

OCS MEMORIAL STATUE REPORT

THE VISION, HISTORY, PLANNING AND EXECUTION FOR INSTALLING THE MEMORIAL STATUE OF A SALUTING CADET AT PORTSEA, VICTORIA



BOB de HAAS ~ A VISIONARY CONCEPT ~ 2008.

A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE OCS MEMORIAL WALL.

THE PROPOSED STATUE AND HONOUR ROLL.

FEASIBILITY STUDY RESULTS AND PROGRESS REPORT

No 1 ~ FEBRUARY 2019.

CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS ~ JULY 2020.

STATUE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION PHASE COMPLETED ~

3 MARCH 2021 ~ VIRTUALLY UNVEILED 18 MARCH 2021.

THANKS TO PROJECT PARTICIPANTS.

OUTSTANDING MATTERS.

CONCLUSION.

ALUMNI FINANCIAL REPORT TO 29 APRIL 2021.

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A Visionary Concept for a Saluting Cadet at Portsea

Introduction

The background for the Memorial Statue of a saluting cadet at Portsea was Bob de Haas' vision in the early days of the OCS Alumni. Bob, together with his Alumni's co-founder in Paul Asbury, were both members of the OCS Class of December 1967. Just before this Class graduated, an OCS Memorial Wall with plaques of those Graduates who had died on Active Service at that time, was constructed and dedicated. The then Commandant, Colonel H.G. Bates OBE, was the driving force behind this important OCS initiative with probable input by Major Jim Welch, the Major in Charge of Administration. Jim also was a keen historian and recorded much of Point Nepean's history.



Bob de Haas ~ OCS
Dec 1967 Class.

Once the Army handed over Point Nepean after the School of Army Health was re-located to Bonegilla in late 1997, the Memorial Wall was dismantled and stored at Portsea. In early 2001 it was re-located and re-built at the RMC of A, Duntroon, where it now stands as a tribute to those OCS Graduates who gave their all for their respective countries.

Bob's initial action in replacing the Memorial Wall at Portsea was to contact a Sculptor, a Mr Peter Corlett in Melbourne, to discuss the Statue. Bob's notes published on the Alumni's Website on this meeting follow:

BOB de HAAS' NOTES ON CORLETT MEETING ~ 11 AUG 2008

A very enjoyable and cordial meeting was held at Peter Corlett's studio in Fitzroy a couple of weeks ago.

A number of Peter's works are seen here - Beersheba, Bullecourt Digger, Cobbers, Simpson and His Donkey, and the artist himself working on the Beersheba statue.

The process of the creation of our "cadet's statue" involves a clay model, then the "larger than life" size model, and then the casting in bronze.

In keeping with the re-dedication of Badcoe Hall, Peter suggested that the "face" of the "cadet" be that of Peter Badcoe. This helps Peter in his work as he is a "humanist", and the statue takes on a "persona". (A 2021 Note: This was not approved by the Victorian Government in the 2019 Statue Proposal ~ it had to be of a "generic" cadet representing all Graduates).

At present the Request to have the statue at Portsea is with the Point Nepean Community Trust Board, which will meet towards the end of Aug. All being well, we should have the concurrence we need to go ahead. The cost of the statue's creation, including transport, mounting and plaque is in the order of \$100,000. The intention is that Alumni members will be invited to contribute \$100 (+ or -) each (a "funds thermometer" will be on this site to progressively indicate contributions progress. Gerard Nelson will open an account specifically for the project, and Alumni members will be able to deposit their contributions directly via direct deposit/bank transfer, or cheque. The account details will be made known early in September. Contributors may have their names added to a "list" on the website in acknowledgement of their contribution, although amounts contributed will not be listed.

The widest possible promulgation of this project is requested so that Alumni members can have ample opportunity to make their contributions. Remember, Alumni members are all cadets (graduated or not) and staff of the OCS from mid-1952 to end 1985.

By all means, please leave a "comment" and let's know your thoughts...!

Posted by [Cadet Admin Clerk](#) at 5:36 PM 2 comments: 

Labels: [Statue](#)

Monday, 11 August 2008 Meeting

Meeting With Sculptor Peter Corlett



Copy of Original Proposal for a Statue at OCS Portsea

Mr Alan Studley
Chief Executive Officer
Point Nepean Community Trust
Level 3
22 William Street
Melbourne, Victoria. 3000

July 2008

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL AT PORTSEA

The Officer Cadet School, Portsea Alumni respectfully requests the permission of the Point Nepean Community Trust to erect a memorial within the grounds of the Quarantine Station, Portsea.

The Memorial would take the form of either:

1. Main Option. A larger than life-size bronze statue of an Officer Cadet in a saluting gesture facing the once Parade Ground, or
2. Secondary Option. A large granite rock with a large bronze plaque, facing the once Parade Ground.

