

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 6-7 Aug 1947	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Gisborne/Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Southern Ocean	Pressure Gradient: S to SSW
Type: East Coast Low	

Synoptic Conditions

The cause of this storm was a deep cyclone east of NZ near the Chatham Islands and an anticyclone south of the South Island; the two centres were very close together and caused a very strong southerly flow between then over NZ.

Sea Conditions

High seas off Wellington

Impact Area

Gisborne
Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Snowfalls in high country
- Snowfalls around city
- Shipping schedules disrupted by heavy seas in Cook Strait

Data Source

- 1 Snow in Wellington - Fierce Wellington Gale: Gisborne Herald, 8/08/1947, p6
- 2 Coastal Snow - Freak of Weather - Sunshine in Valleys - Waimata Reports a Fall: Gisborne Herald, 8/08/1947, p6
- 3 Strong Winds - Gardens Flattened - Speed Exceeds 55 m.p.h - Fruit Tree's Suffer: Gisborne Herald, 8/08/1947, p6
- 4 Severe Hailstorms - Widespread Southerly - Shipping Delayed: Evening Post, 8/08/1947, p8