

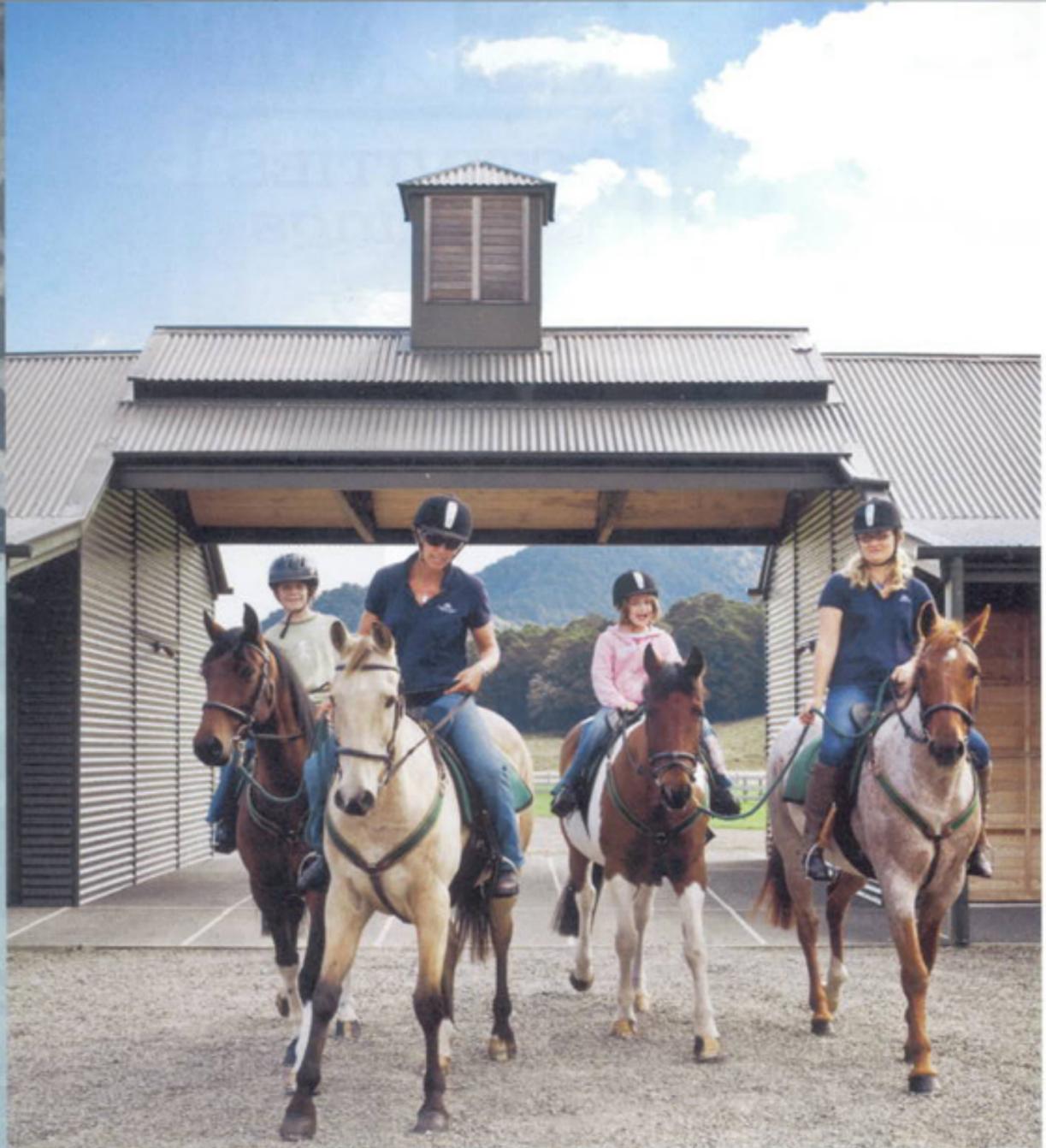
Activities

Outings

Poronui Wilderness Lodge

You'll need more than a day to experience all the activities on offer at what began as a rustic fishing camp and has evolved into a wilderness lodge ranked among the top 10 in the world by *Forbes* magazine. Situated in the secluded Taharua Valley 30 minutes from Taupo, Poronui is a paradise for those with a hankering for trout fishing, deer stalking, horse riding, clay-bird shooting, field archery, biking or bush walking. Luckily, the homestead and cabins clustered around the lodge cater for those who want to stay. Then there's the **Safari Camp** on the banks of the Mohaka River, an overnight stay on the guided horse treks, where timber-walled tents team modern comforts with the pioneering spirit. "Poronui is about getting back to what it means to be a Kiwi," says Grant Petherick, Poronui's fishing guide and wine consultant.

He's in charge of the million-dollar wine cellar designed to house 10,000 bottles where manager Eve Reilly hosts cellar dinners on Saturday nights. Poronui also offers the Maori cultural Kai Waho experience (see *Something Special to Eat*). (07) 384 2080, poronui.com



Tongariro National Trout Centre

Here is the complete trout experience. At the Visitor Centre beside the Tongariro River it's possible to feed the fish in their natural environment and watch them from an underwater viewing chamber. Visit the aquarium to see other native freshwater fish and the museum for a history of fishing in the region, how the fishery is managed, the life cycle of trout and a collection of fishing memorabilia. Several times a year the pond is open for a children's "fishout" when a \$5 special licence allows them to fish with expert help and an extra \$5 sees their catch filleted and smoked. SH1 (4km south of Turangi), (07) 386 8085, troutcentre.com