The requested location of the memorial is on the site of what once was the Memorial Wall, on the rise between Badcoe Hall and the Accommodation Buildings (see attached photo)

The Memorial, either the Statue or the Rock, would incorporate a bronze plaque containing words to the effect of:

"This Memorial recognizes the occupation and use of this entire area from June 1952 to December 1985 by the Australian Army Officer Cadet School, which had the sole aim to train selected members to become Officers in the Australian Army, as well as the Armies of New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, New Guinea, Fiji, Brunei, Nigeria, Kenya, Cambodia, Thailand, Uganda, and South Vietnam – a total of 3,544 Graduates. This memorial stands on the location on which once stood a Memorial Wall dedicated to those graduates of the Officer Cadet School who were killed in action, or who died of wounds from combat. From the time of construction of the Memorial Wall, it was the habit for all who passed here at any time, to pay respects to the fallen graduates by saluting. The original Memorial Wall now stands in the grounds of the Royal Military College Duntroon."

Loyalty and Service

Should permission be granted, it is intended that the Statue and Plaque would be sculpted by Peter Corlett, and cast by The Meridian Sculpture Founders (Fitzroy, Melbourne), who have an excellent history of producing quality memorials, which have included 'Simpson and His Donkey' (Aust War Memorial), 'Beersheba' (Israel and Australia), 'Fromell' (Fromell and the Shrine), and 'Weary Dunlop' (Melb). Expected cost is about AUD\$100,000.

The sculpting and casting could be complete by end January 2009.

For your urgent consideration and accord, please.

Sincerely,

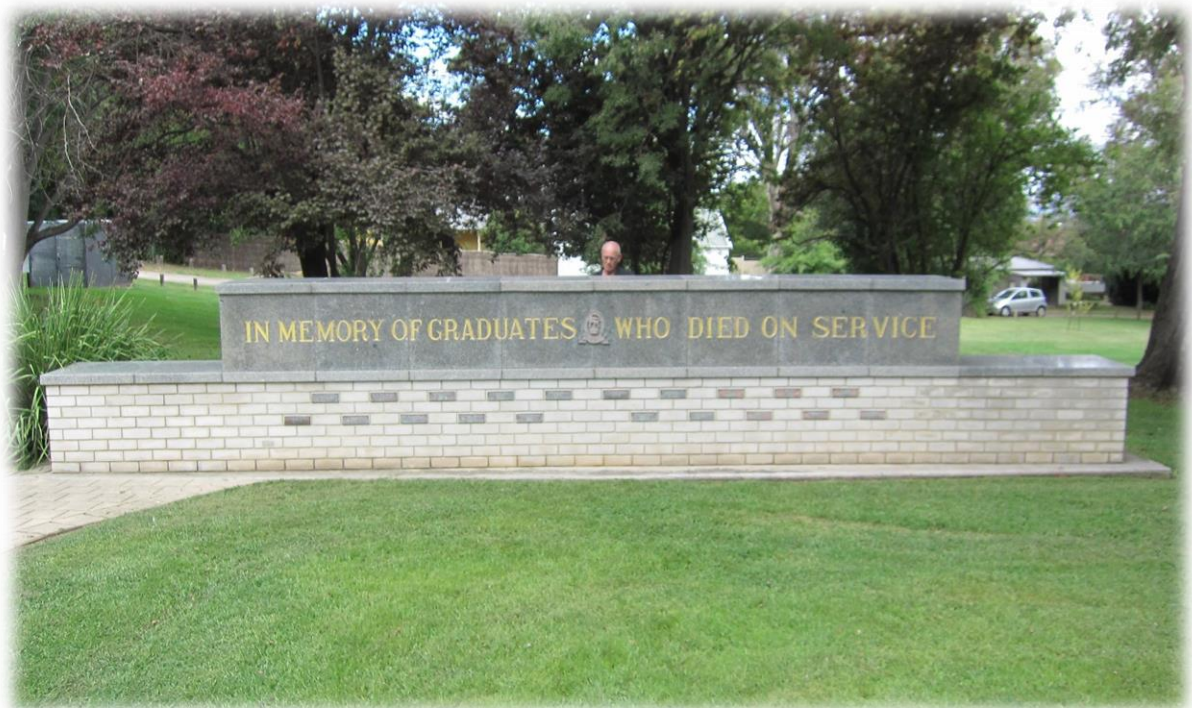
(Robert A de Haas)
Class of December 1967
Mob: 0413 063 361
The Officer Cadet School Portsea Alumni



A Pictorial History ~ The Memorial Wall



OCS Memorial Wall at Portsea ~ Circa 1968.



Re-located OCS Memorial Wall at RMC ~ Circa 2016.

Proposed Statue with Honour Roll

Bob de Haas' initial application to the Point Nepean Community Trust in July 2008 and his subsequent meeting in August the same year with Peter Corlett, the well-known Melbourne based sculptor, provided the basic planning details for the proposed memorial statue. However, this original proposal lapsed for reasons unknown and unfortunately these were not recorded by Bob before his passing in 2018.

