

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 20-21 Jul 1936	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Tasman Sea	Pressure Gradient: S to SW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

An intense cyclone crossed NZ on the 18th and was followed by a secondary centre. This cyclone was off the east coast of the North Island on the 20th and created a strong S to SW flow over the North Island. As an anticyclone advanced across the Tasman sea and the cyclone remained east of the North Island the S to SW flow continued on the 21st.

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Wellington south coast

Impact Area

Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Sand and debris over the road near Point Howard
- Shipping experienced delays
- Days Bay embankment from Point Howard onwards received pounding from sea
- Strong southerly winds whipped up heavy seas in harbour

Data Source

- 1 Stormy Weather - With Heavy Rain - Unpleasant Southerly: Evening Post, 21/07/1936, p10
- 2 Unmerciful Pounding - Wellington Waterfront - Heavy Seas Running: Gisborne Herald, 21/07/1936, p5