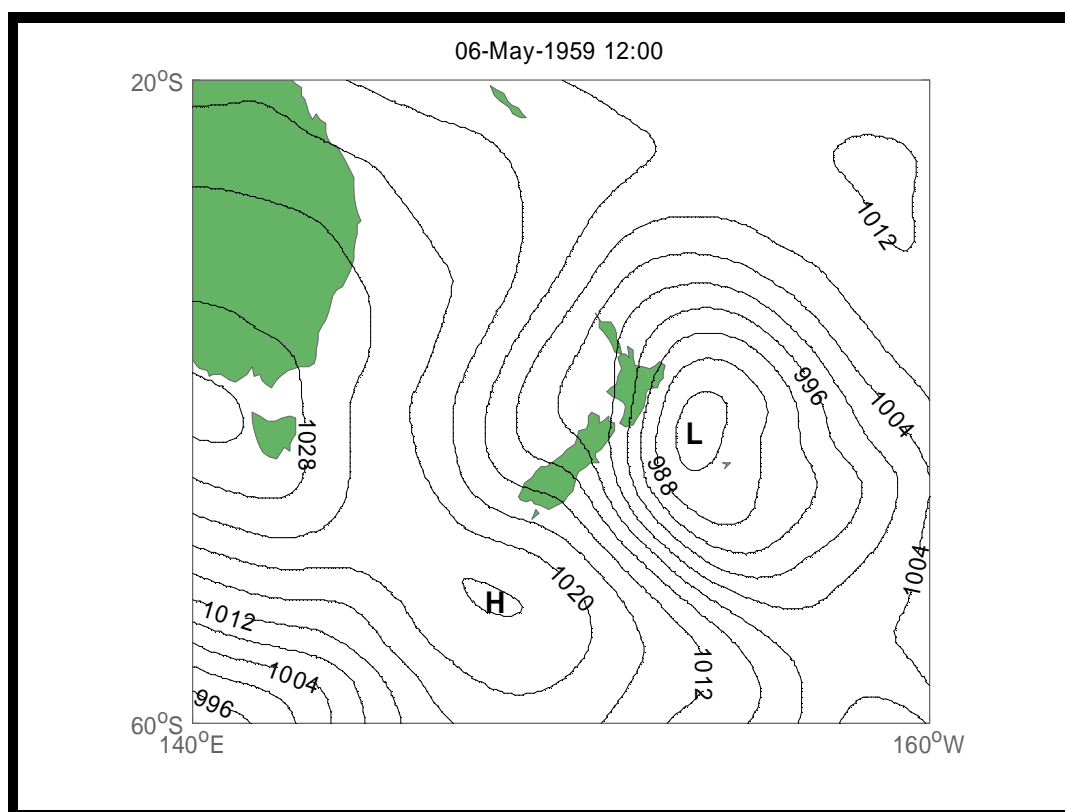


# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>6-7 May 1959</b>	Wind Direction:
Event Type: <b>Wave</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: <b>Gisborne/Wellington</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: <b>Southern Ocean</b>	Pressure Gradient: <b>S to SSE</b>
Type: <b>East Coast Low</b>	



## Synoptic Conditions

A southern ocean secondary low developed just south of Stewart Island and moved northeastward to off the east coast of NZ. On the 5th and 6th it was a large cyclonic system east of NZ and embedded between two large intense anticyclones and a ridge extending to the south. A strong southerly airstream was created on the western side of the cyclone and swept over eastern NZ and was strongest in the Cook Strait area and eastern North Island. This cyclone remained off the NZ east coast through to the 8th but had weakened on the 7th and veered more to the SSE.

## Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Wellington south coast

## Impact Area

Gisborne  
Wellington

## Impacts and Damages

- Gale force winds and heavy rain
- Fishing fleet remained in Port
- Ferry Tamahine postponed
- Coastal shipping experienced difficult berthing and departing port due to winds and stormy seas; some sheltering in Cook Strait
- Winds gusted to 97 km/hr
- Big waves at Lyall Bay and breaking over breakwater at Moa Point Road

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**Data Source**

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  - 4 Gales, Floods, Rain & Snow in Many Districts: Gisborne Herald, 7/05/1959, p6
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