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EXTREME WIND GUSTS

The table of Extreme Wind Gusts recorded in New Zealand was recently revised and is circulated for general information.

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TABLE OF HIGHEST GUSTS RECORDED

Station	Period	Highest Gust M.P.H.	Direction Degrees from N	Date of Occurrence
Waipapakauri	1942-48	74	050	21 Feb. 1944
Kaitaia	1950-	110	080	14 Mar. 1959
Te Aikohe	1954-61	80	090	14 Mar. 1959
Kerikeri	1964-66	69	230	26 Apr. 1966
Whangarei (Onerahi)	1954-	76	100	14 Mar. 1959
Marsden Pt., Whangarei	1961-62	71	090	2 Mar. 1962
Auckland				
Whenuapai	1941-	72	270	18 Nov. 1944
Hobsonville	1930-41	66	080	26 Mar. 1936
Training College	1942-44	67	300	18 Nov. 1944
Mechanics Bay	1939-63	73	270	18 Nov. 1944
Mangere	1939-50	68twice	060, 230	14.1.40, 8.6.44
International Airport	1962-	71	260	3 Feb. 1967
Airways Building	1962-	69	240	10 Apr. 1968
Ardmore	1945-49	63	250	28 May 1945
Tauranga	1942-	67	270	27 May 1945
Rukuhia, Hamilton	1945-54	74	220	27 May 1945
Rotorua				
Whakarewarewa Aero.	1939-55	64	050	14 Jan. 1940
Rotokawa Aerodrome	1965-	62	020	10 Apr. 1968
Hinemoa Point	1951-57	54	060	13 Aug. 1953
Whakatane	1959-	91	080	10 Apr. 1968
Wairakei	1963-66	75	200	31 May 1966
Gisborne	1942-	88	050	10 Apr. 1968
Wairoa	1954-57	67	180	14 July 1955
Napier	1948-	71	280	27 July 1957
New Plymouth Aerodrome	1939-	89	170	18 Aug. 1947
New Plymouth, Port	1966-	88	-	9 Sep. 1966
Ohakune	1961-65	69	010	28 July 1961
Wanganui	1954-	96	210	10 Apr. 1968
Ohakea	1939-	97	270	10 Apr. 1968
Dannevirke	1961-64	85	280	15 Apr. 1962
Milson, Palmerston North	1940-51	70three times	310, 300, 240	29.12.65, 1.12.66 10.4.68
Shannon	1937-46	84	130	26 Aug. 1942
Levin	1942-43	76	300	24 Sep. 1942
Masterton	1956-59	92	300	25 Nov. 1957
Paraparaumu	1937-39, 46-	107	210	10 Apr. 1968
Gracefield, Lower Hutt	1960-	113	210	10 Apr. 1968

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Wellington				
Colonial Knob (Elev. 1525')	1962-66	108	---	2 Oct. 1965
Tinakori Hill (Elev. 985')	1912-18	124	---	13 Sep. 1916
Kelburn (Elev. 410')	1928-	123	210	10 Apr. 1968
Evans Bay	1952-56	95	350	14 Jun. 1955
Hawkins Hill (Elev. 1500')	1959-	154 twice	---	6.11.59, 4.7.62
Rongotai	1930-37	88	---	2 May 1936
Wellington Airport	1959-	116	210	10 Apr. 1968
Moa Point	1938-53	112	315	20 Sep. 1951
Baring Head	1944-46	93	340	29 Oct. 1944
Oteranga Bay (Elev. 570')	1965-	168	220	10 Apr. 1968
Gracefield	1960-	113	210	10 Apr. 1968
Nelson	1940-	94	060	22 Feb. 1944
Woodbourne, Blenheim	1941	70	330	29 Oct. 1944
Lake Grassmere	1962-	96	180	10 Apr. 1968
Kaikoura	1964-	93	230	26 Apr. 1965
Westport	1948-	80	150	14 Aug. 1954
Hokitika	1944-	78	020	19 Mar. 1949
Christchurch Airport	1942-	86	320	7 Jul. 1949
Wigram, Christchurch	1930	90	300	13 Jul. 1945
Taumutu, Lake Elles- mere	1950-62	91	200	11 Apr. 1953
Ashburton	1943-45, 48-54	81	320	20 Aug. 1950
Levels, Timaru	1953-55, 56-	77	270	24 Jan. 1963
Mt. John (Elev. 3367')	1967-	117	320	25 Apr. 1967
Alexandra	1948-50	76	350	1 Nov. 1948
Oamaru Aerodrome	1944-46	66	220	30 Jun. 1944
Aviemore	1965-	97	---	2 Feb. 1966
Taieri	1940-	80	250	11 Apr. 1953
Momona	1953-59	77 twice	260, 220	3.1.55, 8.4.55
Dunedin Airport	1962-	77	230	19 Nov. 1962
Gore	1960-64	66	310	15 Nov. 1961
Invercargill	1942-48, 50-	88	250	20 Sep. 1951
Bluff	1954-55	85	270	1 Dec. 1954
Apia, Samoa	1927-	94	310	29 Jan. 1966
Nandi, Fiji	1954-	99	020	9 Feb. 1965
Rarotonga	1957-	93	220	18 Dec. 1967
Norfolk Island	1943-48	73	050	25 May 1944
Raoul Island	1940-43	91	320	6 Jun. 1941
Chatham Island	1956-59	71	240	28 Jul. 1956
Campbell Island	1964-	113	260, 260	9.6.65, 22.10.66

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