TOCAL COLLEGE MEDIA RELEASE

FOUNDATION DAY 2015

Tocal College celebrates its annual Foundation Day on Friday, 6 November. The day provides an opportunity to commemorate the establishment of the College, the benevolence of the late CB Alexander for bequeathing the property for education and the late EA Hunt for his drive and commitment to bring CB Alexander’s vision to reality.

This year’s Foundation Day celebrates 50 years of agricultural education at Tocal College. “50 years of education is a great milestone for Tocal and we are pleased to celebrate it through the launch of a 50th Anniversary DVD, the launch of two books on the first 50 years of Tocal College and the formation of the new Tocal Alumni”, Principal Mr Darren Bayley said. “We were pleased to have the services of Catherine Hunter and Bruce Inglis to make the DVD, who recently produced a well-received program for ABC Landline on Tocal”.

This celebration of 50 years will be supported by the presence of NSW Deputy Premier The Hon. Troy Grant who will unveil a commemorative plaque and make a surprise announcement on behalf of the CB Alexander Foundation. Guest speaker for the afternoon is Professor Steven Powles eminent ex-student of Tocal, Professor of Agronomy, and world expert on herbicide resistance.

“We are pleased to have the NSW Deputy Premier and Professor Powles join us for Foundation Day and take part in proceedings” said Mr Bayley.

“Another theme of this year’s Foundation Day will be the adaptive reuse of historic farm buildings” Mr Darren Bayley said. “We are putting more emphasis on preserving and showcasing our heritage buildings through adaptive reuse. We are known for our unique architecture and heritage buildings and we want to provide even greater access to the community to see and interact with their history”.

Foundation Day starts with a morning tea at 10.30am at the Homestead Function Centre, followed by guided tours showcasing the adaptive reuse of three heritage buildings - the Barracks, Daly Kidd Cottage and Visitors Reception Centre. Lunch will be served in the EA Hunt Hall at noon, followed by official proceedings.

Those who have an interest in the College are welcome to attend Foundation Day but need to phone and advise of their intentions. Phone Robyn Papworth on 4939 8865.

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