

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

PORTSEA STATUE – PROGRESS REPORT No 18



References:

- A. Statue Proposal sent to Class Orderlies for Distribution on 1 Feb 2019.
- B. Email dated 23 April 2020 from Paul Asbury – Call In of Pledges.
- C. Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 16 dated 25th November 2020.
- D. Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 17 dated 22nd December 2020.

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.

OCS Webmaster:

Rob Murray ~ OCS Class of Dec '72

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.

Now for a Quick Update ~ Works in Progress

Since the Statue's approval, the following is the current state of play:

Everlon

- The Statue is in its final lacquering stage of production. Once completed, it will be transported to The Headstone Company's factory in Geelong before final delivery to Portsea for its installation.
- Once Everlon delivers the statue to Geelong safely, this Firm's contractual requirements will be met, and its balance of account submitted for payment.
- Everlon has advised that the proposed delivery date for the completed statue will be between the 11th to 15th February 2021. In discussion with its fellow contractor, The Headstone Company, Everlon further advised it should take a further two days for its final installation at Portsea.

The Headstone Company

- All preparatory work, including the installation of the plinth with the associated mounted plaques, has been completed at Portsea by The Headstone Company. See the OCS Website at www.ocsportsea.org for photos of the completed on-site works.
- Thanks to Parks Vic for the initial trim and clean-up of the shrubbery around the new foundation for the statue. This facilitated The Headstone Company's access to the site for its preparatory work to proceed.

The “Virtual Unveiling Ceremony” Video

Again, due to uncertainty around COVID 19, the “Virtual Unveiling Ceremony” video has gone ahead. The current situation is as follows:

- As mentioned in Progress Report No 15, Rob Murray our Alumni Webmaster, is well into the production stage of the video for its release on the Website. There are gaps that still need to be photographed or filmed, e.g., both Contractors' progress works on both the Statue (Everlon) and its installation (The Headstone Company) plus also the “Virtual Unveiling Ceremony” itself.
- Detailed planning has been carried out in preparation for these additions to the video and we are now waiting for the segments to come together.

Alumni Members will be advised of the Video's launch date on the Alumni Website.

The Electronic Version of “Loyalty and Service”

As also advised in earlier Progress Reports, Neville Lindsay's Epub Book is nearing completion with one inclusion to go. It then should be ready for its relaunch, with thanks to both Neville and Rob and others who were involved.

Current Situation

While COVID 19 restrictions (now thankfully easing) remain in place, future activities remain uncertain. If major changes occur, Members will be kept informed through both the Class Orderly network and the Website.

Financial Report

See Annex A. (For distribution via the Class Orderly Network only).

Ossie Kleinig

For and on behalf of the Statue Organising Committee

21st January 2021

Annex: A. OCS Statue Fund ~ Financial Report dated 21st January 2021.

Distribution:

1. All Classes via Class Orderly Network.
2. Website (less Annex A).