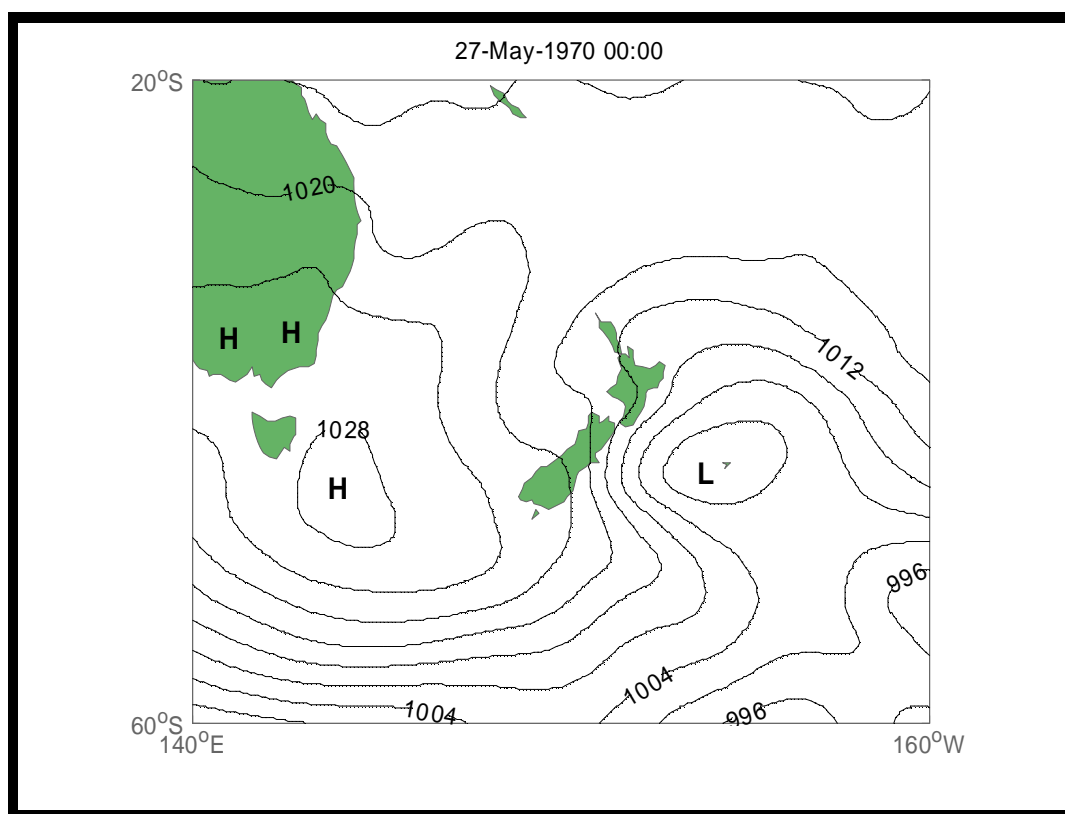


Coastal Storm Database - Event Summary

Date: 26-27 May 1970	Wind Direction: S
Event Type: Wind/Wave	Gisborne Duration (Hours): -
Location: Wellington	Wellington Duration (Hours): 32
Origin: Eastern NZ	Pressure Gradient: SSW to SW
Type: East Coast Secondary Low	



Synoptic Conditions

A southern ocean trough moved over NZ and developed into a closed centre over the Chathams. It was being followed by a large intense anticyclone that was south of Tasmania. Between these systems a strong SSW to SW airstream developed over NZ and intensified as the western anticyclone moved eastward. The strong flow dissipated on the 27th as the anticyclone centre moved onto NZ.

Sea Conditions

High seas in Cook Strait

Impact Area

Gisborne
Wellington

Impacts and Damages

- Electrical storm
- Sailing ship 'Gloria' couldn't sail into harbour because winds too strong
- High seas on south coast
- Snow on hills around city

Data Source

- 1 Sailing Ship at Wellington: Gisborne Herald, 27/05/1970, p12
- 2 Electrical Storm Over City: Gisborne Herald, 27/05/1970, p12
- 3 Weather Too Rough for Sailing Ships to Arrive in Full Sail: Evening Post, 27/05/1970, p8
- 4 North Island Shivers As Winters First Snow Coats Hill Areas: Evening Post, 27/05/1970, p9

