

The Oratia R & R invites you to the

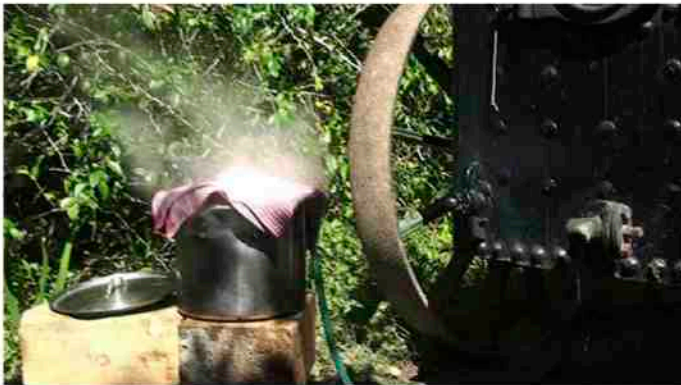
# NEW YEAR'S DAY PICNIC

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](http://www.oratia.org.nz) - just in case.)

