

# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>13-15 Jan 1940</b>	Wind Direction:
Event Type: <b>Wind</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: <b>Gisborne/Napier</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: <b>Subtropics</b>	Pressure Gradient: <b>NE</b>
Type: <b>Tasman Sea Low</b>	

## Synoptic Conditions

This cyclone first noticed near Wyndham in Northern Australia (Coral sea) on the 6th; it then moved eastward and was near New Caledonia on the 9th; then on the 12th it was located northwest of Norfolk Island

## Impact Area

Gisborne

Napier

Auckland

## Impacts and Damages

- Power disruptions caused by strong winds
- Campers on coast had tents ripped apart
- Wild gale on Saturday night (13th) from E to SE continued through to morning
- Heavy rain and strong northeast gale damaged crops
- Bach swept off foundations at Waipu Cove and deposited in nearby stream
- Waves between 6-8 m breaking over breastwork of waterfront road at Kohimarama; shops flooded by seawater

## Data Source

- 1 Damage to Crops - Hawkes Bay Winds: Evening Post, 15/01/1940, p9
- 2 Severe Storm in Auckland - Many Yachts Broken Up on Rocks - Kohimarama Shops Flooded: Dominion Post, 15/01/1940, p9
- 3 Path of Cyclone - Centre over Dominion - Wind of 72 mph - Unusual High Feature: Gisborne Herald, 16/01/1940, p11
- 4 Bach Washed Away - Deposited in Creek - High Seas in Northland: Gisborne Herald, 16/01/1940, p6
- 5 Damage to Fruit - NE Gale - Hawkes Bay Swept: Gisborne Herald, 15/01/1940, p8
- 6 Minor Damage - Gale over Weekend - Widespread Effects - Beach Campers Suffer - Tents Ripped to Ribbons: Gisborne Herald, 15/01/1940, p7