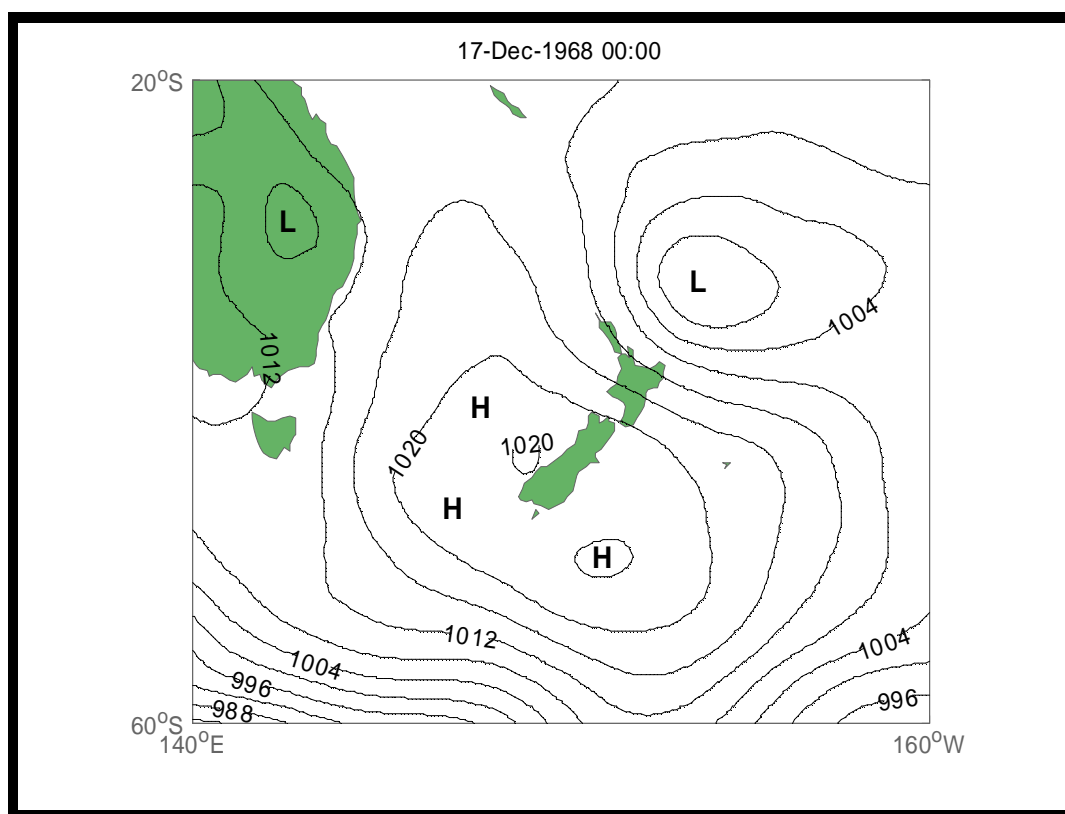


Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 16-17 Dec 1968	Wind Direction: S
Event Type: Wind	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Gisborne/Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): 26
Origin: Subtropics	Pressure Gradient: SE to ESE
Type: Subtropical Low	



Synoptic Conditions

A subtropical cyclone from near New Caledonia moved southward towards NZ while NZ was covered by a large anticyclone. On the 15th the cyclone was northeast of North Cape and covered the North Island with a ESE airstream and the South Island was covered with high pressure. This cyclone remained in the same relative position on the 16th and the ESE to SE winds continued to affect the upper North Island and the anticyclone remained over the South Island. On the 17th the cyclone had moved eastward and the winds continued in the morning but later weakened.

Impact Area

Gisborne
East Cape

Impacts and Damages

- Telephone lines down around city from gale-force winds
- Verandah blown off shop and window blown in at local school

Data Source

- 1 Backlash of Storm Should Miss City: Gisborne Herald, 16/12/1968, p1
- 2 Verandah Blown off Building: Gisborne Herald, 17/12/1968, p1
- 3 Threat of Tropical Storm Fails to Materialise: Evening Post, 16/12/1968, p13
- 4 Hurricane Tail Lashes Gisborne Area: Evening Post, 17/12/1968, p12