

THE WINTER FORECAST

FOR THE MDB REGIONS 2025



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THE “LA NINA” ANOMALY IS HANGING ON

During Summer and early Autumn, the La Nina anomaly lost most of its positive rain-driving forces, and neutral ENSO was the developing trend. But during the last half of Autumn, some redevelopment of the weak La Nina anomaly has occurred. This re-energised force helped to deliver the massive east coast floods during mid-May.

The long-term ENSO forecast indicates El Nino is still likely to impact the Spring and Summer seasons.

ONLY THE PEAK OF THE “SOUTHERN LUNAR AIR TIDES” HELPED DELIVER SOME DROUGHT RELIEF

The peak of the Southern Lunar Airtide forces for this year occurred on Anzac Day, during the New Moon phase of April. The resulting concentrated rain event delivered 30-50mm to Central Victoria on that day, but less than 10mm was delivered to most other agricultural regions across the southern half of Australia.

The Jupiter-Sun-Earth alignment occurring during late June will increase the chances of a late June rain event.

THE VERY LARGE WARM SEA SURFACE ANOMALY TO THE EAST OF AUSTRALIA IS NOW COOLING OFF

During Autumn, a small cooling trend has been observed in this anomaly. This will help to reduce the flow of hot dry air being drawn out of central Australia. That hot, dry-enhanced air flow has been the main drought-driving force affecting the southern half of Australia for the last 18 months.

ONE OF THE LAST STRONG “GLOBAL WARMING PLANETARY ALIGNMENTS” OCCURRED RECENTLY

Six of the solar system bodies become closely aligned on 22nd March. This coincided with a small global warming trend during February, March and April. Furthermore, a record-breaking flood event was also delivered to south west Queensland only a few days later!

The recent cluster of the four gas giant planets has commenced dispersing. That cluster culminated in the warmest global spike period ever recorded, “April 2024”. Jupiter is now rapidly moving away from that recent cluster region.

Hence, Earth will not be subjected to as many above-average planetary forces again, until Neptune and Uranus start forming their next conjunction. That will not commence until this time next century.

My investigation of the strongest planetary alignments during the last 50 years reveals a very close correlation with 14 of the major global warming spike periods. This indicates the strongest global warming trends are now behind us.

Hence, I forecast a new wave of sustained global cooling trends will now dominate the next 100 years.

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IN BRIEF: The MDB climate will soon be El Nino-affected

Weaker planetary and Lunar Airtide forces will dominate the July to early-Spring period. This will greatly reduce the chances of any major rain events falling in the MDB and especially across the southern regions of Australia.

A very cool SST anomaly situated in the “Roaring Forties” region (between Tasmanian and South Africa) will combine with the above-average SST to the east of Australia. Together they will produce a very powerful negative rain force. Thus the continuation of the southern Australian drought is an odds-on bet.

The now-building Northeast Lunar Airtides are forecast to deliver some drought relief rains in early-October

Unfortunately, at present, I can only see a dry climate trend continuing until the next La Nina anomaly starts to take form. That generally wetter-than-average climate cycle is not likely to develop until after February 2028.

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