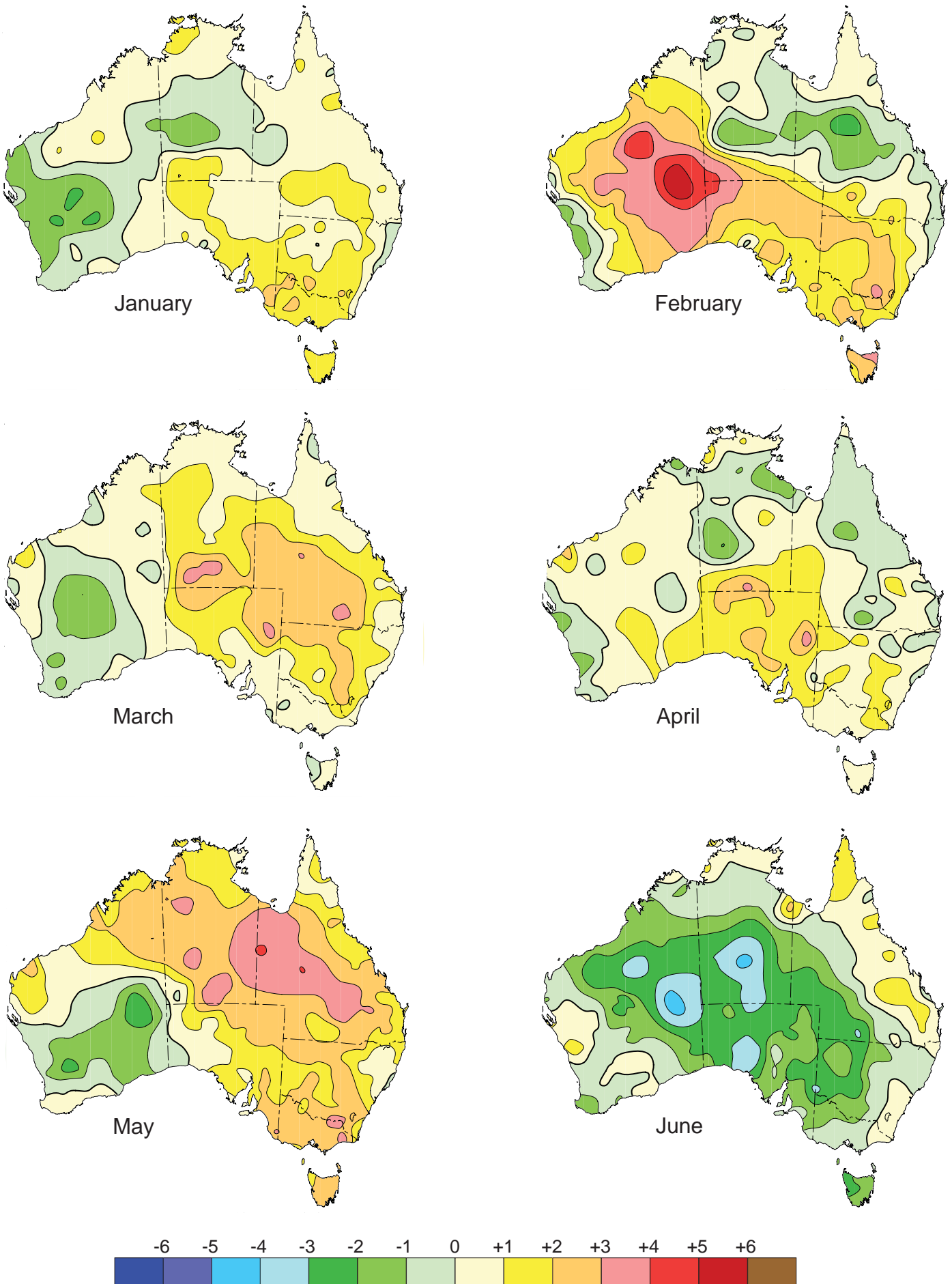


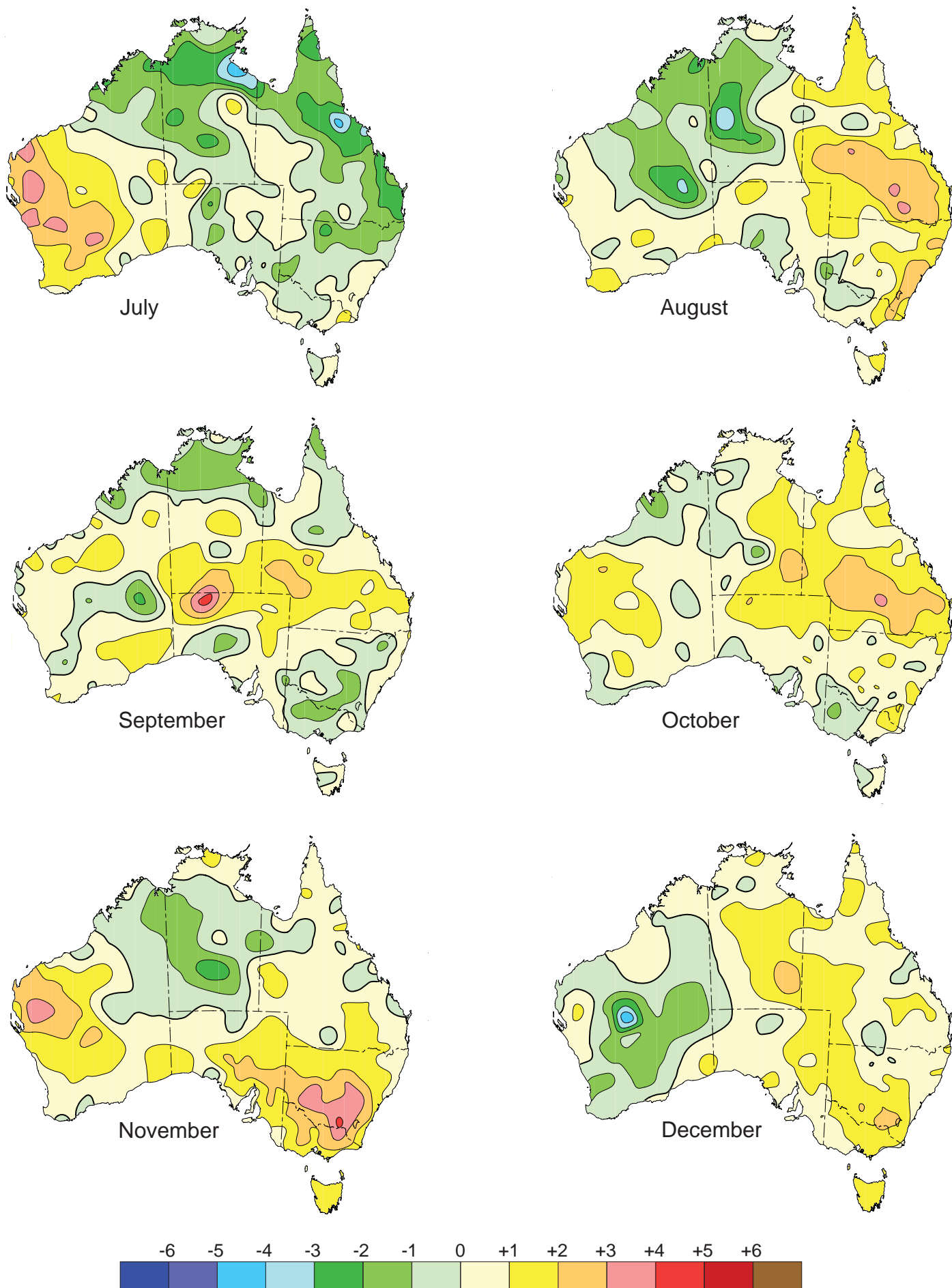
3. Monthly minimum temperatures - January to December 2007

Although, when compared with the maxima, there was more spatial variability of minimum temperature anomalies in individual months, the far north tended to have cooler than average nights while the remainder of Australia was generally warmer than normal. The most intense and/or widespread positive anomalies occurred in February, March, May and October, with February's +5 to +6°C anomalies in WA's eastern interior being the highest for the year.



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

Contrasting this, June particularly, and also July, had widespread negative anomalies, with the most extreme departures being in the -4 to -5°C range. A small area in central WA in December also had negative anomalies in this range. As a result of both cold days and nights, the mean temperature for June was the lowest in the historical record dating from 1950. Extremes of the Australia-wide average minimum temperature were $+1.59^{\circ}\text{C}$ in May and -1.20°C in June.



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