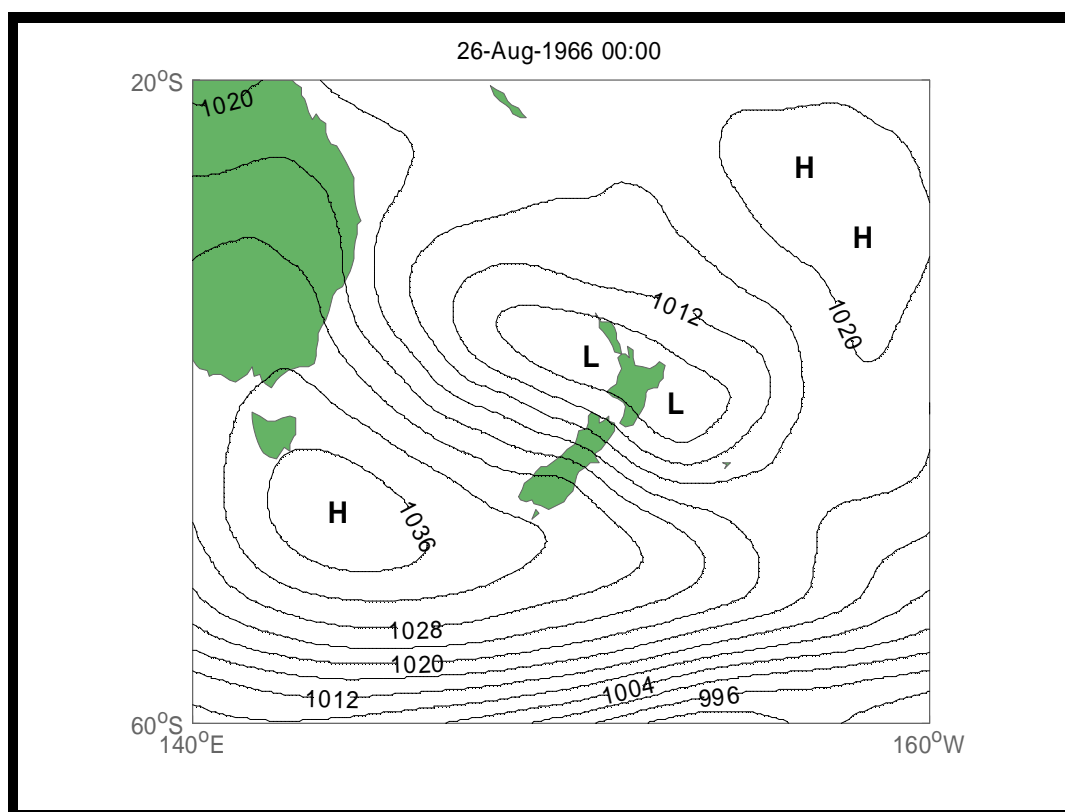


Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 25-27 Aug 1966	Wind Direction: S
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): 68
Origin: Tasman Sea	Pressure Gradient: SE to ESE
Type: Tasman Sea Low	



Synoptic Conditions

A cyclone developed off the Sydney coast from a southern ocean trough and moved eastward towards NZ. On the 25th the cyclone was off the Taranaki coast and ridging covered the lower South Island. Between these systems a strong ESE airstream developed over the eastern North Island and Cook Strait area and continued on the 26th. This flow weakened on the 27th.

Sea Conditions

Very rough seas in Cook Strait and heavy seas along east coast

Impact Area

Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- One car blown off motorway and houses lost roofs around city
- Heavy seas slowed down and delayed inter-island ferries
- Heavy seas broke over exposed roads around the harbour
- Several hundreds of sea and air passengers stranded in Wellington as ferries delayed and flights reduced by bad weather

Data Source

- 1 Test Travellers Held Up by Gales: Gisborne Herald, 26/08/1966, p8
- 2 Home Garden Just Disappears in Storm: Evening Post, 27/08/1966, p22
- 3 Storm Strands Scores of Travellers in Wellington: Evening Post, 26/08/1966, p12