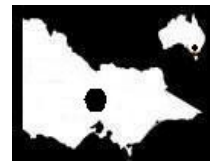


THE AUTUMN FORECAST

FOR CENTRAL VICTORIA 2012



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THE ROLE OF COSMIC FORCES IN RECENT WEATHER EVENTS

The main Summer rain event that I predicted would occur close to Christmas touched down in the northern suburbs of Melbourne on Christmas Day inflicting massive damage with heavy hail and 100mm of rain. A similar storm event crashed through the apple orchards of Harcourt on 10th February, delivering heavy hail and about 90mm of rainfall.

Both of these major storm events occurred when the moon's positive energy forces were at peak strength for the month (i.e. Sun and Moon were in close conjunction near the time of the Moon's Southern Declination point.)

From February onwards, these cosmic forces will start to move out of phase with each other. Consequently, rains in Winter/Spring will not be enhanced to any great degree by these lunar forces. In Winter, the lunar forces will be at their weakest, then slowly start to build up again to be at peak strength during November.

COLD WATER ANOMALY PRODUCED A DRY SUMMER

Generally most of Australia south of Sydney had a fairly dry Summer. This was the consequence of the rapid cooling of the sea surface from the east of Australia south of QLD all the way to New Zealand.

Moist air flows from the Pacific were directed northward along the northern flank of that cold water anomaly into southeast QLD which produced extreme floods in that area for the second year.

EL NINO IS DEVELOPING

The patterns of warm and cold sea surface anomalies are now clearly showing the start of the next El Nino. These developing anomalies - together with the recent development of a large cold sea surface anomaly to the east of QLD - indicate to me that mainly below average rains for most of the Winter/Spring should be expected. As the SOI drops back into the negative numbers during Autumn, north west Indian Ocean jet-stream moisture will enhance many of the rain events.

GLOBAL TEMPERATURE COMING DOWN

Temperature records in 2011 showed that an accelerating cooling trend has taken over from the warming trend that was evident up until 2004. As I predicted in my Summer forecast, 2011 finished up with a HadCrut3 temperature of only 0.340°C above the 1961-1990 average. Global sea levels remain the best indicators of definitive global warming or cooling. See www.climate4you.com (Ocean section, last graph) and note how the long-term trend line continues downward. That website now has many mainstream scientific graphs clearly showing this cooling trend.

THE QUIET SUN POINTS TO FUTURE SUN HIBERNATION (2015-2045 COLD PERIOD)

NASA has again revised down its sunspot prediction which in just a few years has changed from **the highest in 400 years** to the **lowest for 100 years**. (See new paper on my website "*NASA FLIPPED ITS SUNSPOTS 2006-2012*")

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In brief: A good start to the growing season can be expected.

Overall I predict the Autumn period will produce a good start to a very dry overall season. On the positive side, we have three of the most influential planets at their closest points to Earth during Autumn. However, during Winter and Spring there will be no such positive planetary influences, so I forecast well below-average rains to follow on after the good Autumn break. **Victorian reservoirs' will hardly register any inflows this Winter/Spring.**

The most likely time for the early Autumn rains is in the second week of March. The best mid-Autumn rains should be in the second week of April. The heaviest rain for Autumn is likely to fall at the end of the first week of May. So with a generous helping of good luck, the early-planted crops should be looking very good by the end of May. Furthermore, I forecast that most of the early crops will need to be cut for hay before the end of Spring. Hard-grown early crops should make top quality export hay this year. Irrigation will deliver maximum value for money this year.

Rain patterns will be patchy. Few wide-spread rains will sweep across the state after August. As a result, I predict very low rainfall totals for Central Victoria this Winter and Spring - approximately 70% of average rainfall. Bendigo's rainfall will be less than 400mm, with about one-third of the year's rainfall falling mid-November and mid-December.

I hope this information will assist you to develop the best plans for the growing season ahead. Regards, Kevin.

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