

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 12-14 Jun 1939	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Subtropics	Pressure Gradient: S to SW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

Low pressures over NZ and extensive anticyclone advancing across the Tasman sea; weather reports indicate this cyclone formed to the north of NZ and moved over the country and moved only slowly southeast-ward to be off East Cape on the 13th

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Wellington south coast

Impact Area

Gisborne
Napier
Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Snow in high country
- Snow around city
- Wellington swept by fierce winds reaching gale force in exposed places
- Heavy seas in Cook Strait
- Air services across Cook Strait cancelled

Data Source

- 1 Cold Southerly Gale - Province in Grip of Winter - Heavy Falls of Snow: Dominion Post, 14/06/1936, p10
- 2 Heavy Rain - Hail - Wellington Squalls: Gisborne Herald, 13/06/1939, p6
- 3 Wintry Weather - Cold Snap Throughout Province - Heavy Falls of Snow: Dominion Post, 13/06/1939, p10
- 4 Bitterest Day - Snow Low Down on Hills - Cold Rain on Lowlands - Stock Losses Not Feared: Gisborne Herald, 13/06/1939, p4
- 5 Torrential rain in Wellington - Display of Lightning - Low Barometric Pressure: Dominion Post, 12/06/1939, p6