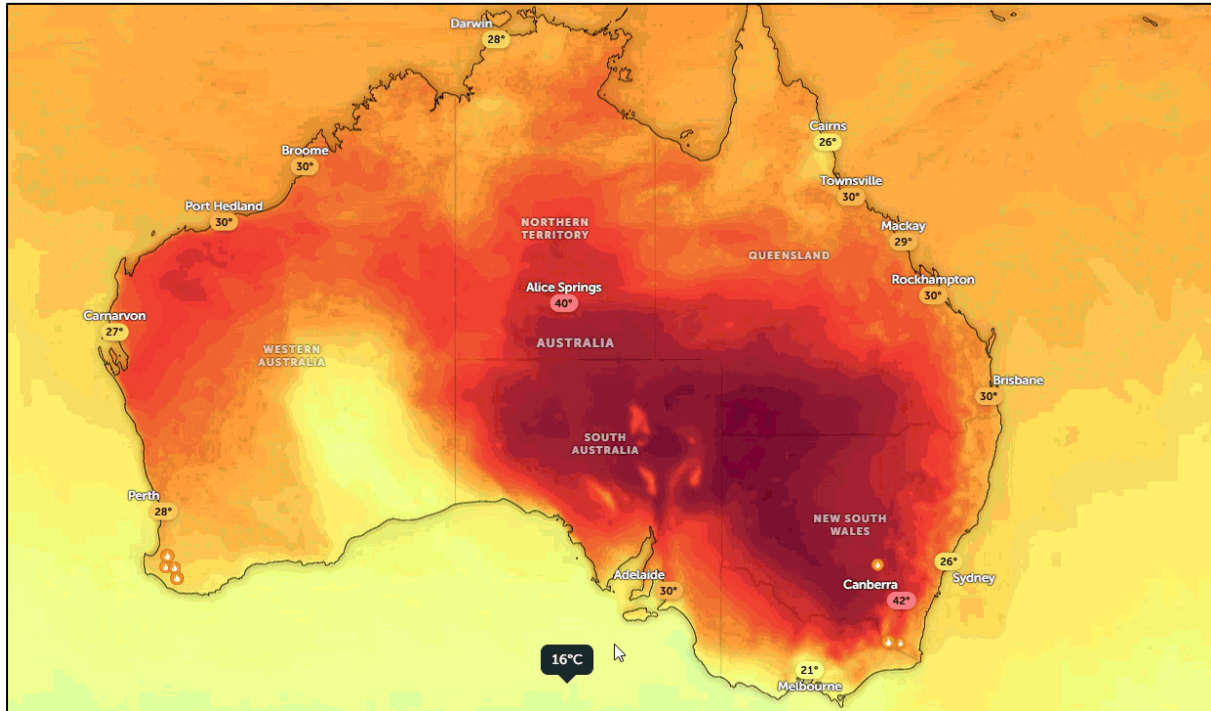




Extreme Heat – South Australia



Valid: From January 26th to January 30th, 2026

Affected Areas

Most affected areas include: Ceduna (peaking at a massive 49.5°C), Mildura and Ouyen (49°C, shattering Victoria's 150-year state record), and Hopetoun/Walpeup (48.9°C). Also, severely impacted regions include Melbourne (reaching 45°C; suburbs up to 47°C), Adelaide (44.4°C), and Renmark (49.6°C all-time record).

Hazard Types

Unprecedented record-breaking heatwave; Extreme to Catastrophic fire risk fueled by strong northwesterly winds; Mass casualty heat risk; Infrastructure & Transport paralysis; Acute health crises and Total Fire Bans across multiple states.

Hazard Summary

A complex low-pressure system and ironically a weak cold front are working to draw warm air from central Australia a lot further south than usual, resulting in maximums between 42-49°C across much of the nation's southeast. Bushfire risk is extreme, with strong northwesterly winds ahead of the approaching frontal system over South Australia and Victoria. Moreover, in rural areas a run of 42°C+ maximum temperatures will continue until at least Saturday.