

# 2016 annual climate facts and events



## Australia



Wettest May–September on record after a dry start to the year



Annual rainfall 17% above average



Fourth-warmest year on record; mean temperatures 0.87 °C above average



March, and autumn as a whole, warmest on record for Australia



Darwin, Brisbane, Sydney and Hobart warmest year on record



Sea surface temperature warmest on record for Australian region



Very strong negative Indian Ocean Dipole follows breakdown of one of the strongest El Niños on record



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