

# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

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| Date: <b>26-28 Jun 1947</b>                 | Wind Direction: <b>S</b>       |
| Event Type: <b>Wind/Wave</b>                | Gisborne Duration (Hours): -   |
| Location: <b>Gisborne/Napier/Wellington</b> | Wellington Duration (Hours): - |
| Origin: <b>Tasman Sea</b>                   | Pressure Gradient: <b>S</b>    |
| Type: <b>East Coast Low</b>                 |                                |

## Synoptic Conditions

A deep cyclone moved eastward across the North Island from the south Tasman sea and then moved eastward off the east coast, while a large anticyclone was centred over the South Tasman sea; this cyclone was lying about 200 miles east of East Cape on the morning of the 28th and then moved rapidly southeast-ward.

## Sea Conditions

Heavy seas around Wellington, Napier and Gisborne

## Impact Area

## Impacts and Damages

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| Gisborne   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Heavy seas in Poverty Bay</li><li>● Heavy winds and rain</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Napier     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Coastal vessel Hautapu forced back to Napier Port due to high seas</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Wellington | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Road blockages and localised surface flooding</li><li>● New concrete seawall at southern end of Eastbourne damaged by high seas; waves swept over road</li><li>● Shipping at a standstill due to bad sea conditions and zero visibility</li><li>● Mountainous seas on south coast and in Cook Strait</li><li>● Two days of strong southerly winds</li></ul> |
| Wairarapa  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Flooding in Wairarapa</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Data Source

- 1 Ships Put Back - Terrific Seas Met - Napier Trawler Lost: Gisborne Herald, 30/06/1947, p6
- 2 Terrific Seas - Hinemoa Buffeted - Voyage in Daylight: Gisborne Herald, 30/06/1947, p6
- 3 Heavy Flood Toll - Wairarapa Area Inundated: Gisborne Herald, 30/06/1947, p6
- 4 Gardens Suffer - Weekend Storm - Heavy Wind and Rain: Gisborne Herald, 30/06/1947, p6
- 5 Wind Speeds Abate: Evening Post, 30/06/1947, p8
- 6 Terrific Seas - Ships Put Back: Evening Post, 30/06/1947, p8
- 7 Heavy Flooding in Southern Part of North Island: Dominion Post, 30/06/1947, p9
- 8 Huge Seas meet Hinemoa Going to Lyttelton: Dominion Post, 30/06/1947, p9
- 9 Serious Storm Damage - Roads Blocked - Heavy Flooding - Shipping Services Affected: Evening Post, 28/06/1947, p10
- 10 Ships Stay in Port - Cook Strait Storm: Gisborne Herald, 28/06/1947, p6
- 11 Storm Lashes Wellington - Worst of Winter - Sips and Flooding - Harbour Works Pounded: Gisborne Herald, 28/06/1947, p6
- 12 Heavy Rain and Bleak Wind in City Yesterday: Dominion Post, 27/06/1947, p8