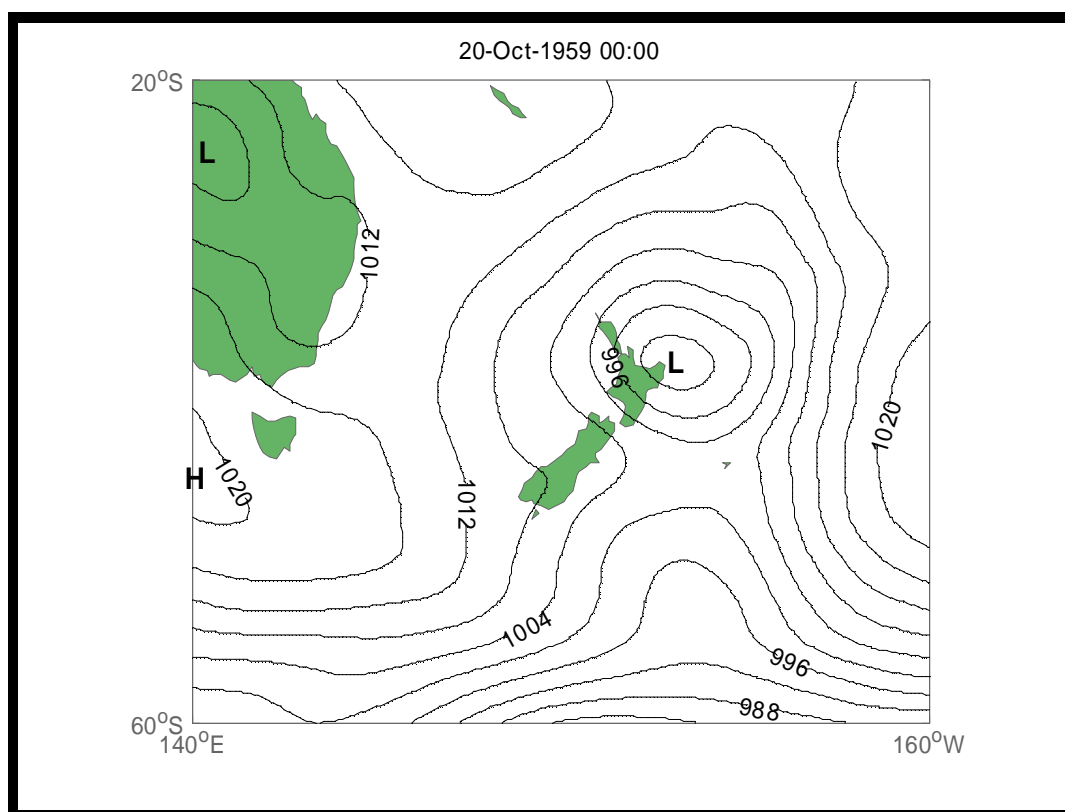


# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>19-20 Oct 1959</b>	Wind Direction: <b>SE</b>
Event Type: <b>Wind/Wave/Erosion</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: <b>Wellington</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: <b>Subtropics</b>	Pressure Gradient: <b>ESE to SSW</b>
Type: <b>East Coast Low</b>	



## Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone from the Coral sea moved rapidly southeastward and on the 18th swept a strong NNE airstream over the upper North Island. It then moved further east and a the NE airstream swept over the upper North Island and through Cook Strait. On the 19th the cyclone was just off East Cape and the flow had veered to the ESE and affected the lower North Island. As the cyclone moved away the flow shifted to the S to SSW and continued to affect eastern NZ but with less intensity.

## Sea Conditions

High seas in Cook Strait

## Impact Area

Auckland  
Wellington

## Impacts and Damages

- Milford and Takapuna beaches received pounding from heavy seas
- High seas in Cook Strait

## Data Source

- 1 Near-Gale Southerly Over City: Gisborne Herald, 20/10/1959
- 2 Gale & High Tides Hamper Ships: New Zealand Herald, 20/10/1959, p12
- 3 Windy Wellington was Coldest City: Dominion Post, 20/10/1959, p10
- 4 Wellington's Bad Weather not Ended Yet: Evening Post, 19/10/1959, p12
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