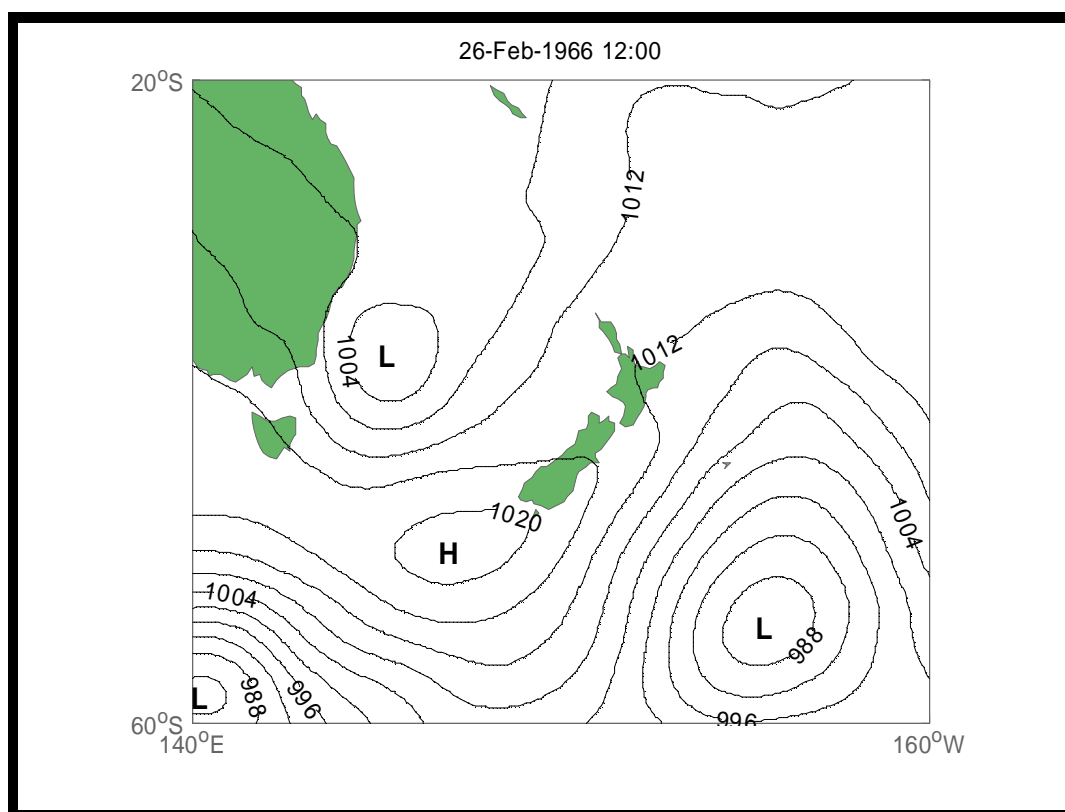


Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 26-27 Feb 1966	Wind Direction:
Event Type: Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Gisborne	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: Southern Ocean	Pressure Gradient: S to SSW
Type: Trough	



Synoptic Conditions

A southern ocean low passed eastward below NZ (near 55S) on the 24-25th. On the 26th it was south of the Chathams near 50S with a S to SSW airstream on its western side. This is the only possible cause of the large waves experienced on the Gisborne coast.

Sea Conditions

Estimated 20ft surf at Gisborne beaches

Impact Area

Gisborne
Wairoa

Impacts and Damages

- Midway beach was closed due to extreme surf estimated as high as 20ft (6m)
- Wairoa river mouth blocked by heavy southerly weather

Data Source

- 1 Heavy Surf Closes Beach: Gisborne Herald, 28/02/1966, p6
- 2 High Seas Block Wairoa River Bar: Gisborne Herald, 28/02/1966, p6