The memorial statue was again raised in July 2017 with Bob and Paul Asbury by Ossie Kleinig, an OCS December 1957 graduate and a staff member at OCS from January 1965 to June 1967. Ossie had been very impressed by three Victoria Cross statues that were erected in Euroa, a small Victorian country town. Bob's enthusiasm for the project was re-ignited and he requested details of this project. Ossie followed up by approaching the Euroa RSL Sub-Branch. This led to contacting the three contractors that were involved in the Euroa project. These were:

- Everlon (statue and plaques).
- The Headstone Company (plinth, plaque mounting, installation and siteworks). And finally
- Burgess Signwriters ~ A Seymour based signwriter (historical signs).

Thus, baseline costs of the proposed project were established although variations would occur.

Euroa Statues



Victoria Cross Statues ~ Euroa.



Victoria Cross Signage ~ Euroa.

Project Time Lapse

At the time the memorial statue was re-raised in 2017, Bob had suffered a family set-back with the tragic loss of his second wife. OCS Alumni matters were placed on the backburner. He also decided to re-locate to Bribie Island in Queensland from Melbourne in order to start afresh. However, the statue project was still foremost in his mind, and he again raised it with both Paul Asbury and Ossie Kleinig in 2018. Unfortunately, Bob passed away in August 2018.

After Bob's untimely, and too early passing, both Paul and Ossie decided to draft a feasibility paper to OCS Alumni members for consideration. One of the key points was calling for financial pledges to cover the project's costs. The outstanding response to the proposal, including financial pledges, allowed for further planning to progress with confidence.

The end result is now a part of OCS, and indeed, Point Nepean history.

The Memorial Statue Concept



A Photoshop Copy of the Proposed Saluting Cadet mounted on Plinth.

Honour Roll on Plinth

OFFICER CADET SCHOOL ~ PORTSEA		
HONOUR ROLL		
"GRADUATES WHO PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE ON ACTIVE SERVICE"		
AUSTRALIAN GRADUATES		
LIEUTENANT D.J. BRIAN	5 MAR 1964	MALAYSIA
CAPTAIN G.R. BELLEVILLE	12 FEB 1966	SOUTH VIETNAM
MAJOR D.M. BOURNE	14 FEB 1967	SOUTH VIETNAM
CAPTAIN R.B. MILLIGAN	14 FEB 1967	SOUTH VIETNAM
LIEUTENANT J. CARRUTHERS	24 FEB 1967	SOUTH VIETNAM
MAJOR P.J. BADCOE VC	7 APR 1967	SOUTH VIETNAM
LIEUTENANT R.G. BIRSE	10 DEC 1967	SOUTH VIETNAM
2ND LIEUTENANT B.G. WALKER	9 MAR 1969	SOUTH VIETNAM
2ND LIEUTENANT G.R. LOCKE	9 MAY 1969	SOUTH VIETNAM
LIEUTENANT P.A. HINES	21 JUL 1969	SOUTH VIETNAM
LIEUTENANT R.T. CONVERY	23 NOV 1969	SOUTH VIETNAM
CAPTAIN B.C. DONALD DSM	3 DEC 1969	SOUTH VIETNAM
LIEUTENANT P.R. MARKS-CHAPMAN	19 DEC 1969	SOUTH VIETNAM
2ND LIEUTENANT B.R. A. JONES	10 APR 1971	SOUTH VIETNAM
MALAYSIAN GRADUATE		
CAPTAIN V.M. CHANDRAN SP	13 JUN 1971	PERAK
NEW ZEALAND GRADUATES		
CAPTAIN P. WILLIAMS	14 FEB 1967	SOUTH VIETNAM
LIEUTENANT J.R. WINTON	10 MAR 1971	SOUTH VIETNAM
PHILIPPINES GRADUATES		
2ND LIEUTENANT EUSTAQUIO GRANADILLOS	21 SEP 1975	MINDANAO
2ND LIEUTENANT OSCAR G. HULAR	5 MAR 1977	LUZON
CAPTAIN ALMARIO VIELASENOR	10 OCT 1977	ZAMBOANGA
MAJOR EFREN F. SALIDO	1 OCT 1987	LUZON
THAILAND GRADUATE		
CAPTAIN SURAJIT SHINAWATRA	26 APR 1973	THAI-LAOS BORDER

Feasibility Study Results and Progress Report ~ February 2019



To: All OCS Alumni Members [Via Class Orderlies]

PROPOSED OCS STATUE PROJECT – PROGRESS REPORT No 1

Reference: A. Proposed Statue Feasibility Paper sent to Class Orderlies on 1 Feb 2019.

Feedback on Proposal

Great feedback and “pledged” donations have been received by Committee Members on the above proposal. As at Day 19, Paul Asbury has received “pledges” totalling slightly over \$77,000:00. Thank you all!

