

The Oratia R & R invites you to the

NEW YEAR'S DAY PICNIC

At Albionvale - the home of David and Barbara Harre, 527 West Coast Rd, Oratia,
from 3pm, Thursday January 1st 2015

Barbecue • Woodfired Pizza Oven • Steam-engine-cooked mussels • Games for the kids • Folk museum open
Restored 1887 railway carriage No 313 as a quiet retreat for grownups
The relaxing, leafy ambience of historic Albionvale

What to bring: It's a picnic, so bring ...

- a rug
- good picnic food
- something to drink (alcohol permitted)
- bats, balls, tennis racquets, frisbees ...
- musical instruments (a jam session is always likely)
- picnic chairs, cushions, airbeds - get comfortable.
- sun umbrella, hats, sunblock ... you know the drill!



Steamed mussels: (above) Free to a good home, courtesy of Dave Harre's classic steam engine. You'll be mesmerised by its magical beat and spinning wheels, as it cooks you some hot fresh seafood.

Pizza Oven: (right) Bring pizzas ready to cook; or pizza bases and toppings to add to the communal pile, then make up your pizza on the spot and have it cooked for you in the wood-fired oven.

Barbecue: Bring a little bit of what you fancy, some cooking tools, and sizzle yourself up a treat at the communal barbecue.

Oratia's traditional New Year's Day picnic was started by the Parr family who established Albion Vale nursery in 1853. The picnic was a regular event until 1907. In 2006 the Oratia R&R resurrected the picnic and it's been a biennial event ever since.



Anything else? Yes ... please bring:

- one piece of wood per family
Keep the wheels turning on the steam engine, and the fire blazing in the pizza oven.
- one gold coin per person to support the Folk Museum
The museum is one of Oratia's treasures. Let's keep it alive and open.

What if it rains? C'mon! It never rains! (But keep your eye on www.oratia.org.nz - just in case.)

