

Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: **7-8 Apr 1956**

Wind Direction: **NE**

Event Type: **Wind**

Gisborne Duration (Hours): -

Location: **Gisborne**

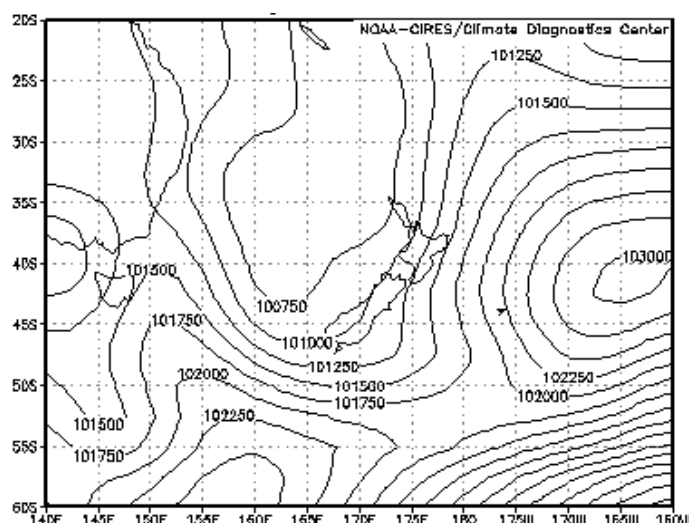
Wellington Duration (Hours): -

Origin: **Subtropics**

Pressure Gradient: **E to NE**

Type: **Anticyclonic**

08-Apr-1956 12:00



Synoptic Conditions

A subtropical cyclone moved southward towards NZ on the 4th at a time when NZ was covered by a large anticyclone. This southward movement caused the isobars between the cyclone and anticyclone to veer to the NE over eastern NZ on the 4th. This NE flow was maintained through to the 6th and were strongest at East Cape on the 5th.

Impact Area

Gisborne

Napier

East Coast

Impacts and Damages

- Six consecutive days of heavy and continuous rain blocked coast highway near Tikitiki
- Peak wind gust of 87 km/hr recorded between 7.30-8.30pm at airport
- Aerials, trees and power line down
- Tropical storm battered Auckland and Northland

Data Source

- 1 Communications Cut by Big Storm but No Rain in Lakes: Dominion Post, 9/04/1956, p10
- 2 Coast Highway Blocked Both Sides of Tikitiki: Gisborne Herald, 9/04/1956, p8
- 3 Further Storm Threat Looms over Battered Auckland Area: Gisborne Herald, 9/04/1956, p8
- 4 Widespread Damage in Northland: Gisborne Herald, 9/04/1956, p6
- 5 High Winds Buffet Gisborne: Gisborne Herald, 9/04/1956, p6