Proposal Acceptance

Like all proposals put forward to such a large group as the OCS Alumni it can only be assumed from the outset that it would not be agreed by all. This has been the case with this proposal for a memorial statue at Portsea. In total, four were against it for various reasons as is their right. Some Alumni members forwarded very constructive suggestions. Just today a proposal was put to the Organising Committee to construct two statues because of the outstanding responses both in support and in financial pledges. One was to be located at Portsea and the other at Duntroon. The consensus by Committee Members was to go ahead with the original proposal put forward and to make the Duntroon proposal a separate project if members wished, but by another Project Team.

Proposal Rationale

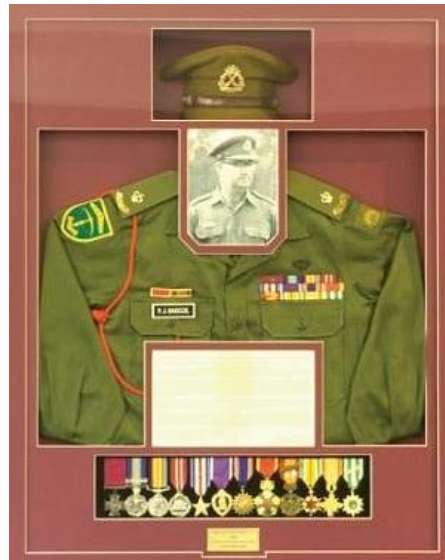
The reasoning behind this Portsea proposal can be summarised as follows:

- Portsea **WAS** the site for this officer training establishment and over 3544 cadets were trained there. From January 1957 onwards this included international officer trainees as well.
- The OCS Alumni not only consists of the 3544 cadets that successfully graduated but **ALL** instructors both commissioned and non-commissioned that trained graduates for their service careers, whether it be army or air force. It is also important to recognise the military and civilian support staff who fulfilled a vital role in this training of young men and, in the final year young women, for their subsequent military careers. Again, this happened at Portsea except for three OCS overspill Classes due to excessive numbers that undertook training at Scheyville in NSW.
- The Portsea OCS Memorial Wall was relocated early in **2001** to RMC, Duntroon after the amalgamation of the two institutions at the end of 1985. This is fitting as future cadets will be cognisant of Portsea’s history. This is further enhanced by OCS’s Colours being laid up in Anzac Chapel at Duntroon as well as an Honour Roll located next to RMC’s Parade Ground. Furthermore, OCS cadet records are held by the Military History Unit at Duntroon.
- *It therefore can be seen clearly that the OCS Portsea footprint and history are well-catered for at RMC. This is less apparent at Portsea where it all happened.*

Now Why Portsea?

It almost requires a visit to Portsea in order to understand the limited “footprint” that now exists. The co-founder of the OCS Alumni and its website in Lieutenant Colonel Bob de Haas [deceased] worked extremely hard, including at his personal financial cost, to keep OCS’s profile “front and centre” with the Point Nepean Community Trust and the current custodians in Parks Victoria, since the Federal Government handed over to the Victorian State Government. This limited “footprint” consists in the main of the following:

- Badcoe Hall. Bob and his co-founder in retired Lieutenant Colonel Paul Asbury, presented two important sets of memorabilia at a function to the Point Nepean Community Trust that had been set up to oversee Point Nepean. The first being a framed picture of Peter Badcoe VC with his memorabilia [re-production medals, battledress jacket and peaked cap]. See photo below.



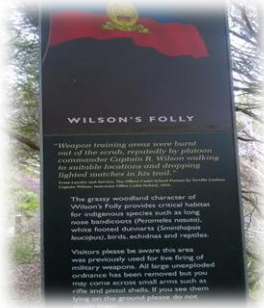
Peter Badcoe VC Memorabilia.

- Bob and Paul with other Alumni Members presented a framed photo of "*The Spirit of Portsea*". This is hung in the foyer of Badcoe Hall. See photo below.



"Spirit of Portsea" ~ Print.

Parks Victoria [the current custodians of the National Park] has erected signs outside of Badcoe Hall, the Administration Building [OCS's Headquarters], the Shepherd's Hut [initially used for gas training for the early courses then as a staff office before becoming the RSM's Office in later courses]. Also signposted are certain topographical features, e.g. Wilson's Folly and certain range locations.



Parks Victoria Signage ~ Wilson's Folly.



OCS Parade Ground Flag Station ~ OCS Flag Left Halyard.



Bob de Haas.

Bob de Haas and Paul Asbury also presented Parks Victoria with an OCS Flag. This is flown when Parks Victoria is aware of ex-Portsea groups visiting the area. See photo above.

Both Bob and Paul, since 2002, have maintained the OCS Alumni Records with Bob setting up the OCS Website that year. Since Bob's passing the website "froze" due to lack of maintenance. Ray Trevisan [Class of Dec 1982], in conjunction with Paul Asbury providing administrative support, offered to work on resurrecting the website [or what may be the

2020 replacement]. As an interim measure, Ray has already posted the incomplete work of the OCS Project 2013. This particular project was initiated by Bob de Haas and was being included in the re-developed website that Bob was working on before his untimely passing in August 2018.



