

2018 annual climate facts and events



Australia

- Third-warmest year on record; mean temperature 1.14 °C above average
- Maximum temperature second-warmest on record; +1.55 °C above average
- Warmest year on record for New South Wales; amongst top six for Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia, and the Northern Territory
- Second-warmest year on record for Hobart; amongst top eight for Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra, Adelaide, and Darwin
- Annual rainfall 12% below average
- Much of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and eastern South Australia affected by drought
- Pacific Ocean ENSO-neutral most of the year; positive Indian Ocean Dipole in spring
- Sea surface temperature warmer than average, particularly for eastern Australian region

