

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 17-19 May 1934	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wind/Wave/Erosion	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Tasman Sea	Pressure Gradient: S to SW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

A secondary cyclone moved onto the South Island and deepened. It then moved eastward and was over the Chatham Islands on the 18th. The southerly airstream in its wake then spread over the eastern North Island

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Wellington south coast

Impact Area

Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Serious erosion at Muritai (Eastbourne) by heavy seas; houses very close to the edge
- Heavy seas on south coast
- Coastal vessel Margaret W had to seek shelter in Worsley Bay from a southerly gale

Canterbury

- Snow, sleet and hail around Christchurch
- House unroofed in Christchurch; SW gale

Data Source

- 1 Stormy Seas at the Heads (Picture): Evening Post, 19/05/1934, p11
- 2 House Unroofed - Nerve-Racking Experience: Evening Post, 18/05/1934, p9
- 3 Snow, Sleet and Hail - Storm in the South - Southwest Gale: Evening Post, 18/05/1934, p9
- 4 A Deluge and Wind: Evening Post, 18/05/1934, p9
- 5 Four Men Rescued - Lifeboat Battle - Storm at Lyttelton: Gisborne Herald, 18/05/1934, p10
- 6 Shelter Sought - The Margaret W - Caught in Southerly: Gisborne Herald, 18/05/1934, p5
- 7 Gale in Canterbury - Damage at Lyttelton - More Flooding Feared: Gisborne Herald, 18/05/1934, p10