Paul Asbury.

Update No 1 ~ 4th July 2020:

Due to pressure of work, Ray Trevisan handed over the re-build of the OCS Website to Rob Murray [OCS Class of Dec 1972] as the Webmaster. Rob's upgrade took over the new Domain Name that can be found by clicking onto www.ocsportsea.org. The website has taken on a completely changed look and is worth a quick browse or a detailed perusal. Rob is to be commended for his work in recording the OCS Story, including post graduate deployments by many who completed the OCS Training Course.

Proposal Stages

Stage One: The first stage was to draft up a proposal for Class Orderlies for further distribution to class members. This proposal called for “pledges” in order to ascertain the project’s feasibility. An amazing result followed in the first two weeks in that \$74,390:00 was pledged. Since then, more pledges have come in from our Kiwi graduates from across “the ditch” adding to our total pledges. Another remarkable effort! The extra monies now pledged allows the Organising Committee to improve on what was initially envisaged.

Stage Two: Concurrent with Stage One, the Committee needed a “ball-park” cost for the project to set a “target figure”. Without this it was impossible to gauge feasibility. A firm was approached with a concept based on its work on the three VC Statues at the small country town of Euroa, Victoria. Thus, the figure of \$60,000 was set, but it did not include installation costs of a possible \$40,000. With the response being so great, the Organising Committee can now complete the statue as well as include better signage to incorporate a “potted” history of OCS’s occupation of the site. An additional, comparative quote has been called for to ensure good governance of the project.

Stage Three: The Organising Committee will compare quotes and select the successful tenderer. Concurrently with Stage Two, the Committee is seeking approval for the Memorial Statue at Portsea through Parks Victoria. Initial dealings have been incredibly positive as that organisation wants to update historical information on Point Nepean. Once acceptance of the proposal has been guaranteed, pledges will be called in to ensure costs can be met with the selected tenderer/s. Once funds are in hand, the selected tenderer/s will be notified.

Update No 2 ~ 4th July 2020:

In planning, the Organising Committee called for quotations from all of the tenderers as per Stage Three above. The overall responsible Authority in Parks Victoria supported the Statue Proposal, but other organisations were required to give clearance due to respective, but differing, legislative areas. These bodies involved the following:

- (DELWP) Parks Victoria letter was received granting **Consent and Letter of Support to other Regulatory Bodies dated 29th May 2020**.
- (DELWP) ~ **A Letter of Consent pursuant to Section 70 of the Marine and Coastal Act 2018 dated 24th June 2020** was received **subject to listed Section 70 conditions** being met.
- Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) ~ Heritage Victoria: A Permit Exemption Application was duly submitted, our Reference P33387 ~ **(APPROVED 7th July 2020)**.
- Mornington Peninsula Shire Council: **(Advice dated 18th May 2020 that NO Planning Permit was required)**.
- Aboriginal Victoria Compliance under any Aboriginal cultural heritage. (An on-site meeting has been scheduled with the Traditional Owners). **(Held on 3 March 2021)**.

Note: Once final clearances received, Parks Victoria will sign off on the proposal.

Stage Four: This will incorporate the execution phase including project supervision, the official unveiling and post administrative reporting back to the OCS Alumni. The Unveiling Ceremony will be subject to a future separate instruction. Depending on an improved current situation resulting from the Coronavirus Pandemic at the time of the proposed Unveiling Ceremony, it is further hoped that a series of Alumni Functions will be held. Again, details will follow once the situation clarifies. **(Note: Due to the COVID Pandemic, a Virtual Unveiling Ceremony was organised in lieu of an Alumni wide unveiling. This was carried out on 18th March 2021 and the video is now on the OCS Website).**

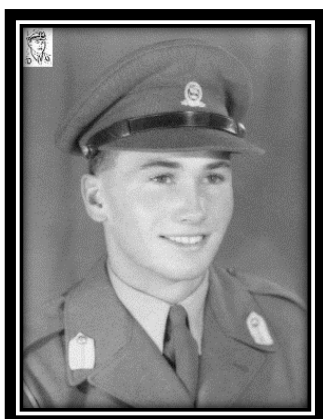
OCS Statue Organising Committee ~ Update No 3 ~ 4th July 2020

It became apparent during the early conceptual stage that a representative Organising Committee, together with a Finance Sub Committee and an independent Internal Auditor, would be an important aspect in not only seeking a wide-ranging set of views but also to carry out duties located in geographical areas. Thanks to good old Portsea spirit and access to electronic mail, volunteers readily offered their services. The end composition resulted in at least one representative from each decade of OCS's existence. Indeed, a very pleasing result.

The following Alumni Members volunteered for the Committee:

Organising Committee Members:	
➤	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.

