

Return to Chadacre – A memorable farm walk

Sunday June 1st was a memorable day for many reasons. It was a very hot day when approximately 180 former Chadacre students, staff, family and friends attended the annual COSA Farm Walk. This year our visit to Chadacre was the culmination of COSA's Centenary Celebrations.

Estate Manager Colin Walters welcomed us and introduced Steven and Gillain Lamprell, owners of Chadacre Estate. By coincidence it was Mr Lamprell's birthday and former Principal, John Paton Philips daughter, Rachel Fryer had a wonderful surprise gift for him. Rachel's parents had left a water colour of the Institute by local artist Peter Wagan to the family and they felt it was fitting that the painting should be returned to be hung Chadacre. Mr & Mrs Lamprell were delighted with their gift.

Colin and tractor driver Will Pine then began the task of taking members on continuous trailer rides around to see the farm, the last ride heading off just before finish at 4pm. A path had also been cut especially around the lake and this proved a popular walk for everyone. It was a great opportunity and pleasing to see the Institute being very well restored, cared for and looked after.

COSA member Paddy Read provided a very tasty hog roast and Colin, his family served teas, coffees and beer. All very much appreciated.

The feedback from members was that it was an exceptional day with great opportunity to reminisce and catch up and we are very grateful to the Lamprells and their team for hosting such a superb day.

Painting presentation

