

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 4-6 May 1935	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Gisborne	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Southern Ocean	Pressure Gradient: S to SW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

A deep cyclone is passing eastward to the south of NZ. At the same time a large anticyclone was moving eastward in the Tasman sea. Between these systems a strong southerly airstream developed. On the 4th and 5th this cyclone was east of the NZ and the S to SW airstream continued

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Gisborne coast

Impact Area

Gisborne

Impacts and Damages

- Seaward end of harbour breakwater submerged by large waves
- At high tide, water wahed over sand-dunes and down into Grey St as far inland as Salisbury Road corner by large surf
- Heavy seas lashed coastline; heaviest seen for a long time

East Coast

- Coastal shipping forced to shelter due to heavy sea conditions

Canterbury

- Severe southerly raged over Christchurch

Data Source

- 1 Vicious Southerly - Storm in Canterbury - Little Damage Done: Gisborne Herald, 7/05/1935, p4
- 2 Heavy Seas in Bay - Biggest for a Long Time - Run into Salisbury Road: Gisborne Herald, 7/05/1935, p4
- 3 Wintry Weather - Many Falls of Snow - A Cheerless Outlook: Evening Post, 6/05/1935, p11
- 4 Southerly Storm - Snow in Canterbury: Gisborne Herald, 6/05/1935, p8