

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 7-9 Nov 1940	Wind Direction: S
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Tasman Sea	Pressure Gradient: S to SSW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

The cause of this storm was a cyclone that passed north of Wellington around midnight on Thursday (7th) when barometric pressure fell to 982 hPa; this cyclone formed west of Taranaki (in Tasman sea) and passed over central NZ and then moved off eastward

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Wellington south coast

Impact Area

Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Inter-island ferry 'Wahine' delayed two hours due to heavy seas; one large wave left a small fish on deck
- Coastal shipping delayed by heavy seas
- Winds whipped up heavy seas in Cook Strait
- All day on 8th the city swept by a southerly gale

Data Source

- 1 Delayed by Storm - Inter-island Steamer - Trip to Lyttelton: Gisborne Herald, 9/11/1940, p6
- 2 Cold and Unsettled in Hawkes Bay: Dominion Post, 9/11/1940, p7
- 3 Southerly Gale - Wintry Weather in Wellington - Low Barometric Pressure: Dominion Post, 9/11/1940, p7