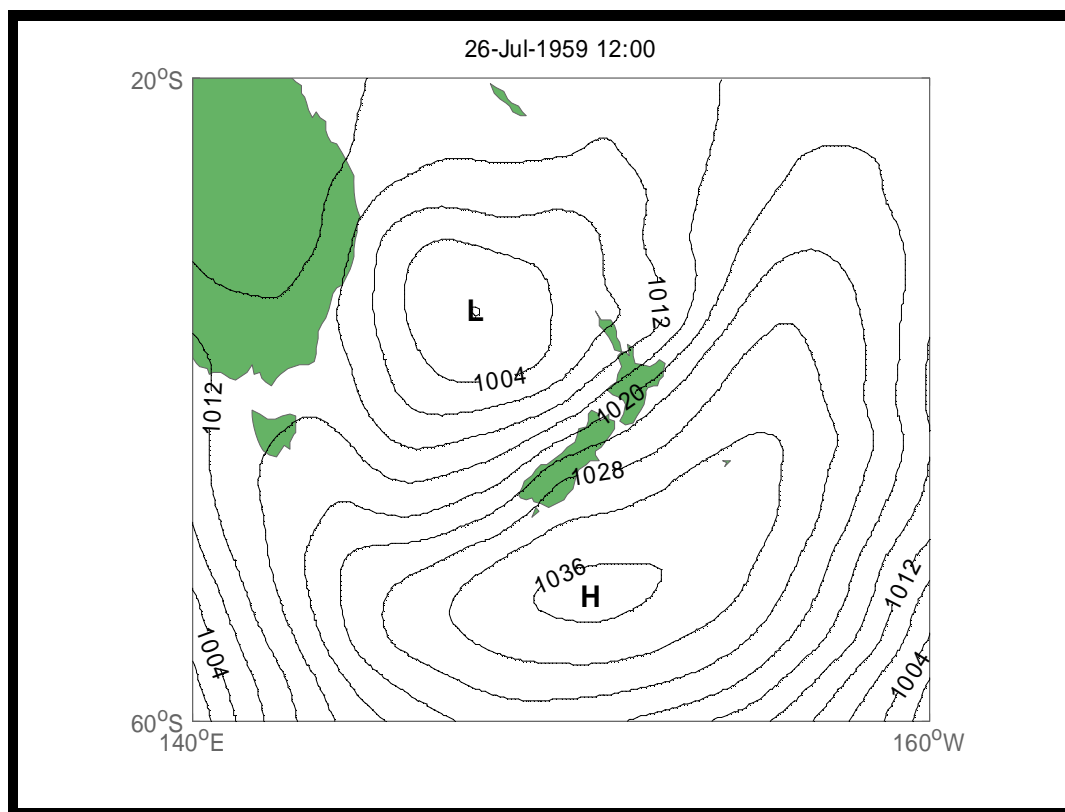


Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 25-26 Jul 1959	Wind Direction: NE
Event Type: Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Gisborne/Napier/Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Australian Bight	Pressure Gradient:
Type: Anticyclonic	



Synoptic Conditions

An anticyclone over NZ was embedded between a north Tasman sea cyclone and trough to the east of the Chathams and forced to move southward. On the 23rd this intense anticyclone was south of NZ and had a moderate SE airstream on its northern side that affected the eastern North Island. The flow then veered to the NE on the 25th as the Tasman sea cyclone started to move eastward towards NZ. On the 26th the NE had strengthened considerably and affected most of NZ and was most intense near East Cape.

Sea Conditions

Heavy seas along Hawkes Bay coast

Impact Area

Gisborne
Napier
Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Snow in hill country
- Two coastal vessels had to leave Port because of rough seas
- Heavy seas (NE) along Hawke's Bay coast
- Snow on Wellington hills

Data Source

- 1 Road Blocked: Evening Post, 27/07/1959, p12
- 2 Coast of Hawke's Bay Lashed by Heavy Seas: Evening Post, 27/05/1959, p12
- 3 Bitter Night in and near Wellington: Evening Post, 25/07/1959, p13

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- 4 Snow over Much of Country Including Wellington Hills: Evening Post, 24/07/1959, p10
 - 5 Gales, Heavy Rain & Storm-Whipped Seas: Gisborne Herald, 27/07/1959, p6
 - 6 High Winds & Heavy Rain Over Weekend: Gisborne Herald, 27/07/1959, p6
 - 7 Snow, Rain & Hail Brings Coldest Day of Winter: Gisborne Herald, 25/07/1959, p6
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