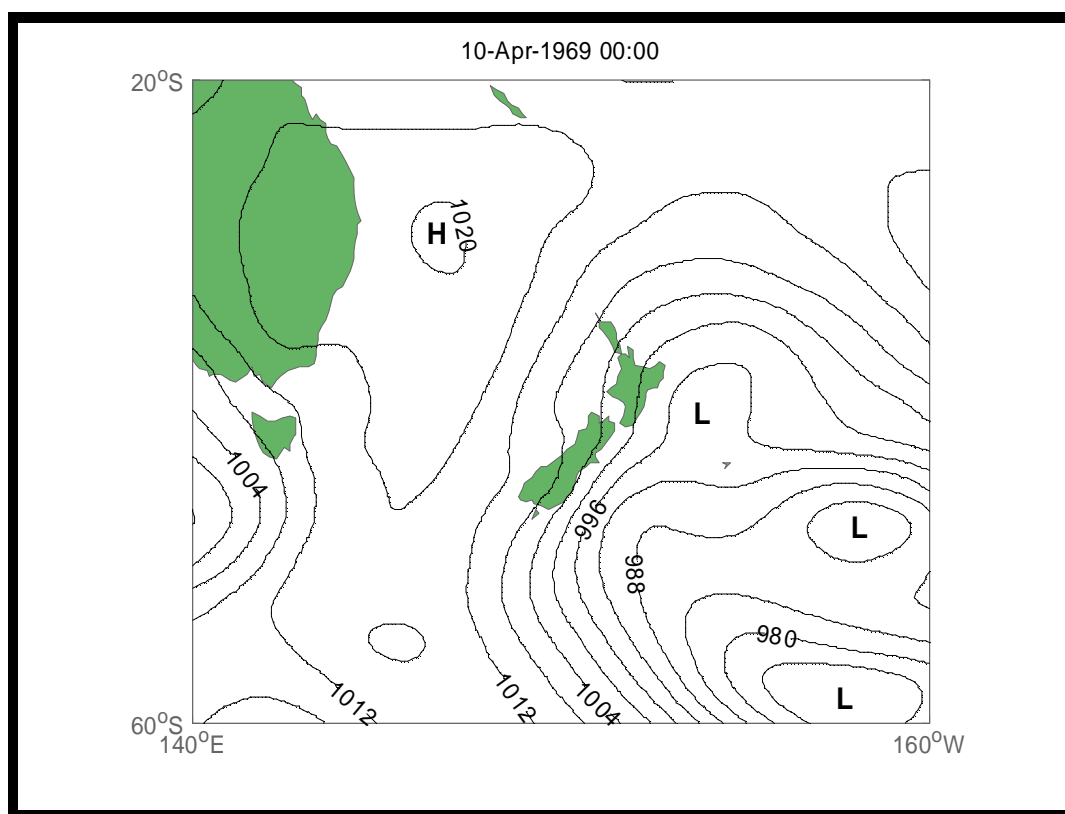


# Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: <b>9-10 Apr 1969</b>	Wind Direction:
Event Type: <b>Wave</b>	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: <b>Gisborne/Napier/Wellington</b>	Wellington Duration (Hours): -
Origin: <b>Southern Ocean</b>	Pressure Gradient: <b>SSW to SW</b>
Type: <b>Trough</b>	



## Synoptic Conditions

A southern ocean cyclone passed eastward to south of NZ and on the 9th extended a trough over NZ. On the western side of this trough was a very strong SSW to SW airstream that swept over eastern NZ. This flow continued on the 10th but the strongest winds were off the South Island.

## Sea Conditions

Huge ground swell described by Castlepoint lighthouse keeper; large swells between Wellington and Gisborne

## Impact Area

Napier

Wellington

Wairarapa

## Impacts and Damages

- Huge waves breaking over the Port of Napier breakwater swept man off and killed; waves estimated to be ~40ft (12m)
- Huge seas battering Marine Drive between Moa Point and Island Bay
- Debris spread over roads facing Cook Strait including Lyall Bay and Moa Point Road near airport
- Doors of Maranui and Lyall Bay surf life-saving clubs smashed in by high seas
- 20ft commercial crayfishing boat wrecked and several other suffered damage from huge seas at Castlepoint

## Data Source

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  - 2 Waves Batter Marine Drive: Evening Post, 11/04/1969, p1
  - 3 Swept to Death Off Breakwater: Evening Post, 11/04/1969, p12
  - 4 Homes, Caravans Damaged as Winds Lash N. Island: Gisborne Herald, 9/04/1969, p3
  - 5 Raging Seas Lash Shore: Evening Post, 11/04/1969, p13
  - 6 Freak Seas Wreck Boat on Trailer at Wairarapa Beach: Evening Post, 11/04/1969, p12
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