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MOTUTAPU ISLAND, a jewel in Auckland's Hauraki Gulf, is being restored to its original forested glory with 500ha of native trees. The Air New Zealand Environment Trust is sponsoring the expansion of the island's nursery to fast-track the island's revegetation, increasing planting to eight hectares a year. Volunteers can lend a hand on Motutapu on planting and nursery days. To find out when, visit www.motutapu.org.nz or to learn more about the trust, go to www.airnzenvironmenttrust.org.nz

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Australia's rising star of gastronomy, Peter Gilmore, will whip up a five-course feast at this

year's Winter Food &

Wine Weekends, hosted by two of New Zealand's finest lodges. Gilmore, executive chef at Sydney's Quay restaurant, will prepare dinner at Kauri Cliffs (www.kauricliffs.com) next month, matched to Mount Edward wines from Central Otago. The Farm at Cape Kidnappers (www.capekidnappers.com) hosts three events, including the Great Pinor Noir Challenge this month (with *KiaOra* writer Bob Campbell) and the Laurent-Perrier Champagne Dinner in October.

Meanwhile, the Robertson family – which owns the two lodges – has added the breathtaking Matakauri Lodge (www.matakaurilodge.com) in Queenstown to its collection. With spectacular views of Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables, Matakauri reopens at the end of this month after an extensive refurbishment by New Zealand interior designer Virginia Fisher.

Queenstown's Over The Top helicopter team is flying high, voted by American visitors as one of New Zealand's top 10 experiences. Over The Top, run by Louisa "Choppy" Patterson, promises unique adventures – skimming over glaciers, landing on alpine snow or delivering punters for a bungy jump or a spot of fly fishing. Visit www.flynz.co.nz



The world's longest and steepest rope tow has opened the door to some of the biggest terrain in Australasia at the Roundhill Ski Area near Lake Tekapo. Always popular for its family-friendly runs, the 1.4km long Heritage Express rope tow – with a 600m vertical rise – takes more adventurous skiers to the amazing steep, chutes and wide open spaces of The Two Thumb Range. Visit www.roundhill.co.nz

The KiaOra Quiz

Think you're a master of trivia? Test your knowledge with the KiaOra quiz.

- 1 Which German city is the capital of the region of Bavaria?
- 2 Who is the only New Zealand cricketer to have scored three test double centuries?
- 3 Pleurisy inflames the membranes around which organ?
- 4 What is the square root of 441?
- 5 In which 1980s song was someone "working as a waitress in a cocktail bar"?
- 6 The spelling of which seven-letter vegetable can be played on a musical instrument?
- 7 Are Millefiori ornaments made from glass, plastic or wood?
- 8 Who was the coach of the World Championship-winning 1987 Silver Ferns netball team?
- 9 Who once did a nude bungy jump as part of his TV series *World Tour of New Zealand*?
- 10 Mount Titiroa, Resolution Island and Lake Monowai are all located in which national park?

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