

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 24-25 Jun 1931	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Tasman Sea	Pressure Gradient: S to SW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone crossed northern NZ and on the 23rd was east of Cook Strait. On the 24th it was an intense cyclone north of the Chatham Islands; however, pressures were rising over NZ with the advance of an anticyclone across the Tasman sea. This created a steep pressure gradient and S and SW winds swept over NZ

Sea Conditions

Huge seas along east coast

Impact Area

East Coast

Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Huge seas along the east coast delayed coastal shipping
- Southerly gale described by incoming ships at Wellington as one of worst for several years

Data Source

- 1 Well Buffeted - Wakakura in Storm - Band 24 Hours: Evening Post, 1/07/1931, p11
- 2 Heaviest for Years - This Weeks Gale - Shipping Buffeted: Gisborne Herald, 26/06/1931, p10
- 3 Canterbury Gale - Shipping Much Delayed: Gisborne Herald, 24/06/1931, p8