

# FLOOD WARNING

## for Kemp House, Kerikeri



**Kemp House**, built in 1821–22 as a mission house for clergyman John Butler, is believed to be the oldest wooden building in New Zealand. In 1832 it was assigned to the mission blacksmith, James Kemp, and was later bought by the Kemp family. Members of the family lived in the house for over 140 years until it was gifted to the New Zealand Historic Places Trust by Ernest Kemp in 1974.

Many of the Kemp family possessions are displayed in Kemp House, which is open to the public. These, and the house itself, are periodically threatened by flood waters from the Kerikeri River.



