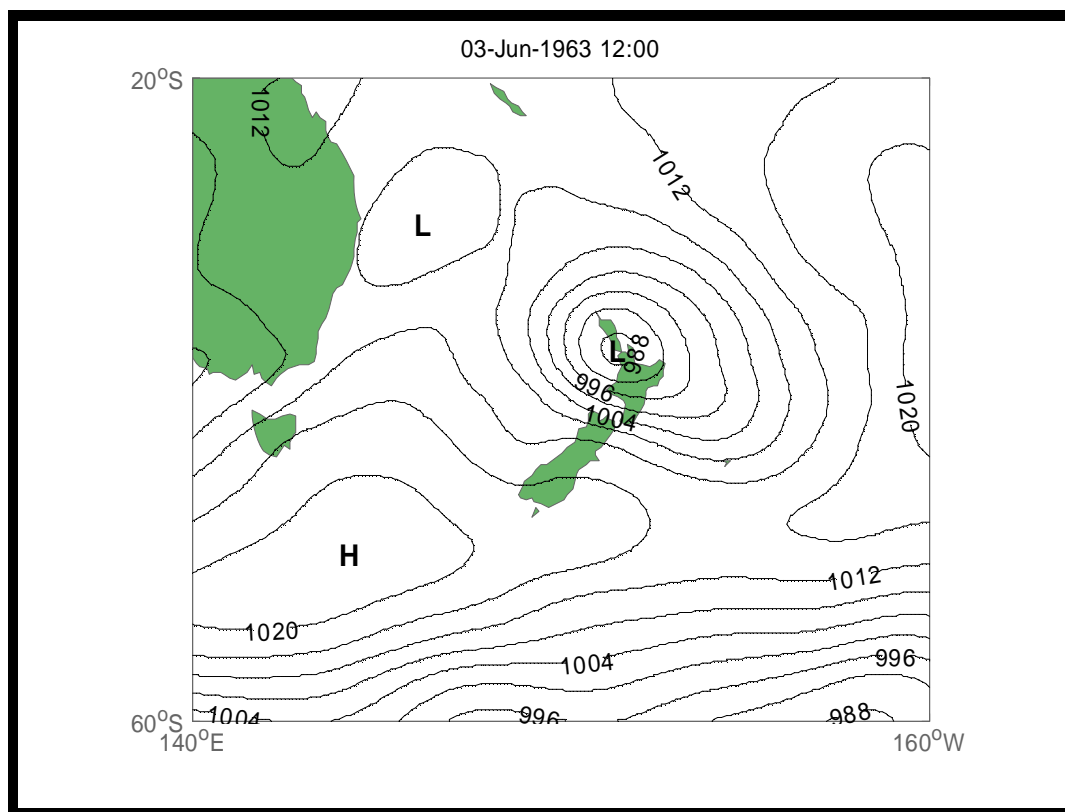


Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 3-4 Jun 1963	Wind Direction: S
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Gisborne/Napier/Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): 44
Origin: Subtropics	Pressure Gradient: E to SE
Type: East Coast Low	



Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone developed off the north Sydney coast (near 32S) and tracked eastward onto Northland. On the 2nd, the cyclone was over Auckland and had a strong easterly airstream on its southern side that swept over the eastern North Island and through Cook Strait. At this stage a ridge of high pressure also covered the lower South Island. This flow strengthened on the 3rd over the lower North Island and upper South Island as the cyclone moved slowly southeast-ward and the ridge was maintained over the lower South Island, and began to weaken on the 4th.

Sea Conditions

Rough Cook Strait

Impact Area

Gisborne

Napier

Impacts and Damages

- Airport closed at 1.30pm due to poor visibility and low cloud
- Toll and telephone services lost south of Gisborne
- Flooding caused losses of 1400 head of stock, 100 acres of vegetables, 1000 acres of slips, and 35 miles of fencing
- Napier airport closed due to flooding
- Bridge washed out between Napier and Wairoa
- Damaged fences, debris-covered road and highways, scarred hillsides around Napier

Impact Area	Impacts and Damages
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gales and torrential rain caused flooding along the Hawkes Bay coast and inland at Esk, Tangoio and Pakuratahi (causing large stock losses) • Flooding in Taradale
Wairoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding in Wairoa
Wellington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rough Cook Strait crossing for ferry Aramoana • Disrupted air services (mostly DC3 aircraft) • Passenger liner Northern Star damaged in harbour while trying to berth

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