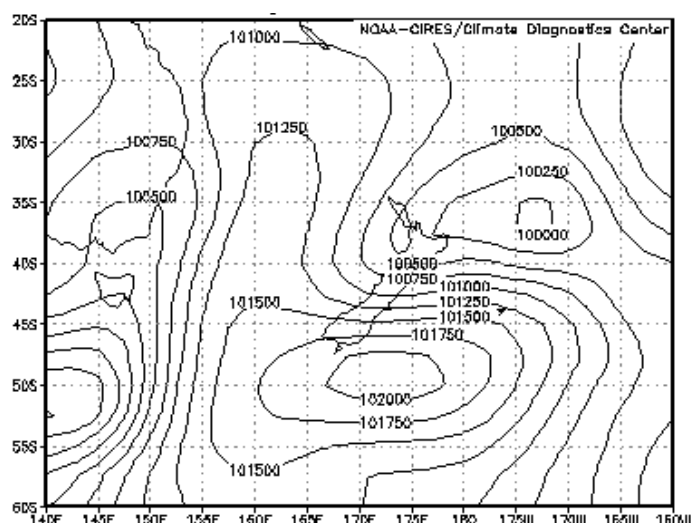


Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

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| Date: 26-27 Nov 1952 | Wind Direction: S |
| Event Type: Wind/Wave | Gisborne Duration (Hours): - |
| Location: Wellington | Wellington Duration (Hours): - |
| Origin: Eastern NZ | Pressure Gradient: E |
| Type: Cyclone-Anticyclone Pair | |

27-Nov-1952 12:00



Synoptic Conditions

An area of low pressure developed over NZ on the 25th. At this stage, the cyclone was almost completely surrounded by high pressures (with anticyclones to west, south and east) and therefore its movement had become severely restricted. On the 26th, it was over East Cape and sat atop a large anticyclone to the south of the South Island and continued to have high centres to the west and east. Subsequently, the cyclone was squeezed by the surrounding anticyclones and a strong easterly airstream developed along eastern NZ (with the strongest pressure gradient in the Cook Strait area). The strong easterly continued on the 27th as the cyclone moved slightly eastward and the southern anticyclone intensified.

Impact Area

Wellington
Wairarapa

Impacts and Damages

- Waves 5ft high at Island Bay broke anchor chain of fishing launch
- Highway between Carterton and Greytown blocked by floodwaters from Ruamahanga river

Data Source

- 1 Floods in Hawkes Bay & Wairarapa; Some Highways Impassable: Dominion Post, 28/11/1952, p7
- 2 Wellington Lashed by Southerly With Gusts of 79m.p.h: Gisborne Herald, 27/11/1952, p8