



THREE-MONTH SEASONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK STATEMENT
Temperature probabilities for May to July 2003, issued 15th April 2003

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Warmer nights likely in northeast NSW

The latest seasonal temperature odds from the Bureau's National Climate Centre show moderate to strong swings towards above average temperatures in the tropics and southwest WA.

For the **May to July** period the chances of above average *seasonal daytime temperatures* are close to the long-term 50% across New South Wales (see Figure 1). So with climate patterns like the current, about 5 seasons out of 10 are expected to have above median seasonal maximum temperatures, with about 5 out of 10 below average. These probabilities have resulted from higher than average sea temperatures in both the tropical Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The objective statistical outlook model has fairly low reliability over NSW for the May to July period (see background on page 1).

The chances of above average *seasonal minimum temperatures* are between 55 and 75% across the northeastern half of NSW, dropping to between 40 and 45% along the border with Victoria (see Figure 2). This means that the chances of **BELOW** median seasonal minimum temperatures are between 25 and 45% in the northeast of the state. The outlook scheme has moderate to high reliability over the northeast of the state, but lower reliability elsewhere.

Background Information:

- These outlooks are for the average maximum and minimum temperatures for the entire outlook period. Information about whether individual days or weeks may be unusually hot or cold, is unavailable.
- This outlook uses data from both the Pacific and Indian Oceans, both of which are warmer than average.
- This outlook represents a summary: more detail is available from the contact people or web site listed below.
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are shown on page 3.

Fig.1: Chance that max temps averaged over May-July will be above median (warmer)

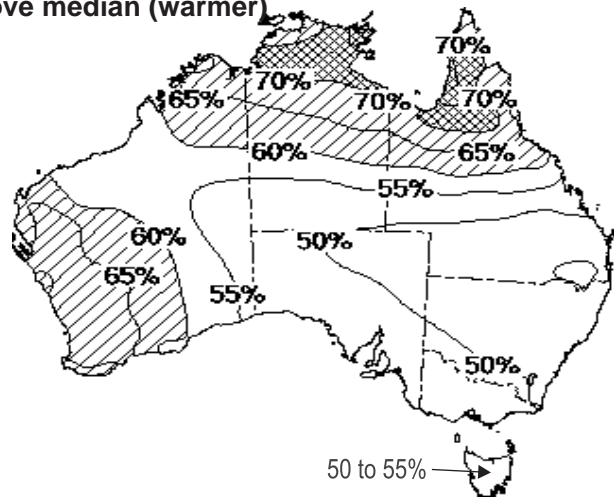
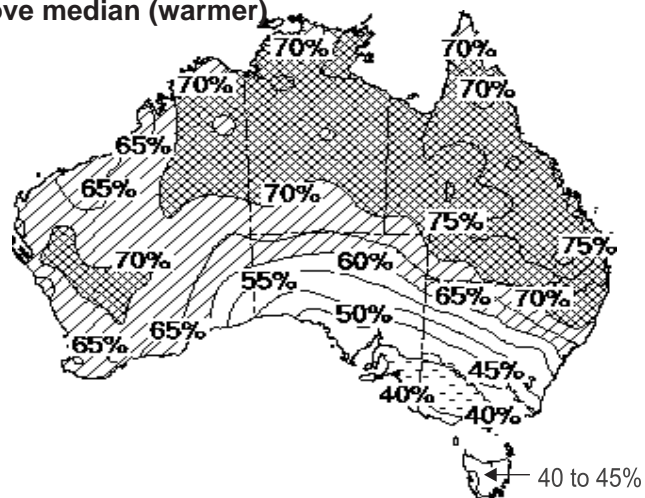


Fig.2: Chance that min temps averaged over May-July will be above median (warmer)



The national text, with colour maps, is also on the WEB at http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/temps_ahead.shtml.

More information on this outlook is available from 9:00am to 5:00pm (EST) Monday to Friday by contacting the Climate and Consultancy section in the Bureau's Sydney Office: (02) 9296 1522.