

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 26-28 Jul 1938	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Gisborne/Napier	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Subtropics	Pressure Gradient: E to NE
Type: Tasman Sea Low	

Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone moved towards Auckland from near Lord Howe Island while a large anticyclone was east of NZ and centred over the Chatham Islands. Between these systems an E to NE airstream developed and affected the upper North Island. This cyclone moved eastward on the 28th to be in the Bay of Plenty region and the winds veered to the SE

Sea Conditions

High seas on Napier coast

Impact Area

Napier

Wellington

East Cape

Impacts and Damages

- High seas on Napier coast; described by harbourmaster as heaviest in had seen in 14 years
- Snow on high highs around city
- Big slip at Te Araroa

Data Source

- 1 Rivers in Flood - East Coast Reports - Factory Creek Blocked - Big Slips at Te Araroa: Gisborne Herald, 28/07/1938, p4
- 2 Bitter Wellington Day - Coldest of Winter - Snow in High Areas: Gisborne Herald, 30/07/1938, p7
- 3 Wintry Blast - Heavy Snowfall - Central Hawkes Bay - Highways Blocked - Motorists Turned Back: Gisborne Herald, 30/07/1938, p7
- 4 Hawkes Bay Floods - Highways Under Water - Surge in Town Streets - Horseman's Adventure: Gisborne Herald, 28/07/1938, p4