

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 2-4 May 1934	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wind	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Gisborne	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Subtropics	Pressure Gradient: E to NE
Type: Tasman Sea Low	

Synoptic Conditions

High pressures covered NZ with the anticyclone centre off the East coast on the 1st. A cyclone approached North Cape from the northwest, deepened and then moved southward to be off the Taranaki coast and enveloping NZ on 4th. At the same time pressures are high east of NZ. Between these systems a NE airstream developed over the the upper North Island and over East Cape

Impact Area

Gisborne

Auckland

Canterbury

Impacts and Damages

- Liner forced to leave Tokomaru Bay wharf
- Coastal cargo fleet from Auckland but cargo couldn't be unloaded
- Conditions described as an "easterly buster"; a whole gale swept the district
- Erosion at Milford beach from big NE seas
- Banks Peninsula isolated by floodwaters

Data Source

- 1 Flood Damage - Litter River Area - Damage to Railway - Farmers Washed Out: Evening Post, 5/05/1934, p14
- 2 Storm Moves South - Outlook Unpromising - Southerly Weather: Evening Post, 4/05/1934, p8
- 3 Pounding Seas - Damage at Milford - Section Washed Away: Gisborne Herald, 4/05/1934, p8
- 4 Auckland Deluge - Queen Street Flooded - Gale Caused Damage - Shippnig Buffetted: Gisborne Herald, 4/05/1934, p7
- 5 Overnight Gale - Small Damage Done - Shipping Delayed - Liner Leaves Tokomaru Bay: Gisborne Herald, 4/05/1934, p6