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up close and too personal

This month, prove your mettle with a dip in the shark cage at Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World in Auckland. You'll be lowered into the aquarium's predator tank in a mesh cage with a clear perspex bottom, from which you can ogle the biggest, baddest beasts in the sea (as well as stingrays and fish) without concern for life or limb. No diving experience or equipment required – all you need to bring are your tags, a towel, covered shoes and a no-fear attitude. The summer-only activity finishes for the season on March 28. www.kellytarltons.co.nz



bye bye bugs

It may not be something most travellers think about before they hit the road, but go to the wrong place unprepared and sandflies can ruin a holiday. Goodbye Sandfly, a West Coast-based family business, is here to help – not only with its effective all-natural repellent and bite soother, but also with its Sandfly Report. At www.goodbyesandfly.co.nz, you'll find a user-driven map documenting the intensity of sandflies around the country – so you can go on vacation, but go prepared.

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oasis of calm

On April 1, a new five-star adults-only resort opens in the Cook Islands. Sanctuary Rarotonga – On the Beach sits on the white sands of Aroa Lagoon Marine Reserve, home to some of Rarotonga's best snorkelling. It's only open to travellers aged 16 and over, and has 48 luxury beachfront suites, a pool with swim-up bar, verdant tropical gardens and all the other relax-and-indulge facilities you'd expect at a resort of this calibre. Guests of Sanctuary Rarotonga – On the Beach can also use all the facilities of its nearby sister resort, the Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa. www.sanctuaryrarotonga.com

The KiaOra Quiz

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

- 1 What is the largest state of the USA by area, yet is the least densely populated?
- 2 Thelonious Monk was an American pianist and composer, best known for what genre of music?
- 3 Which of Charles Dickens's novels is also the name of a famous magician?
- 4 Golf and Rugby Sevens will join the Olympic schedule at the Olympic Games of which city?
- 5 The Whitetails gang featured in which TV soap?
- 6 Poppy Honey, Daisy Boo and Petal Blossom Rainbow are the children of which chef?
- 7 Which country's wine market is the largest in the world, yet is only New Zealand's third-largest export market?
- 8 How many inches is 254 millimetres?
- 9 What term is used to describe a written, fictional, prose narrative longer than a novelette but shorter than a novel?
- 10 The Waimakariri River empties into which bay?

See page 44 for answers. www.believeitornot.co.nz



no limits

After Sarah Fuller's father had a stroke, he was confined to a wheelchair – but he didn't let it stop him travelling. Now Fuller, founder of Wheel Away Disabled Travel, has written a Hong Kong guide for disabled travellers and their carers, based on her experiences of organising travel for her dad. Her personable writing style and first-hand knowledge make this an invaluable tool, covering everything from getting around to where to stay. www.wheelawaydisabledtravel.com

