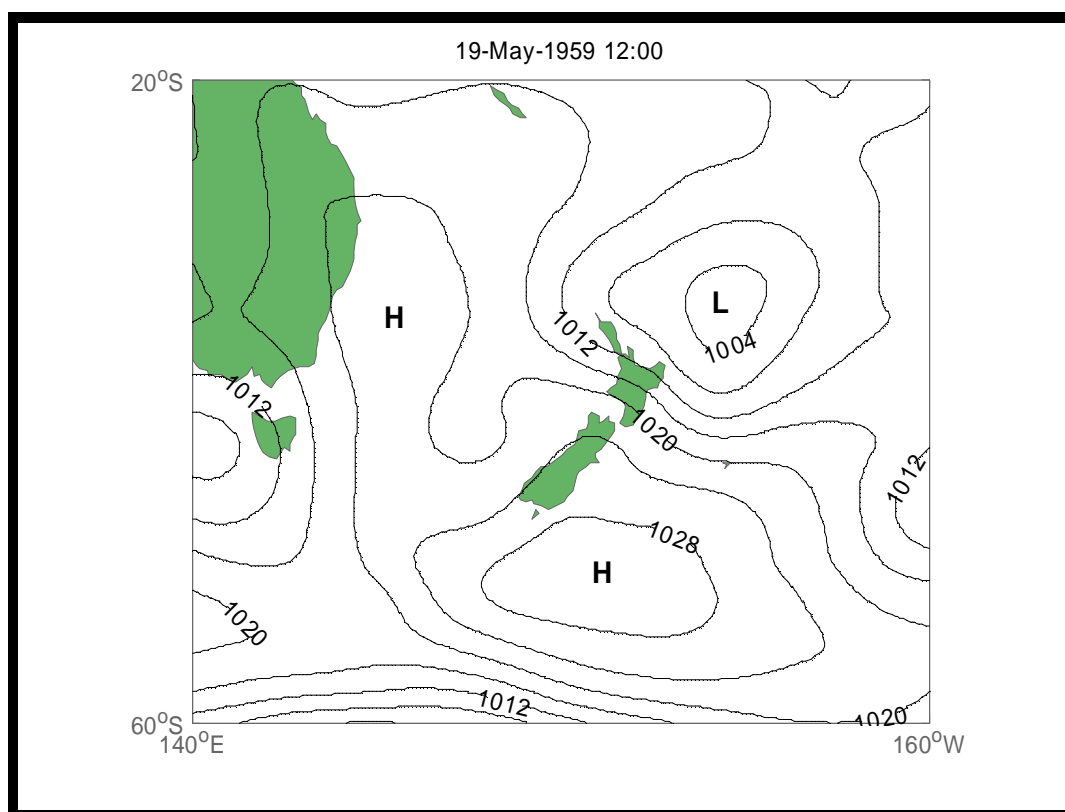


Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 18-19 May 1959	Wind Direction: S
Event Type: Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Gisborne/Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Eastern NZ	Pressure Gradient: SE
Type: Cyclone-Anticyclone Pair	



Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone developed over East Cape from the trough of departing cyclone and developed into a large system NE of East Cape. On the 17th, an intense anticyclone occupied the south Tasman sea and extended a ridge to the southeast over the South Island and below the northern cyclone. On the 18th these two feature collided and a SE airstream affected the eastern North Island and continued unabated on the 19th when both the cyclone and anticyclone were now east of NZ.

Sea Conditions

Rough seas and heavy swells off Wellington and along east coast

Impact Area

East Coast
Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Tanker 'British Corporal' met heavy seas after rounding East Cape
- Heavy continuous rain affected cargo handling and loading of coastal ships
- Large numbers of ships in Port; bad weather prevents departures; others forced to return due to huge seas
- One ferry crossing post-poned due to rough seas and heavy swells

Data Source

- 1 Weather No Better: Dominion Post, 20/05/1959, p12
- 2 Unusual Weather Is Making Wettest May: Evening Post, 19/05/1959, p15

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 - 4 Today is the Coldest Day of Year: Evening Post, 18/05/1959, p12
 - 5 Wellington Lashed by Southerly: Dominion Post, 18/05/1959, p10
 - 6 Bad Weather General Over Much of Both Islands: Gisborne Herald, 18/05/1959, p6
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