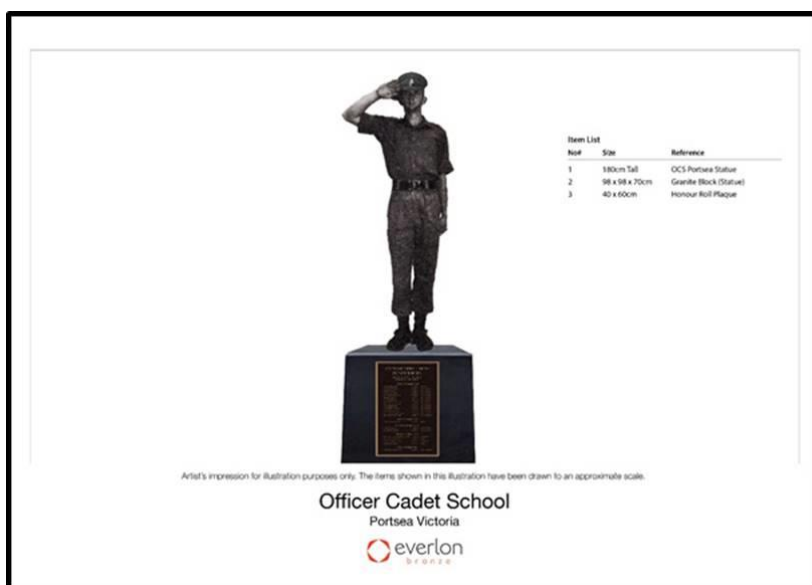




To: All OCS Alumni Members via Class Orderlies' Network and OCS Website at: www.ocsportsea.org

PROPOSED STATUE – PROGRESS REPORT No 11



References:

- A. Statue Proposal sent to Class Orderlies for Distribution on 1 Feb 2019.
- B. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 9 dated 18th February 2020.
- C. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 10 dated 31st March 2020.
- D. Email dated 23 April 2020 from Paul Asbury – Call In of Pledges.

Organising Committee Members:

Since Reference A was distributed the Organising Committee now consists of:

- Ossie Kleinig ~ OCS Class of Dec '57 and Co-ordinator of OCS Project 2013.
- Paul Asbury ~ OCS Class of Dec '67. Co-founder with Bob de Haas [dec'd] of OCS Alumni and Administrator of the Alumni.
- Terry Dinneen ~ OCS Class of Jun '63.
- Kevin Lunny ~ OCS Class of Dec '64.
- John Wilson ~ OCS Class of Dec '66. President of the Rye RSL and Local Parks Victoria Liaison Team Member.
- Robin McBride ~ OCS Class of Jun '68. With John a Local Parks Victoria Liaison Team Member.

Finance Sub-Committee

- ❖ Ossie Kleinig ~ Sub-Committee Chair.
- ❖ John Matthews ~ OCS Class of Jun '78 ~ Finance Sub Committee Member.
- ❖ Geoff Robinson ~ OCS Class of Jun '85 ~ Finance Sub Committee Member.
- ❖ Graham Cobb ~ OCS Class of Dec '65 ~ Internal Auditor.

Specialist Volunteers:

- Hilton Lenard ~ OCS Class of Jun '68. Grants Team.
- Bob Elworthy ~ OCS Class of Dec '73. Grants Team.
- Kevin Dreyer ~ OCS Class of Jun '67. NZ Grants Team.
- Rob Murray ~ OCS Class of Dec '72. OCS Alumni Webmaster.

Statue Approval

On 22 April 2020, John Wilson and Robin McBride received the signed approval of the Licence Agreement from the Victorian Government.

Current Actions

The call in of pledges commenced on 23 April as notified in Reference D. After this had time to be circulated by Class Orderlies, a notice was placed on the Alumni website.

