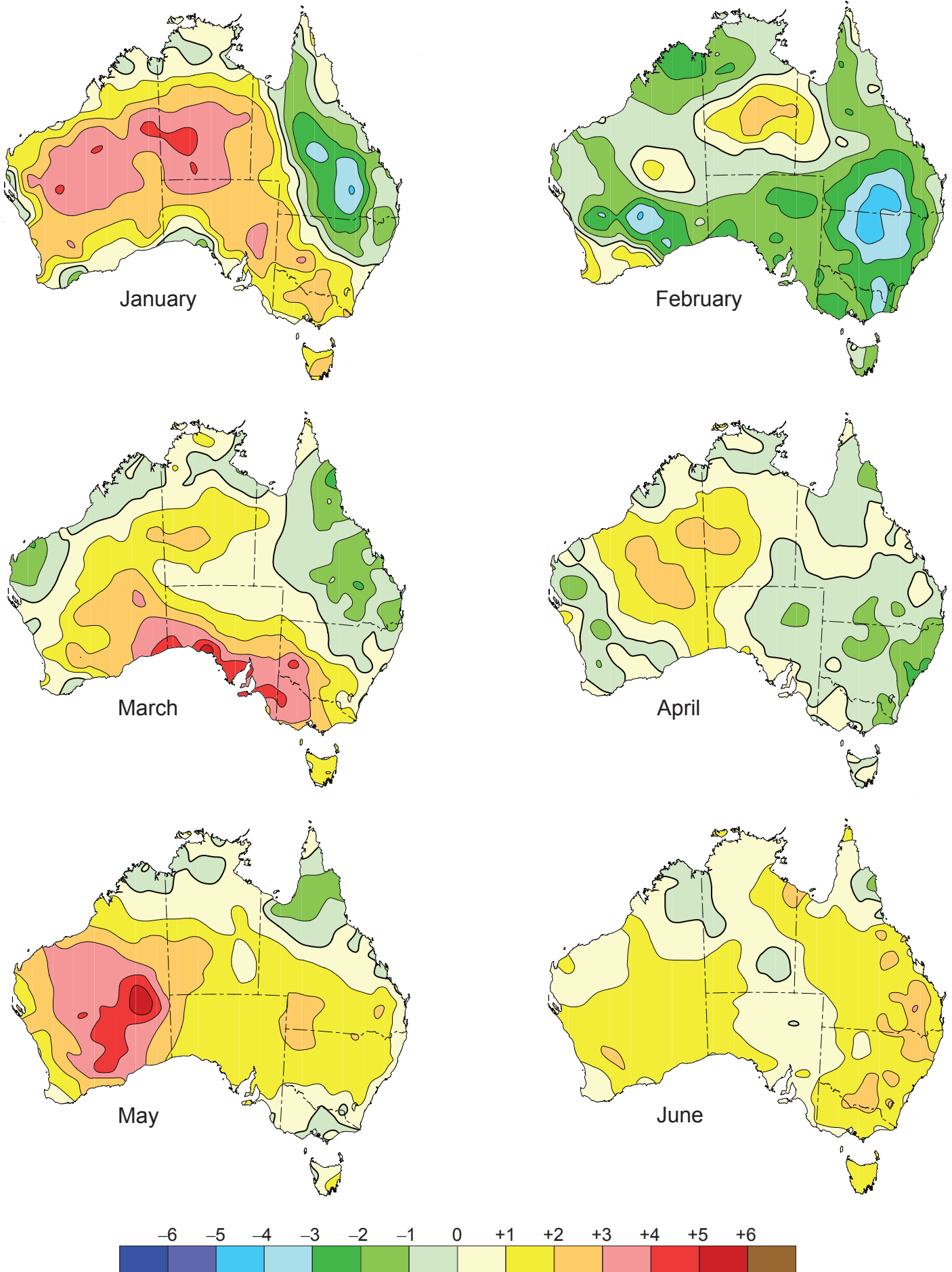


## 2. Monthly maximum temperatures - January to December 2008

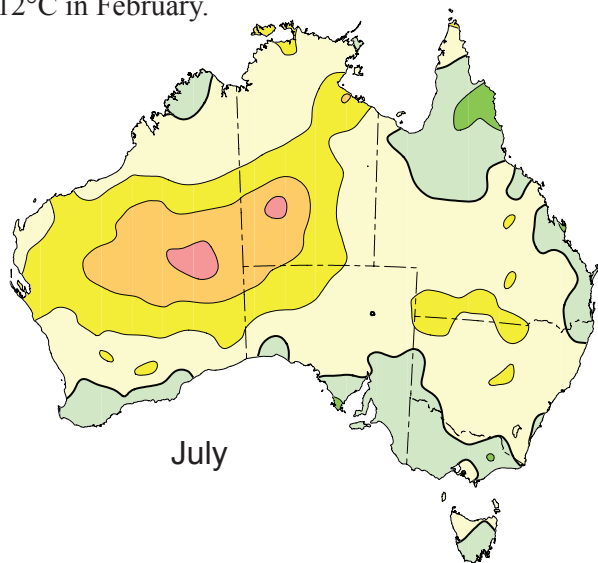
Under the influence of La Niña, Queensland was cooler than average from January to March and to a lesser extent in April. Negative anomalies dominated the country in February, but positive anomalies did so in January and March. April had mixed anomalies, but positive departures prevailed over much of the country from May to October, apart from in August which was distinctly cooler than average in most areas.



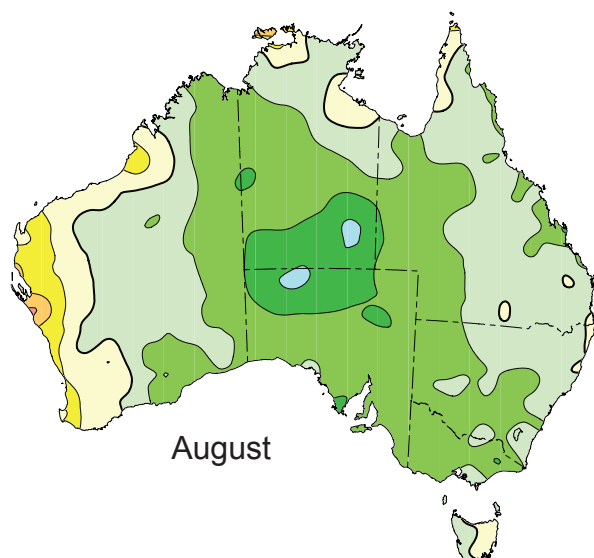
