

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 30-2 Oct 1930	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Tasman Sea	Pressure Gradient: S to SW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone from the Tasman sea moved across NZ and was near the Chatham Islands on the 30th where a low 9am pressure reading of 985 hPa was recorded. An anticyclone then moved onto NZ and the collision of these two weather systems created a strong S to SW airstream over NZ.

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Wellington's south coast

Impact Area

Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Ferry 'Maori' ran into a whole gale and heavy seas all the way to Lyttelton; worst trip this year
- Ferry 'Maori' experienced 3 stormy trips so far this year (1930): 29th May, 11 June and 30th
- Fishing launch capsized and driven ashore at Owhiro Bay; launch struck by huge seas
- Heavy seas on Wellington south coast

Wairarapa

- Mountainous seas off Castlepoint and seas estimated at hurricane force by one ship

Data Source

- 1 Prolonged Trip: Evening Post, 3/10/1930, p7
- 2 The Recent Storm - Rough Coastal Trips - Acasta's Experience: Evening Post, 3/10/1930, p7
- 3 A Southerly Storm - Maori Again Buffeted - The Worst for Years: Evening Post, 2/10/1930, p11
- 4 Where is Spring - Prospects Now Better - Kosmos In Intense Storm: Evening Post, 1/10/1930
- 5 Lost in the Storm - Launch Capsizes - Three Men Drowned - Survivor Story: Evening Post, 1/10/1930, p10