Daily totals are being promulgated on the Alumni website – www.ocsportsea.org

For historical purposes, I would like to record the OCS Alumni's daily **Totals So Far [TSF]** in response to the recent call-in of pledges. These are as follows:

- Day 1 ~ TSF: 24 Apr \$17,952:00
- Day 2 ~ TSF: 25 Apr \$27,002:00
- Day 3 ~ TSF: 26 Apr \$31,702:00
- Day 4 ~ TSF: 27 Apr \$44,897:00
- Day 5 ~ TSF: 28 Apr \$58,872:00
- Day 6 ~ TSF: 29 Apr \$65,712:00
- Day 7 ~ TSF: 30 Apr \$73,719:64
- Day 8 ~ TSF: 01 May \$79,589:64
- Day 9 ~ TSF: 02 May \$80439:64
- Day 10 ~ TSF: 03 May \$80949:64.

This has been an amazing effort by all, and the Committee recognises the efforts everyone, including some ex-Staff, has taken to ensure success of this project.

Donation Target Phases. There are two targets that the Alumni Statue Organising Committee is striving to achieve. Target 1 is to achieve enough funding to cover the basic costs associated with construction and installation of the statue at Portsea. This target is \$86,000. Target 2 is to reach \$100,000 to allow additional work in relation to the Portsea area to be completed as well as provide a small amount of funding to cover costs associated with the maintenance of the Alumni assets, e.g., (website hosting).

Target Dates. The current quotes for the statue and installation works remain current until 30 June 2020. Therefore, we hope to have enough funds secured by not later than 15 June to enable final contract signing by that date.

Challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic has created several challenges along the way. For example, the signing of the contract was delayed. Current restrictions are also likely to impact on future activities including possible site inspections and any final layout visits. We are hopeful that these will not have significant impacts on the overall project.

The Next Steps

While restrictions remain in place, the dates for this phase remain uncertain. However, we consider the following activities will be necessary:

- Scheduled initial site inspection by John Wilson and Robin McBride, with Parks Vic's Andrew Kelly and James Taravillo General Manager of our installation/siteworks contractor – 6 May 2020.
- Signing of the Contract – to be completed by the very latest 30 June 2020.
- Statue cast – Dates to be advised by Everlon Bronze, the manufacturer.
- Installation – to be completed by date to be advised by the Installer and Siteworks contractor.
- Unveiling Ceremony – Date to be advised.

Unveiling Ceremony

This ceremony will be planned to ensure maximum attendance by graduates, ex-staff and the community. There will be a lead time to ensure that we are able to secure a suitable dignitary for this special event plus allow graduates to plan travel arrangements.

The ceremony will include a self-funded celebration that will be coordinated by the Committee. Details will be advised as we finalise dates.

Additional Scope of Work

The Committee has included an additional amount to enable recording of the unveiling ceremony and the development of an audio-visual documentation of the OCS history for inclusion at the National Park Information Centre. The details of the final scope of work are still to be finalised for this stage of the project as the focus has been on getting approval for and construction of the statue.

Other Alumni News

➤ **Website Development**

It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention in this report the amazing work that our Webmaster, Rob Murray [OCS Class of Dec '72], is doing in the website rebuild. A lot of this work is now being produced and will be up on the site shortly. Some is! One major effort that Rob has undertaken is the Operational Deployments that Australian Army OCS Graduates have undertaken since the first course right through to the present day.

I think many Alumni Members will be absolutely amazed at the extent of deployments undertaken by our Australian Army Graduates. RAAF and International Graduate Deployments have NOT been covered, but it is hoped that these Alumni Members will respond in like-fashion to Rob's initiative.

➤ **Loyalty and Service – Web Version**

A further task Rob has taken on is working with Colonel Neville Lindsay [Retd] to update the OCS History *Loyalty and Service* as a website and an eBook. Rob has mentioned in passing this work on our Website's Welcome page. The site has been developed and we are currently waiting on advice for a 'soft' launch. Keep an eye on your emails and the website for more information.

Ossie Kleinig

For and on behalf of the Statue Organising Committee

3rd May 2020