**Maximum Temperature: Departures from average (°C)**

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

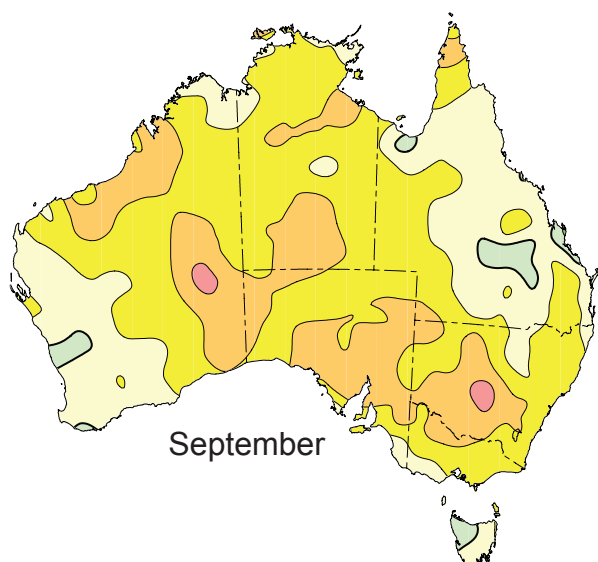
Queensland remained warm in November and December, but most other parts of the country were cooler than average during the final two months of the year. The year's strongest positive anomalies of +5 to +6°C occurred on the west coast of SA in March and the WA interior in May, while -4 to -5°C departures were observed in several months in different parts of the country in January, February, August and November. Extremes of the Australia-wide average were +1.48°C in May and -1.12°C in February.



