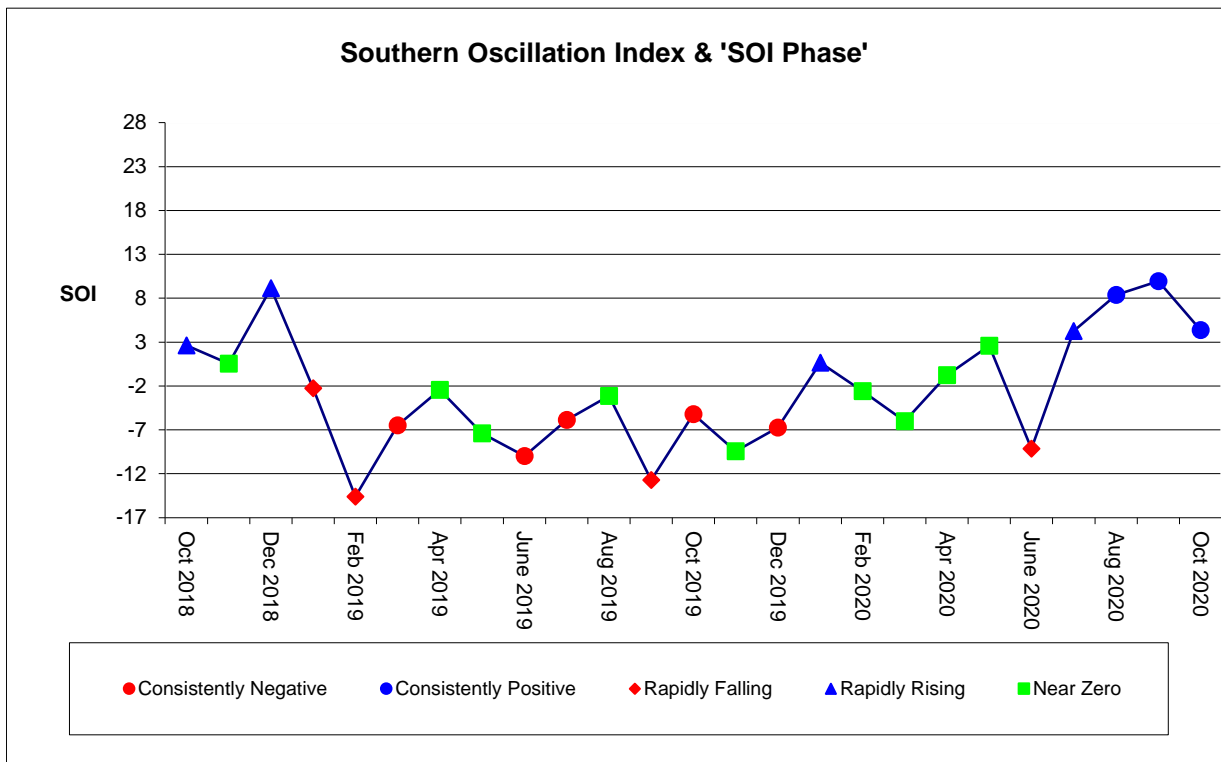


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SOI TRACKER:

The monthly average SOI for October was positive 4.37 (+4.37) compared to positive 9.93 (+9.93) in September. Therefore the SOI phase for October came out as "Consistently Positive".

	SOI VALUE	SOI PHASE
End of November 2019	-9.45	"Consistently Near Zero"
End of December 2019	-6.72	"Consistently Negative"
End of January 2020	0.65	"Rapidly Rising"
End of February 2020	-2.6	"Consistently Near Zero"
End of March 2020	-6.02	"Consistently Near Zero"
End of April 2020	-0.75	"Consistently Near Zero"
End of May 2020	2.57	"Consistently Near Zero"
End of June 2020	-9.13	"Rapidly Falling"
End of July 2020	4.25	"Rapidly Rising"
End of August 2020	8.39	"Consistently Positive"
End of September 2020	9.93	"Consistently Positive"
End of October 2020	4.37	"Consistently Positive"



RAINFALL OUTLOOK

- Median rainfall for November-December at Macknade is equal to 197.9 mm.
- Based on the new SOI phase, we have calculated the chance of exceeding median rainfall for November-December for the Herbert region to be 75%. (A 50% chance is what would be considered the 'normal chance' of experiencing above median rainfall).
- The Upper Quartile (top quartile of rainfall) for November-December at Macknade is equal to 344.7 mm.
- Based on past rainfall events over a period of more than 110 years, the chance of experiencing excessively high rainfall (i.e. rainfall greater than the upper quartile) is equal to 47%. (25% chance is what would be considered the 'normal chance' of experiencing excessively high rainfall.)

