

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 7-9 Jul 1939	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Tasman Sea	Pressure Gradient: S to SW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone from the Tasman sea moved onto the North Island before tracking onto the Chatham Islands. A secondary cyclone moved onto NZ while an anticyclone over southeastern Australian remained stationary and extended onto southern NZ.

Impact Area

Impacts and Damages

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| Napier | • High winds and heavy snow falls |
| Wellington | • A long southerly spell - winds started on Friday morning (7th) |
| | • Heavy seas pounded railway between Ngauranga and Petone |
| | • High seas delayed shipping |
| Canterbury | • Bitter gale force SW winds and lots of snow |

Data Source

- 1 Severe Conditions - Snow in Many Parts of Hawkes Bay: Dominion Post, 10/07/1939, p10
- 2 Better Weather - Wellington in Grip of Winter - Long Southerly Blow: Dominion Post, 10/07/1939, p10
- 3 Bitter Storm Continues - Canterbury Lashed - State Blocks Flooded: Gisborne Herald, 10/07/1939, p7
- 4 Snow in Wairarapa - Falls up to Six Inches - Gale Sweeps Province: Gisborne Herald, 10/07/1939, p7
- 5 Heavy Snowfall - Worst for 36 Years - Experience on Coast: Gisborne Herald, 10/07/1939, p4
- 6 Steamer Express Has Rough Trip - 5 Hours Late Reaching Lyttelton - Heavy Seas Flood some Cabins: Dominion Post, 8/07/1939, p12
- 7 Southerly Storm - Large area of Dominion Swept - Transport Affected - Stock Losses Feared: Dominion Post, 8/07/1939, p12