OCS Statue Organising Committee Photo Gallery



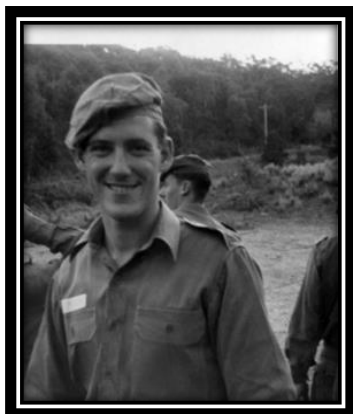
Ossie Kleinig ~ OCS Dec 1957



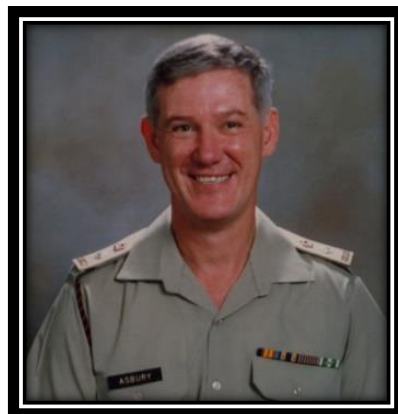
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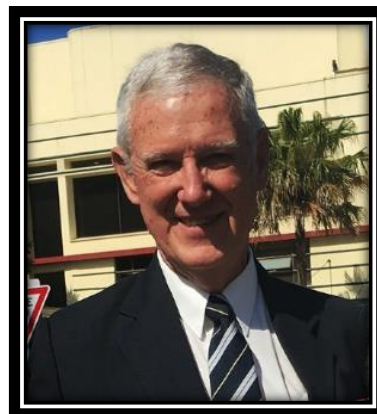
Nagambie, VIC (Photo 2020)



Paul Asbury ~ OCS Dec 1967



Lt Col (RAASC) 1993

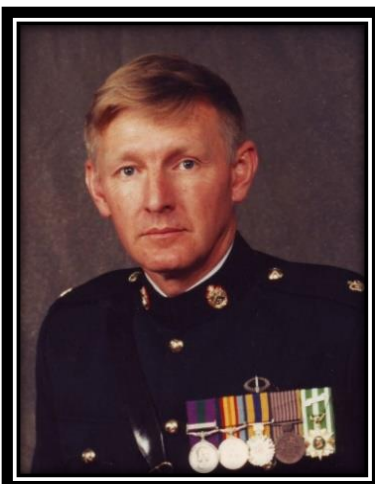


Sunshine Beach, QLD (Photo 2020)

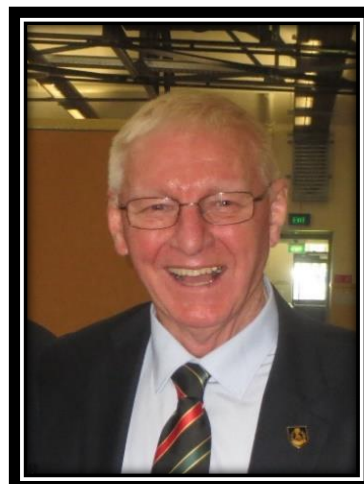
Organising Committee (cont)



Terry Dinneen ~ OCS Jun 1963



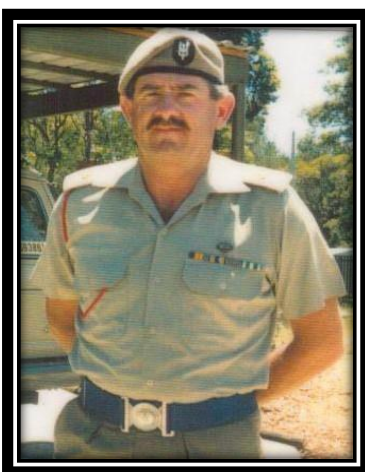
Maj Terry Dinneen (RA Inf)~Mid 80s



Winmalee, NSW (Photo 2020)



Kev Lunny ~ OCS Dec 1964



Final Day of Army Life



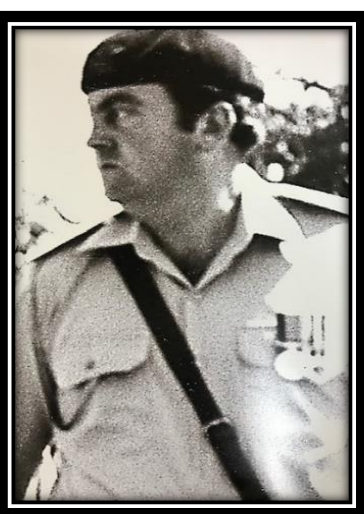
Remembrance Day 2019 ~ Brisbane



John Wilson ~ OCS Dec 1966



Troop Comd C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
1968/9



Squadron Comd 2 Cav Regt

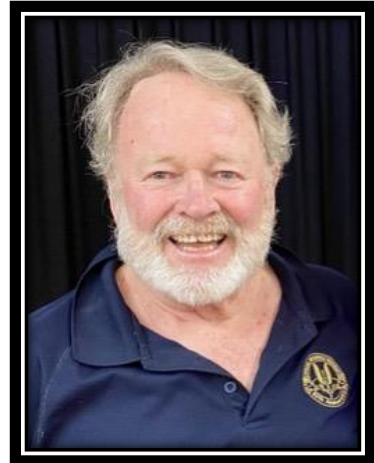
Organising Committee (cont)



