

# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>2-4 Mar 1944</b>	Wind Direction: <b>S</b>
Event Type: <b>Wave</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: <b>Gisborne/Wellington</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin:	Pressure Gradient: <b>S to SE</b>
Type:	

## Synoptic Conditions

No weather situations provided in newspapers (Gisborne Herald, Dominion Post, Evening Post)

## Sea Conditions

Heavy seas on Wellington south coast

## Impact Area

Gisborne

Wairoa

Wellington

## Impacts and Damages

- Big flood in Gisborne; worst since 1916; flood waters covered roads, and railway as Waipaoa broke its banks
- Flooding at Wairoa
- Slips and washouts around city
- Shipping at a standstill; rain and gale prevented cargo from being worked while heavy seas at Wellington Heads and in Cook Strait kept all coastal vessels in Port; passenger ferries still ran
- Southern end of Lyall Bay caught full blast of gale and most of road covered with sand
- Telephone lines brought down by strong winds and fallen trees
- Airport closed

## Data Source

- 1 Flooding At Gisborne: Evening Post, 7/03/1944, p6
- 2 Deluge of Rain - Widespread Damage - Every Route Now Blocked: Evening Post, 7/03/1944, p6
- 3 Waipaoa River Breaks Banks - Record Flooding - District Isolated - Intensified Storm - Heavy Losses of Crops: Gisborne Herald, 7/03/1944, p2
- 4 Line Blockages - Paritu and Waikoau - Goods Train Escape - No Damage on Coast: Gisborne Herald, 6/03/1944, p2
- 5 Gale Over - Temperatures Rising: Evening Post, 4/03/1944, p8
- 6 Swept by Heavy Gale - Wellington City and District - Power Lines Suffer Considerably: Dominion Post, 4/03/1944, p6
- 7 Southerly Gale - Much Minor Damage - Power Lines Down: Evening Post, 3/03/1944, p3