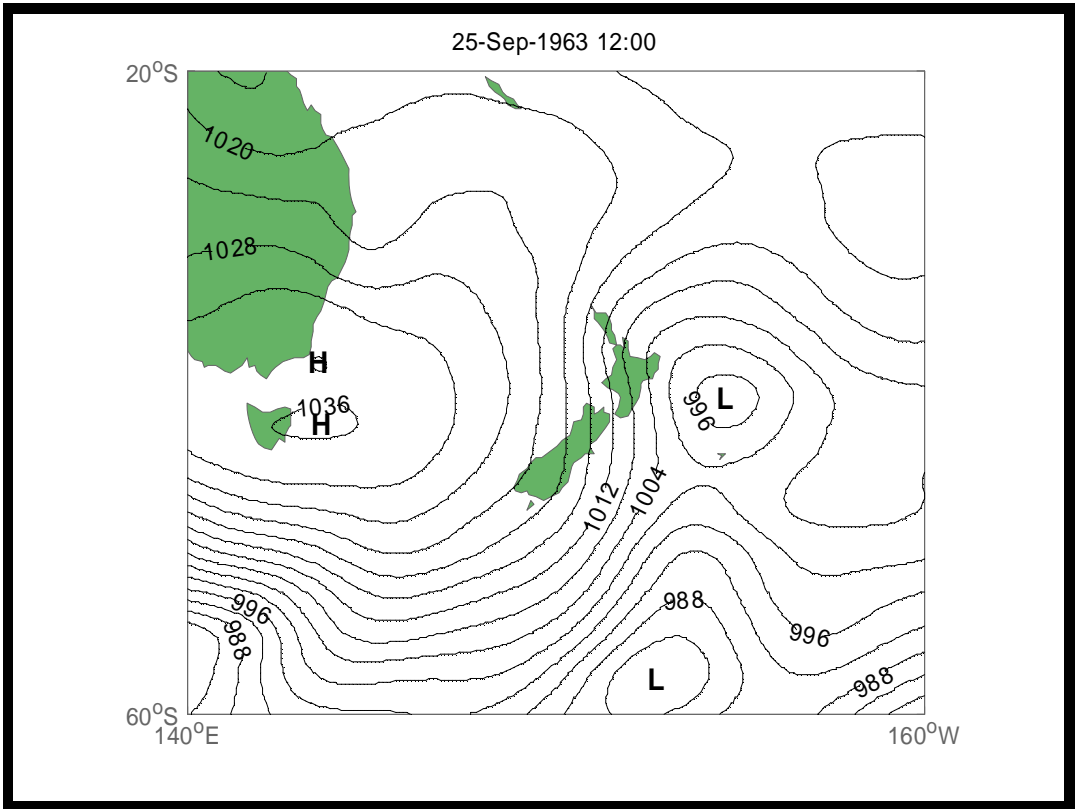


# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Date: <b>25-26 Sep 1963</b>           | Wind Direction: <b>S</b>               |
| Event Type: <b>Wind/Wave</b>          | Gisborne Duration (Hours): <b>8</b>    |
| Location: <b>Gisborne/Wellington</b>  | Wellington Duration (Hours): <b>25</b> |
| Origin: <b>Eastern NZ</b>             | Pressure Gradient: <b>S</b>            |
| Type: <b>East Coast Secondary Low</b> |  |



## Synoptic Conditions

A secondary cyclone developed north of the Chatham Islands from a southern ocean trough on the 25th. At the same time a large intense anticyclone occupied the Tasman sea and spread onto the South Island. Between these systems a very strong southerly airstream was created and swept over NZ.

## Sea Conditions

Huge seas off Wellington and Gisborne

## Impact Area

Gisborne

Wellington

East Cape

## Impacts and Damages

- Air services disrupted
- Heavy snowfalls around Gisborne
- Rough seas forced freighter Paparoa to put to sea from port
- Closure of Wellington airport till 11am due to strong winds
- Ferry Maori struggled to berth due to gusty winds
- Ferry Aramoana met huge seas outside Wellington harbour
- Hailstorm struck Te Araroa at noon

## Data Source

- 1 Maori Not Berthed Till 10.15am: Evening Post, 25/09/1963, p18
- 2 City Blasted by Southerly: Evening Post, 25/09/1963, p18

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- 3 Don't Even Look at the Picture if You're a Poor Sailor: Evening Post, 25/09/1963, p32
  - 4 Heavy Snowfalls in P.B County Areas: Gisborne Herald, 26/09/1963, p8
  - 5 Southerly Brings Rain, Hail: Gisborne Herald, 25/09/1963, p10
  - 6 Many Areas Lashed by Short Storm: Gisborne Herald, 25/09/1963, p10
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