

## **New Zealand weekend weather**

It was a busy weather weekend , main items are given here.

### **Flooding and weather damage**

#### Storms to disrupt weekend plans around the country

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Metservice said there was a moderate risk of severe thunderstorms over Canterbury near the Southern Alps, for Saturday morning. It may produce ...

#### Wānaka weather warning - lakes likely to flood

New Zealand Herald

The Queenstown Lakes District Council delivered sandbags and sand to the Wānaka CBD yesterday as a precautionary measure, and will make the ...

#### Harbourmaster warns people to stay off lakes

Otago Daily Times

There aren't plans yet to put wave mitigation around Lake Wakatipu, but there might be some temporary speed restrictions around the foreshore as ...

#### Parts of Wanaka CBD street closed over 'wave action'

Otago Daily Times

MetService said both Wānaka and Queenstown Airports have surpassed their average December rainfall in the first five days of the month

#### Severe thunderstorms rumble the Bay of Plenty

New Zealand Herald

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#### Weather mayhem: Thunder and lightning, weather warnings across the country

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Thunderstorm warnings are being issued for central New Zealand. It comes as a very humid northwest flow is slow moving over the region. MetService

Thunderstuck: A wet and wild jolt to summer weather

Wellingtonians are in recovery mode after a soggy weekend that saw events cancelled, houses flooded and roads closed.

Caught in the storm: Wellington region jolted by thunder, lightning and flooding

As thousands of lightning strikes rained down on New Zealand, Jenny and Andrew Frazer were just two of many who have come out of the storm with a tale to tell.

Thunderstorm watch: 100,000 lightning strikes across the country

It's a stormy weekend ahead, with most of the country expected to see thunderstorms, lightning and rain.

Wild weather: Thunderstorms batter Wellington, Timaru remains in state of emergency

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A cluster of thunderstorms has hit the Capital overnight, meanwhile flood-hit Timaru remains in a state of emergency this morning.

'Stupid' trampers rescued from Queenstown mountains at midnight

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Flights cancelled, heavy downpours lash parts of New Zealand ... Seven people in the Alpine Cliff Rescue and Search and Rescue teams searched for

Infrastructure

Internet being restored as more bad weather hits

Spark says coverage is almost fully restored to thousands of customers in the South Island after floods caused a widespread outage last night and cut the main route from Christchurch to Dunedin.

Emergency services compromised by network outage

Emergency services were left "very vulnerable" at the weekend as flooding caused network outages across the South, making tens of thousands of people lose internet and mobile coverage.

\$50k for flood-hit farmers in Canterbury

The Government has declared a "medium-scale adverse event" for South Canterbury, setting aside up to \$50,000 to support farming communities significantly affected by the weekend's heavy rain and flooding.

#### Rangitata River flooding damages nine Transpower pylons

Nine Transpower pylons crossing the Rangitata River in South Canterbury have been damaged by flooding.

#### West Coast slip may close road until late January

Westland Mayor Bruce Smith says a huge slip that has cut off his district could have a bigger economic impact than the washout of the Waiho Bridge earlier this year.

An estimated 970 tourists are stranded in Franz Josef due to the washouts and landslides that have cut off the town to the north and south.

#### West Coast highway shut after bridge collapse

Otago Daily Times

MetService was expecting up to 80mm of rain to fall in the ranges this morning through to 1pm, and 20mm to 40mm near the coast, especially north of ...

#### Dunedin flight turned back after lights fail

At least one flight due to land at Dunedin Airport has been turned back to Christchurch, after a thunderstorm caused the runway lights to fail.

#### Severe weather conditions caused mobile outages on South Island

Landlines, internet and mobile services throughout Southland were down on Saturday night due to bad weather further north.

#### Thousands still without phone and broadband after storm batters South Island

Network company Chorus says thousands of homes and businesses in the South Island remain without phone or broadband on Sunday afternoon.

#### Wanaka sewerage shut down as flood waters rise

New Zealand Herald

She said there was plenty more rain to come, with MetService expecting about 600mm - about a month's worth of rain - could fall in the space of a ...

## Aftermath

### Weather mayhem: The worst is over, says MetService

The worst is over and the Wellington region can look forward to a period of settled weather.

MetService meteorologist Paul Ngamanu said at 6pm on Sunday that the next 12 hours should see the end of the storm that has caused mayhem over the previous 36 hours.

### Tourism hotspots 'face devastation' after weekend of storms, floods and slips

Tourism hotspots on the West Coast will be largely cut off for eight weeks after a weekend of heavy rain, slips and floodwaters that forced the closure of three key roads on the South Island, effectively cutting it in half.

### Lake floodwaters expected to peak today

Floodwaters in Lakes Wanaka and Wakatipu are continuing to rise due to heavy rain in the Otago headwaters on Saturday night but are expected to reach their peak today, stabilise and then begin falling.

### Wild weather leaves South stranded

A weekend of weather chaos has left some Dunedin supermarket shelves bare, thrown travel plans into disarray, and made the South Island essentially an island of two halves.

### Weather deteriorates on stormy Sunday but sunshine returning to Taranaki

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The Met Service predicted rainfall of between 110mm-150mm around Mt Taranaki, with intensive peaks of 20mm-30mm an hour and thunderstorms ...

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### Hundreds of tourists trapped on West Coast

Almost 1000 tourists remain trapped on the West Coast after after washouts and slips blocked the highway in both directions.

Wellington roads remain closed after storm

Wellington drivers are still being affected by the weekend's storm which saw roads close due to slips and flooding.

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has issued warnings to drivers travelling along state highways 2 and 58.

Karangahake Gorge reopens after flooding

The Karangahake Gorge closed overnight after knee-high floodwaters saw cars get stuck.

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