

# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>30-2 May 1936</b>	Wind Direction:
Event Type: <b>Not Specified</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: <b>Not Specified</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: <b>Tasman Sea</b>	Pressure Gradient: <b>S to SW</b>
Type: <b>East Coast Low</b>	

## Synoptic Conditions

An intense cyclone moved onto the North Island from the west and was centred over Cook Strait on the 30th. This cyclone then moved southeast-ward and was over the Chatham Islands on the 1st

## Sea Conditions

Phenomenally high seas on Wellington south coast

## Impact Area

## Impacts and Damages

Gisborne	• Lowest pressure in memory of 975 hPa at 9am
Wellington	• Low pressure reading of 972 hPa at 9am on the 2nd
	• Portion of road washed away and water over road at Lyall Bay Queens Drive
	• Hutt Road blocked by seawater near Ngauranga
	• Wahine experienced winds of Beaufort scale 8-9 on trip south to Lyttelton
	• Heavy seas on south coast and in Cook Strait
North Island	• Gale of unusual severity
Canterbury	• Chatham Islands reported low pressure reading of 962 hPa at 9am on the 2nd

## Data Source

- 1 Storm Factors - Recent Sequence - Series of Depressions - Worst Southerly Known: Gisborne Herald, 6/05/1936, p2
- 2 Widespread Storm - Much Damage Done - Communications Interrupted - A Threatening Forecast: Evening Post, 2/05/1936, p10
- 3 Official Report - Remarkable Readings - Lowest Since 1871: Evening Post, 2/05/1936, p10
- 4 Wellington Suffers - Houses Damaged - Road Washed Away: Gisborne Herald, 2/05/1936, p15
- 5 Swept by Gale - Widespread Damage - Canterbury Suffers - Trees and Fences Down: Gisborne Herald, 2/05/1936, p15
- 6 Steamers Ordeal - Lyttelton Harbour Gale - Unprecedented Squalls - Vessels Unmanageable: Gisborne Herald, 2/05/1936, p15
- 7 North Island Storm - Meagre Information - Traffic Dislocated - Auckland Isolated: Gisborne Herald, 2/05/1936, p4
- 8 High Tides and High Seas: Gisborne Herald, 1/05/1936, p12