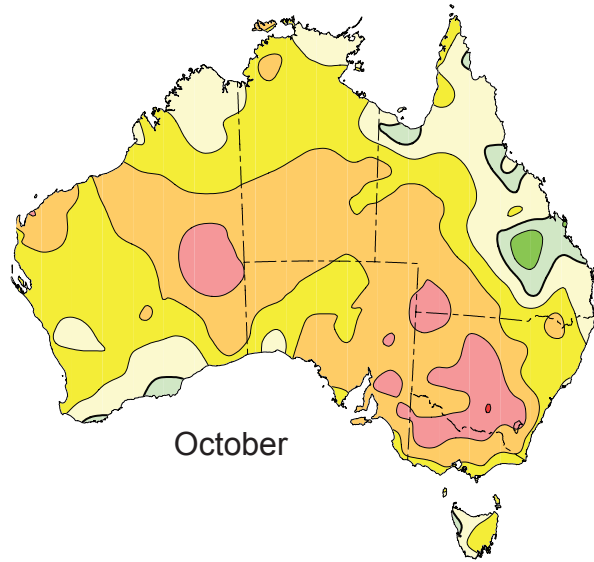
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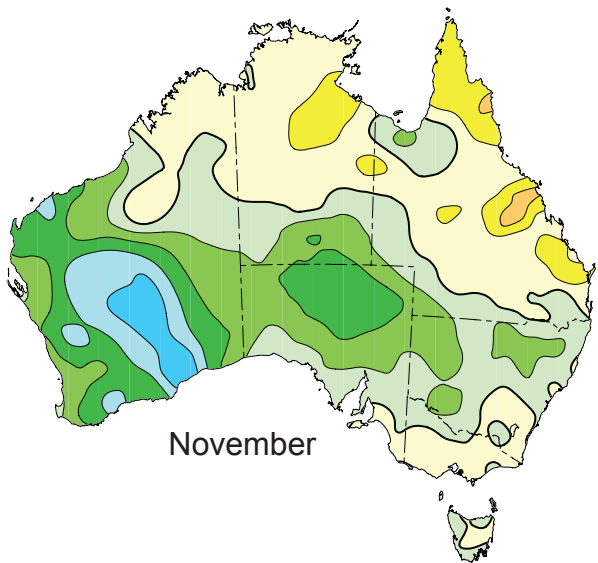
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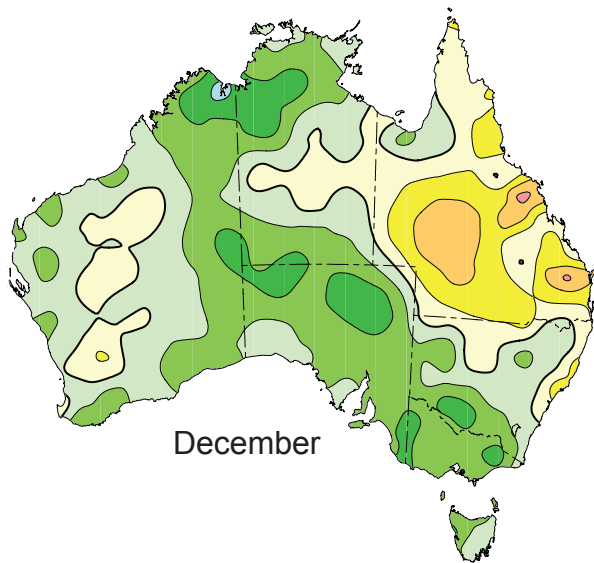
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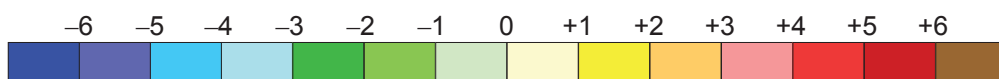
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**Maximum Temperature: Departures from average (°C)**

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