

2012 annual climate highlights

Australia

- ▶ January–March seventh-wettest on record, April–December 25 per cent below average
- ▶ Near-average annual rainfall total with 476 mm of rain
- ▶ Warmer-than-average year with annual means of 0.11 °C above average
- ▶ Maximum temperatures were 0.51 °C above average, minimum temperatures were 0.28 °C below average
- ▶ 10 years ending 2012 fifth-warmest decade on record
- ▶ Annual sea surface temperature equal-sixth-warmest since 1910



- 1 Northern Territory**
 - ▶ Eleventh-coolest annual-average minimum temperatures
- 2 Western Australia**
 - ▶ Driest July on record for the southwest
 - ▶ Third-driest April–October on record
 - ▶ High pressure to the south and south-west suppress westerly frontal activity
 - ▶ June storms cause damage and December rain event brings record totals in the southwest
- 3 South Australia**
 - ▶ Fifth-driest wet season (April–October) on record
- 4 Southeastern Australia**
 - ▶ Very extensive inland flooding late February–early March
 - ▶ Cold outbreak brings October snow and severe weather
 - ▶ Heatwave in November including Victoria's hottest spring day on record
- 5 Queensland and New South Wales**
 - ▶ Significant inland flooding late January–early February
- 6 Victoria**
 - ▶ Major flooding in east and south early June
- 7 Tasmania**
 - ▶ Tenth-warmest annual-average minimum temperatures

