

A Record 40 Weddings at Tocal this Year

“Tocal Homestead has booked in a record 40 weddings for the 2010 calendar year. This is a record for the Centre and we are delighted to have this level of interest in Tocal Homestead”, Dr Cameron Archer, Director, Tocal Agricultural Centre, said.

Tocal Visitor Centre was built around 10 years ago and is an adaptive reuse of a large timber and iron hayshed. The Centre used innovative architectural design and creative use of natural materials to construct a unique venue.

“Tocal Visitor Centre is complemented by magnificent grounds and of Tocal Homestead itself. Most weddings are held on the front lawn of Tocal Homestead and with pre-dinner drinks on the lawn before the Reception in the Visitor Centre”, Dr Archer said.

“It is important we have a business associated with Tocal Homestead to give it a firm financial basis. While we can have fund raising and other activities it is important to build a business base as well. Tocal Homestead also attracts grants from time to time for its conservation but it needs to also stand on its own feet”, Dr Archer said.

“The achievement of 40 weddings is the result of the hard work of all the staff associated with Tocal Homestead and the support of the local community and businesses is appreciated. The funding for the Visitor Centre construction was based on the economic development of the local area and it has certainly put jobs to the Paterson region,” Dr Archer, said.

“All weddings rely upon services from a wide range of suppliers such as caterers, entertainers, functions organisers and designers and accommodation houses. Each wedding involves a significant number of local businesses,” Dr Archer, said.

Tocal Homestead is open for casual visits from 10.00am to 3,00pm every weekend and public holiday from May to November. Often people visit the Homestead to inspect the facilities for their upcoming wedding.

Further details of Tocal Homestead can be obtained on www.tocal.com or by phoning Ms Sandy Earle, 4939 8901.

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