

# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>2-4 Jul 1934</b>	Wind Direction: <b>S</b>
Event Type: <b>Wind/Wave/Erosion</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: <b>Wellington</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: <b>Tasman Sea</b>	Pressure Gradient: <b>S to SE</b>
Type: <b>East Coast Low</b>	

## Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone was over East Cape while an anticyclone was in the south Tasman. This cyclone generated a strong S to SE airstream between East Cape and Cook Strait.

## Sea Conditions

Exceptionally heavy seas on Wellington south coast

## Impact Area

Wellington

## Impacts and Damages

- Shipping faced delays from bad sea conditions
- For more than 12 hours a southerly gale swept over city
- Southerly swell and high tides caused further erosion at Eastbourne and back fell down 15ft erosion scarp onto beach; house next door on edge
- Ferry 'Maori' delayed in arriving in Lyttelton due to heavy seas
- Heavy seas in Cook Strait and on south coast
- Heavy seas on Canterbury coast were breaking over main road in places

Canterbury

## Data Source

- 1 Tail-end of Storm - Gisborne Formulae - Snow in High Country: Gisborne Herald, 5/07/1934, p6
- 2 Ferry Delayed: Gisborne Herald, 4/07/1934, p6
- 3 Rimutaka's Blocked - Motorists Ordeal: Gisborne Herald, 4/07/1934, p6
- 4 Wild Day and Wild Night - Wairarapa Experience: Evening Post, 4/07/1934, p10
- 5 Heavy Storm - Wellington Gets It - Veritable Blizzard - Boisterous Southerly Gale: Evening Post, 4/07/1934, p10
- 6 A Bach on the Beach: Evening Post, 3/07/1934, p7
- 7 Bitter Storm - Blizzard in the South - Record Snowfalls - Roads Blocked: Evening Post, 2/07/1934, p6