



TV Stars



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SERVING

UP A TREAT

THE Kitchen Job (TV3, Tuesday 7.30pm) differs only slightly from Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares.

For one, John Palino is better looking and secondly there's no swearing, which makes it a perfect watch for the whole family.

Other than that it's basically the same formula in a different setting. And it works well too. Drop one chef/foodie/guru into a failing eatery, give him free rein on the décor/menu/kitchen and watch him work his magic to turn it back into a successful restaurant.

It can be an exciting transformation to watch, although it does bring to mind another difference – the pace. Or should I say lack of it. It's a Kiwi show and it seems to go

at a Kiwi speed – more relaxed, less frantic and, on the whole, much, much slower.

Whether this is to be the tempo for the whole series – or if it's just because the first episode was filmed in Helensville – is yet to be seen.

I also wonder how well the featured restaurants will fare.

We're an odd bunch here in NZ. We'll either give it a miss entirely because it's been on TV and we prefer low-key. Or we'll do the exact opposite – because we also love an underdog – and it'll be inundated with patrons.

Either way, I predict the show will rate well.

Whether or not we're keen to eat there, we're still nosy enough to want to see the end result.



Maturing drama

TV ONE'S new drama *Mistresses* will have women rejoicing that finally we have a hard-hitting drama for grown-ups.

It has all the right ingredients – complicated lives, complex relationships and misguided loyalties – and not a teenage gossip girl in sight! Hallelujah!