

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 30-2 May 1932	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Napier/Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Subtropics	Pressure Gradient: S to SE
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone was off East Cape and created a strong S to SE airstream along the eastern North Island. At the same time pressures were high over the South Island. A low pressure reading of 1003 hPa was recorded at East Cape while high pressures of 1021 hPa at Dunedin

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Napier coast

Impact Area

Napier

Impacts and Damages

- Mouth of Ngaruroro river flooding parts of Haumoana and residential baches; swollen river was backed up heavy seas

- Flooding between Napier and Hastings

East Coast

- Strong southerly winds affected shipping along East Coast and at Wellington

Auckland

- Heavy seas at Mission Bay

Data Source

- 1 Storm Affects Ships: Dominion Post, 2/05/1932, p8
- 2 Hawkes Bay Flood - Inland Farm Area - And at River Mouth: Dominion Post, 2/05/1932, p8
- 3 Hawkes Bay Flood - Large Area Affected - A Serious Position: Gisborne Herald, 2/05/1932, p6