

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 21-23 May 1935	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Tasman Sea	Pressure Gradient: S
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

An intense depression from the Tasman sea was centred east of East Cape on 22nd while an anticyclone moved slowly across the Tasman sea. A strong southerly airstream developed between them over NZ

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Wellington south coast

Impact Area

Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- High seas at Petone reached up to gardens of private houses
- Ships delayed by heavy seas in along east coast
- Ferry 'Tamahine' struck by large waves on Cook Strait crossing
- Chimneys, fences, trees, and telephone lines brought down
- Rough seas in harbour damaged the Hutt Road railway line; waves broke over the road
- Heavy southerly gale overnight
- Flooding in Masterton as Waipoua river broke its banks

Wairarapa

Data Source

- 1 Shipping Delayed - Heavy Seas in Strait: Evening Post, 23/05/1935, p10
- 2 Storm and Flood - Southerly Gale - Wellington Swept - Heavy Rain in Parts: Evening Post, 23/05/1935, p10
- 3 Worse Ever Known - Wairarapa Deluge - Settlers Marooned: Gisborne Herald, 23/05/1935, p6
- 4 Tamahine Damaged - Struck by Heavy Seas - Passenger Ordeal: Gisborne Herald, 23/05/1935, p6
- 5 Gale in Wellington - Much Minor Damage - Rough Seas in Harbour: Gisborne Herald, 23/05/1935 p6