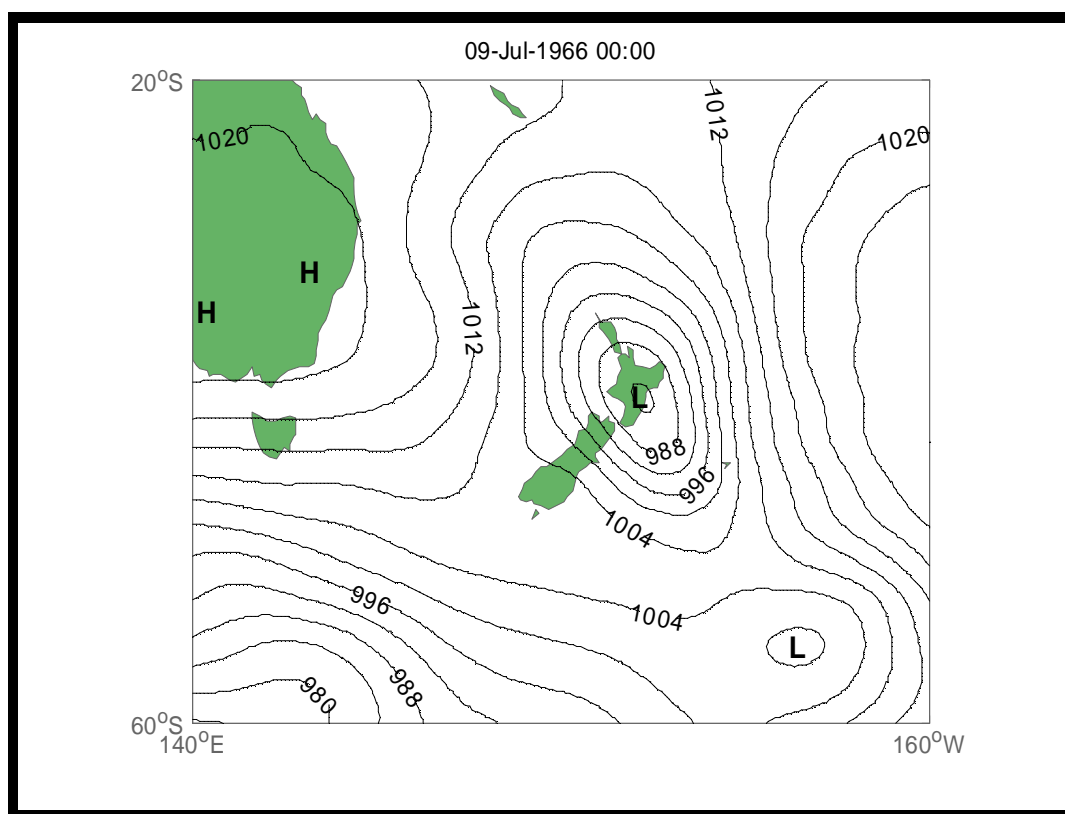


# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>8-9 Jul 1966</b>	Wind Direction: <b>S</b>
Event Type: <b>Wind/Wave</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): <b>-</b>
Location: <b>Wellington</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): <b>32</b>
Origin: <b>Eastern NZ</b>	Pressure Gradient: <b>SSE to SW</b>
Type: <b>East Coast Secondary Low</b>	



## Synoptic Conditions

A large area of low pressure developed over the South Island and became a large cyclonic system. On the 8th this cyclone was over the Wairarapa coast and the strong SSE to SE airstream on the southwestern side swept over the eastern South Island and through Cook Strait. The flow then veered to the south and maintained the same intensity for the first part of the 9th and then turned into a SW as the cyclone dropped away south of the Chathams.

## Sea Conditions

Heavy seas off Wellington

## Impact Area

Wellington

## Impacts and Damages

- Barretts Reef buoy torn from moorings; more than 300ft of heavy chains used to anchor buoy in 60ft depth
- Surface flooding on Hutt Road
- Low cloud caused shut-down of airport
- All major sports washed out and cancelled
- Large seas disrupted moored boats at Evans Bay
- Inter-island ferry Maori met Heavy seas while entering Wellington harbour

## Data Source

- 1 Wellington Hit by Vicious Southerly: Gisborne Herald, 9/07/1966, p14

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- 2 Moaning Minnie Torm Off Reef: Evening Post, 11/07/1966, p17
  - 3 Storm-Lashed Suburbs Left to Clean Up Mud, Debris: Evening Post, 9/07/1966, p22
  - 4 Sports Suffer as Storm Buffets City: Evening Post, 9/07/1966, p22
  - 5 Evans Bay Boats in Trouble: Evening Post, 9/07/1966, p23
  - 6 Ferry Puts in to Emergency Berth: Evening Post, 9/07/1966, p23
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