Robin McBride ~ OCS 1968



Maj (Army Office) 1983



Blairgowrie, VIC (Photo 2020)

Finance Sub-Committee



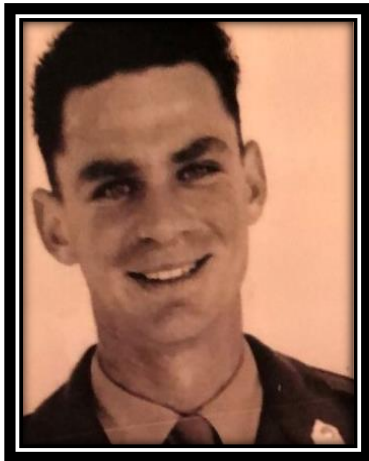
John Matthews ~ OCS Class of Jun '78 ~ Early Army Service and now a Flying Instructor at Mangalore, VIC in 2021.



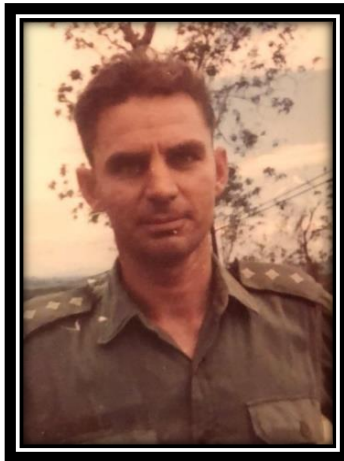
Geoff Robinson ~ OCS Jun 1985 ~ Still Serving in 2021.



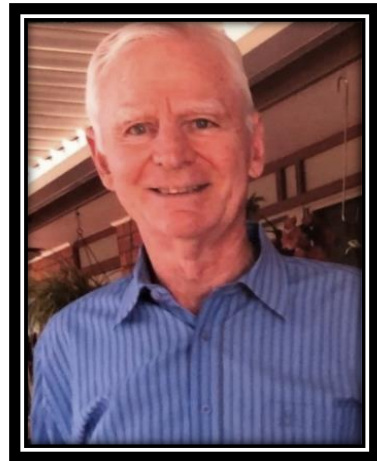
Finance Sub-Committee ~ Internal Auditor



Graham Cobb ~ OCS Dec 1965



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Shepparton, Vic (Photo 2020)

Grants Sub-Committee

In addition to the above, further volunteers in Hilton Lenard, Bob Elworthy and Kevin Dreyer (NZ) formed a Grants Sub-Committee. Due to the outstanding amount of donations received, the need for requesting grants was negated. This allows the Alumni to produce a plaque to be mounted on the Statue's plinth proudly stating:



The Sub-Committee was asked to “*Rest on Arms Reverse*” with the Organising Committee’s thanks for the hours of research put into the necessary preparatory work if Grants were needed.

Ossie Kleinig

For and on Behalf of the OCS Statue Organising Committee

20th February 2019

(With updates added)

Construction Approval ~ July 2020

Memorial Statue Approval Extract (Received 17th July 2020)

Point Nepean National Park (Quarantine Station) – Consent to Works:

I refer to the licence to the Rye RSL Sub-Branch Inc. for Point Nepean National Park (Quarantine Station) dated 23 April 2020. Thank you for your email on 16 July 2020 providing copies of all required permits and approvals for the Works and details of Works plans, schedules, contractors and costs.

This letter confirms Parks Victoria receipt of required documents and consent for Rye RSL Sub-Branch Inc. to carry out the Works.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Kelly
Business Development & Activation Manager
Point Nepean Parks Victoria

Comment:

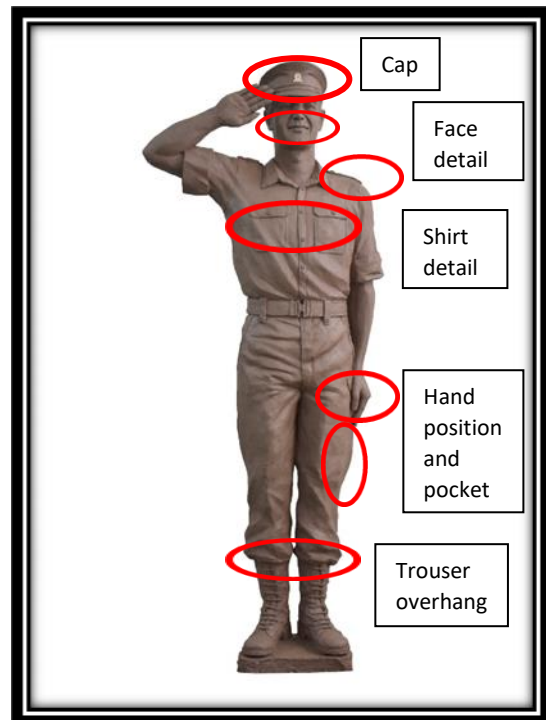
The Rye RSL Sub-Branch, as an incorporated body, is acting for the OCS Alumni (an unincorporated body) as its agent. Our sincere thanks to both the Victorian RSL Branch for its approval of this arrangement and to the Rye Sub-Branch for its involvement.

