

# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: **26-27 Apr 1966**

Wind Direction: **S**

Event Type: **Wind**

Gisborne Duration (Hours): **-**

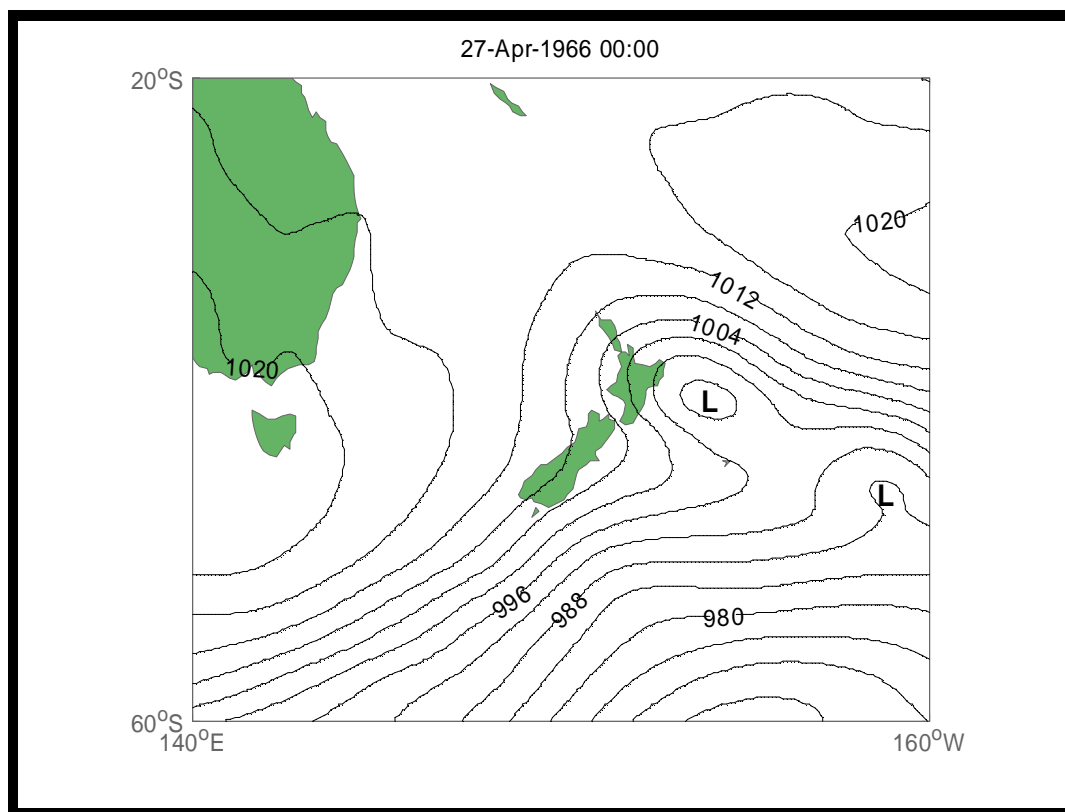
Location: **Wellington**

Wellington Duration (Hours): **26**

Origin: **Subtropics**

Pressure Gradient: **S to SE**

Type: **East Coast Low**



## Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone travelled southeast-ward from the Coral sea (west of New Caledonia) and tracked across the North Island. On the 26th this cyclone was east of Hawkes Bay and its western side covered the eastern North Island with a strong S to SE airstream. By the 27th a ridge of high pressure had spread onto NZ.

## Impact Area

Wellington

## Impacts and Damages

- Launch broke moorings at Island Bay and waves pounding it at the shoreline
- 4ft of water over road in Upper Hutt (Silverstream Bridge) causing major traffic disruptions

## Data Source

- 1 Seas Chase It Up the Beach: Evening Post, 28/04/1966, p20
- 2 Roads Closed and Wide Flooding after Torrential Rain: Evening Post, 26/04/1966, p18