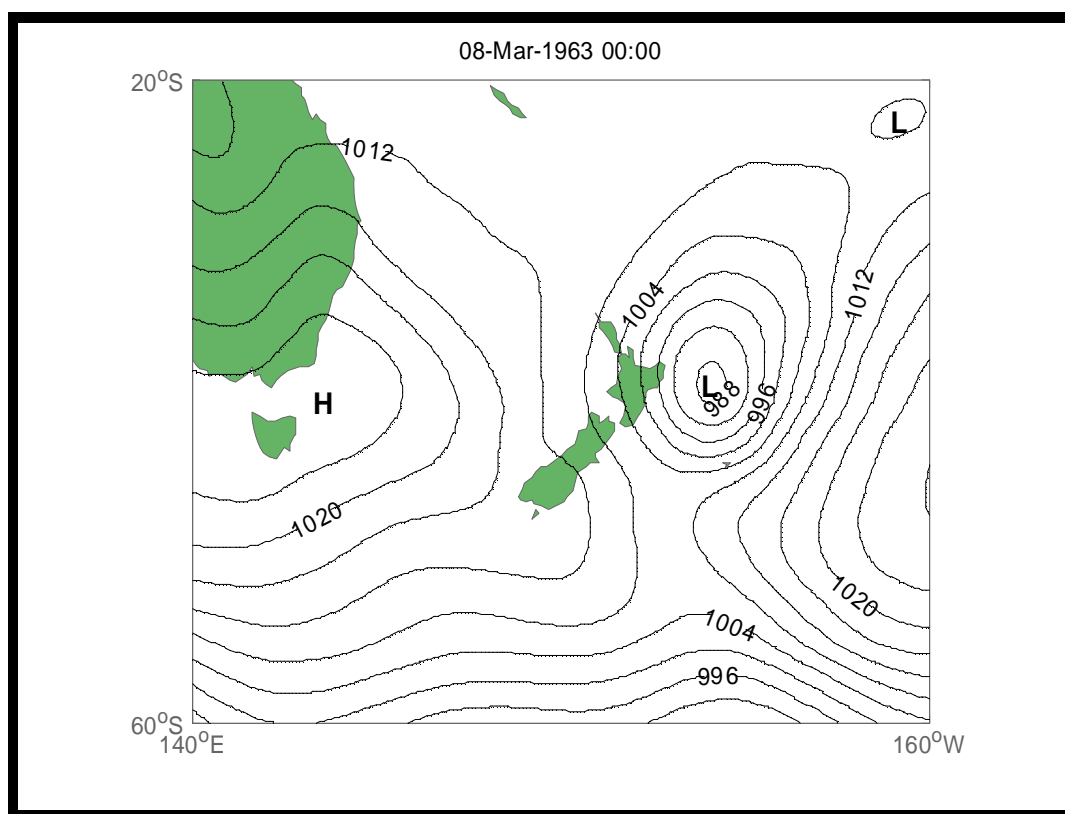


# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>8-10 Mar 1963</b>	Wind Direction: <b>S</b>
Event Type: <b>Wind/Wave</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): <b>-</b>
Location: <b>Gisborne/Wellington</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): <b>34</b>
Origin: <b>Subtropics</b>	Pressure Gradient: <b>S to SE</b>
Type: <b>East Coast Low</b>	



## Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone from east of New Caledonia moved southward and on the 7th was embedded between two large anticyclones and was east of Gisborne. On the western side of the low was a strong SSE to SE airstream that swept over the eastern North Island. On the 8th the cyclone had tracked further southward and was south of the Chatham Islands with a weak S to SSE flow spreading over the upper South Island. It then strengthened again on the 9th in the Cook Strait area. Over the duration of this event, a strong pressure gradient was observed only on the 7th and 9th.

## Sea Conditions

High waves on Napier, Wellington, and Canterbury coasts

## Impact Area

Napier

Wellington

Canterbury

## Impacts and Damages

- Medium to heavy waves at Westshore Beach
- 2 fisherman missing in Cook Strait; heavy seas and huge waves described
- Heavy seas off Canterbury coast

## Data Source

- 1 Disabled and Drifting in Slowly Sinking Boat: Gisborne Herald, 8/03/1963, p8
- 2 Abrupt Change in Weekend Weather: Evening Post, 11/03/1963, p15
- 3 Grave Fears Held for Fisherman Lost in Open Boat: Evening Post, 9/03/1963, p20

