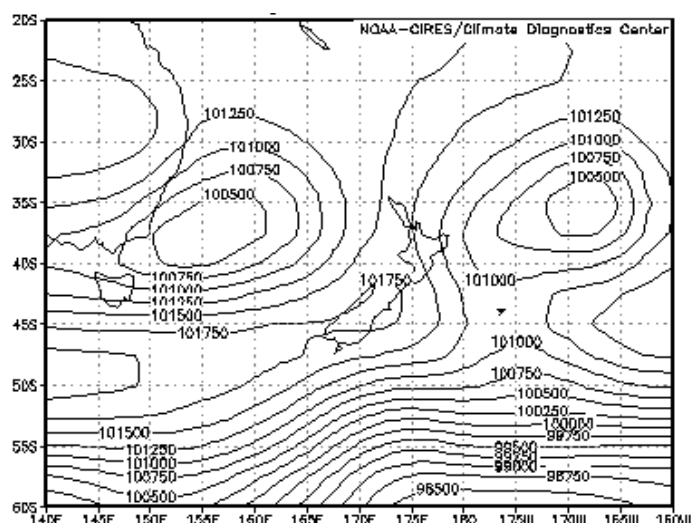


# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>24 May 1956</b>	Wind Direction: <b>S</b>
Event Type: <b>Wave</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): <b>-</b>
Location: <b>Gisborne</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): <b>-</b>
Origin: <b>Tasman Sea</b>	Pressure Gradient: <b>SE</b>
Type: <b>Cyclone-Anticyclone Pair</b>	

**24-May-1956 12:00**



## Synoptic Conditions

A weak area of low pressure formed over NZ from a trough extending from Sydney. On the 23rd this area of low pressure was a closed cyclonic centre northeast of East Cape and had only a weak SE airstream over the Cook Strait area that later moved up over the North Island. An analysis of the weather maps published in newspapers depicted a more intense circulation. Newspaper weather maps display a cyclone crossing the South Island and on the 23rd was off the Gisborne coast with a strong SE flow on its southern side sweeping through the Cook Strait area and over the South Island. On the 24th, the strong SE continued and were most intense over the upper North Island. This flow was generated by cyclone NE of East Cape and a strong ridge of high pressure over the South Island.

## Sea Conditions

High seas off Gisborne

## Impact Area

Gisborne

## Impacts and Damages

- Commercial fishing fleet port-bound during past week due to bad weather
- High seas struck coaster 'Pakura' off coast, severely damaging two cars on deck

## Data Source

- 1 Fishing Fleet Idle Because of the Weather: Gisborne Herald, 29/05/1956, p6
- 2 Southerly Change Brings 52m.p.h Winds: Gisborne Herald, 24/05/1956, p8
- 3 Terrific Seas Strike Coaster off Gisborne: Gisborne Herald, 24/05/1956, p8

