

Title	NARCLiM climate projections
Alternative title(s)	Australian regional climate projections
Abstract	What is NARCLiM? The New South Wales and Australian Regional Climate Modelling (NARCLiM) project develops high-resolution regional climate projections that cover NSW and South-eastern Australia at a higher resolution and the Australasian continent and beyond at a lower resolution (named the NARCLiM and CORDEX domains, respectively). Computer modelled climate projections are the best information we have available on our future climate. NARCLiM has been designed to help government, industry and community in NSW and Australia plan for our future with robust regional and local scale data. The NARCLiM project uses currently available global climate models (GCM) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions scenarios from the latest Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP) used in the IPCC reports and applies regional dynamical downscaling using the latest Weather Research and Forecasting model (WRF). NARCLiM generates critical climate indices for a broad range of applications and climate change adaptation and risk analysis. The NARCLiM project is led by the NSW Government with support from the ACT, South Australian, Victorian, and Western Australian governments, National Computational Infrastructure, Murdoch University and the University of New South Wales. NARCLiM releases NARCLiM2.0 was released in August 2024. It is the most detailed regional climate projections available in Australia to date at 4km for South-eastern Australia and 20km scale for Australasia. We recommend using NARCLiM2.0 as it is the most current generation, benefitting from several design and technical enhancements. NARCLiM2.0 simulates the climate using five CMIP6 GCMs and two RCMs with continuous data from 1950 to 2100. The current release includes two GHG scenarios - SSP1-2.6 and SSP3-7.0, with a third scenario, SSP2-4.5, available in 2025. NARCLiM2.0 has been designed to WCRP-CORDEX standards and provides users with state-of-the-art climate projections for Australia. NARCLiM1.0 was released in 2014. It contains simulations from four CMIP3 GCMs and three regional climate models (RCM) using WRF3.3 for one future GHG scenario (SRES A2). Time periods included are 1990 to 2009, 2020 to 2039 and 2060 to 2079, with a grid resolution of 10km for South-eastern Australia (NARCLiM domain) nested within a 50km grid for Australasia (CORDEX domain). NARCLiM1.0 data has been used for a range of NSW climate adaptation and impact studies and climate change visualisations. An enhanced set of climate projections (NARCLiM1.5) were released in 2020. NARCLiM1.5 contains simulations from three CMIP5 GCMs and two RCMs and two GHG scenarios (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5). The simulated time period is continuous from 1951 to 2100. NARCLiM1.5 has the same grid resolution as NARCLiM1.0 – a 10km grid nested within a 50km grid, and is useful for analysis of climate extremes, impact thresholds and stress testing. Each generation of NARCLiM is based on best available climate modelling and scenarios at the time of release. Consequently, there are expected differences between projections/results of the modelling but there are mostly similarities in trends (across NSW and over time). For more information on NARCLiM generations, please visit the AdaptNSW website (https://www.climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/narclim/using-narclim-data/narclim-generations-and-parameters). Model output NARCLiM climate projections data will be available on the NSW Climate Data Portal (https://www.climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/climate-data-portal), when the Portal is released in late 2024. The data is also currently available at the National Computational Infrastructure at ANU (https://nci.org.au/). The Climate Data Portal will provide users access to NARCLiM's most frequently used "core variables" at daily and monthly frequencies. Additionally, the Interactive climate change projections map (https://www.climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/projections-map) on AdaptNSW website provide translated climate data to a broad audience of users. For more information, contact us through the NARCLiM Mailbox, narclim@environment.nsw.gov.au.
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Purpose Decision making on impacts and risks from and adaptation to climate change

Status Completed

Spatial representation type None

Spatial reference system

Code identifying the spatial reference system 4283

Additional information source **NARClIM output**

The NARClIM models generate data for more than 100 variables. The most commonly used variables are provided on the Climate Data Portal in multiple formats. These include:

- 2-metre temperature (hourly)
- Daily maximum 2-metre temperature
- Daily minimum 2-metre temperature
- Precipitation

- Surface pressure
- 2-metre specific humidity (hourly)
- 10-metre wind speed (hourly)
- Surface evaporation
- Soil moisture
- Radiation (upward and downward longwave, upward and downward short wave)
- Forest fire danger index (FFDI)
- Areal potential evapotranspiration (APET)

For daily mean variables:

- Mean is average within daily values time: point values 1hour
- Max is maximum within daily values time: point values 1 hour
- Min is minimum within daily values time: point values 1 hour.
- Meantstep is average within daily values time: point values 300 second
- Maxtstep is maximum within daily values time: point values 300 second
- Mintstep is minimum within daily values time: point values 300 second

For monthly mean variables:

- Mean is average within monthly values time: point values 1hour
- Max is maximum within monthly values time: point values 1 hour
- Maxmean is mean of daily maximum within daily values: point value 1 hour
- Min is minimum within monthly values time: point values 1 hour
- Minmean is mean of daily minimum within daily values: point value 1 hour
- Meantstep is average within monthly values time: point values 300 second
- Maxtstep is maximum within monthly values time: point values 300 second
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Topic category

climatologyMeteorologyAtmosphere

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Originating controlled vocabulary	
Title	ANZLIC Search Words
Reference date	2008-05-16
Geographic location	
NSW Place Name	South-eastern Australia
Vertical extent information	
Minimum value	-100
Maximum value	2228
Coordinate reference system	
Authority code	urn:ogc:def:cs:EPSG::
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Begin position	1951-01-01
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Constraint set	
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Limitations on public access	
Scope	dataset
DQ Completeness Commission	
Effective date	2020-03-09
Explanation	Excess datum in the dataset are projections of southern Queensland, eastern South Australia and all of Victoria. NARCLiM Domain Grid Type: rotated pole Grid north pole: (141.38N, 60.31E) Grid corner (rotated coordinates): (174.42, -10.38) (-158.476, 5.724) Grid corner (regular coordinates): (133.7271, -39.7919) (168.1256, -22.4710)
DQ Completeness Omission	
Effective date	2020-03-09
Explanation	All data has been provided except for the variables 'snow amount' and 'sea surface temperature' at monthly, daily and 3-hourly timesteps. These variables can be derived at these temporal frequencies based on the raw model output developed for the project.
DQ Absolute External Positional Accuracy	
Effective date	2020-03-09
Explanation	Resolution is 10 km for the NARCLiM domain and 50 km for the CORDEX domain.
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