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER RAIN OUTLOOK FOR INGHAM IN DETAIL:

Since 1892 when rainfall records commenced at Macknade, there have been 36 occasions when the SOI phase at the end of October was “Consistently Positive”. These years were:

1892 1893 1894 1903 1906 1908 1910 1916 1917 1921 1922 1924
 1928 1935 1938 1942 1943 1945 1955 1962 1964 1970 1971 1973
 1974 1975 1983 1988 1989 1996 1998 2000 2008 2010 2011 2017

During those 36 years, total rainfall for November-December exceeded the median 27 times. Therefore the chance of exceeding median rainfall for November-December is $27/36 = 75\%$.

A high amount of rainfall (i.e. rain greater than 344.7 mm) resulted 17 times. So the chance of high rainfall is equal to $17/36 = 47\%$.

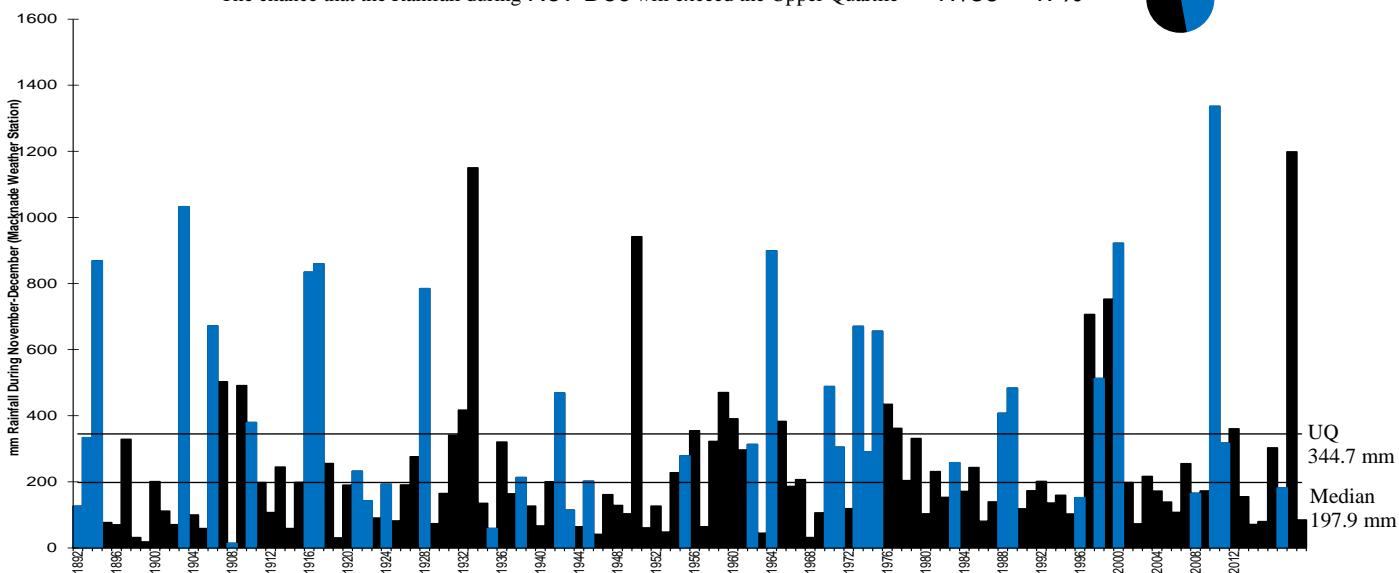
There have been 36 years when the SOI phase at the end of Oct was in a Consistently Positive phase (coloured Bars)

In 27 of those years the rainfall during Nov-Dec exceeded the median.

The chance that the Rainfall during Nov-Dec will exceed the median = $27/36 = 75\%$

In 17 of those years the Rainfall during Nov-Dec exceeded the Upper Quartile.

The chance that the Rainfall during Nov-Dec will exceed the Upper Quartile = $17/36 = 47\%$



Comparison to Last Year

	November-December 2020	November-December 2019
SOI Phase	Consistently Positive	Consistently Negative
Chance of above median rainfall	75%	23%
Chance of excessively high rainfall	47%	15%

For information on sea surface temperatures and general climate information, please see <http://www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au> and <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead>.

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