

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 10-12 Apr 1931	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Not Specified	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Not Specified	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Eastern NZ	Pressure Gradient: S to SW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone developed west of NZ and on the 10th was centred in Cook Strait. It then moved eastward to be near the Chatham Islands and deepened, while an intense anticyclone near Eastern Australia extended a ridge onto the South Island. This created a steep pressure gradient and strong southerly airstream over eastern NZ

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Wellington south coast

Impact Area

Wellington

Impacts and Damages

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- Staging on Island Bay wahft carried away by heavy seas
- Heavy seas on south coast
- Only ship to leave Port was the ferry 'Maori'; arrived 3 hours late at Lyttelton

Data Source

- 1 Ferry Steamer Delayed: Evening Post, 13/04/1931, p10
- 2 A Hard Southerly - Saturdays Storm: Evening Post, 13/04/1931, p10