

Australia's worst storms



■ **1899, Cyclone Mahina:** Australia's deadliest natural disaster, kills 400 people in northeast Queensland

■ **1918:** Two cyclones, at up to Category 5, hit Queensland within two months, killing 120 people

■ **1974, Cyclone Tracy:** Christmas Day storm with gusts up to 250km/h destroys 70% of Darwin, killing 71

■ **1975, Cyclone Joan:** Among most intense cyclones to hit Australia, but remarkably, no casualties

■ **1996, Cyclone Olivia:** Strongest ever wind gust, recorded at 408km/h off western Australia

■ **2005, Cyclone Ingrid:** Category 5 cyclone sweeps through Queensland, Northern Territory and W. Australia

■ **2006, Cyclone Larry:** Causes over A\$1 billion in damage to crops and infrastructure in north Queensland

■ **2011, Cyclone Yasi:** Category 5 cyclone causes massive damage with 300km/h winds. No reports of fatalities or serious injuries