Construction Details ~ Statue by Selected Tenderer ~ Everlon



An Organising Committee provided Photoshop Likeness of the Required Memorial Statue.

Everlon Clay Model ~ Version 1



Two Series of Amendments to Clay Model Version 1 Made.

Approved Clay Model ~ Version 4 ~ STAGE 1



Approved Version 4 ~ 9 Nov 2020.

STATUE CONSTRUCTION STAGES ~ SUMMARY

1. **Clay Mould.** (Approved by Org Cttee 9 Nov 2020).
2. **Creation of Toughened Glass Mould.** (Images/Videos received 2 Dec 2020).
3. **Glass Mould cut into Sections.** These sections used to then create sand moulds.
4. **Molten Bronze poured into each sand mould.**
5. **Once Bronze has cooled down, the sand moulds are separated from the Bronze.**
6. **Then the individual bronze parts are welded together.**
7. **The weld joins are then polished to create a seamless appearance.**
8. **The Statue is further polished to highlight and darken certain areas to create a lifelike appearance.**
9. **The Patina (dark green) is then applied over the whole Statue for final approval.**
10. **Once the chosen 'darkness' of patina is approved, a protective lacquer is applied.**
11. **The Statue is packed and dispatched for delivery.**

Statue Construction Stage 2 ~ Toughened Glass Mould



Photo Received 2 Dec 2020.

Statue Construction Stages 3 to 7

These stages (see details in Summary Table on previous page) lead to the Bronze Model Stage.

Statue Construction Stage 8 ~ Bronze Model



Bronze Model Completed.

Statue Construction Stage 9 and 10 ~ Dark Green Patina/Lacquer Applied to Bronze Model

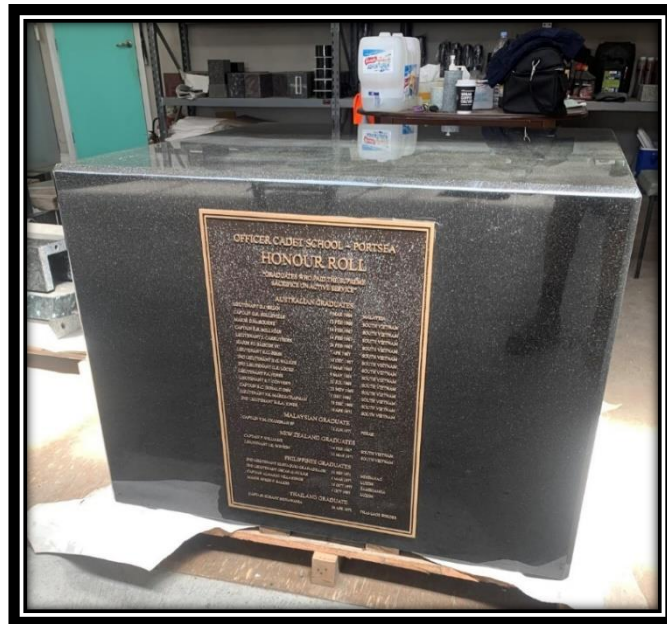


Ready for Dispatch from Foundry.

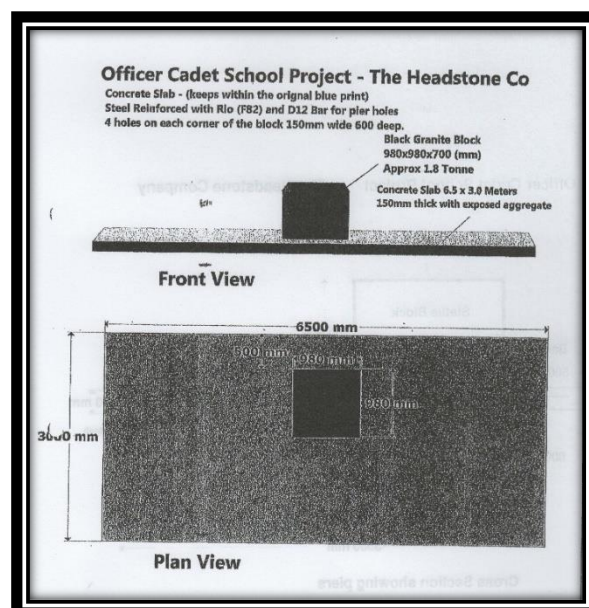
Construction Details ~ Installation and Siteworks

The Headstone Company

- Provision and preparation of the Plinth for mounting of Statue and Plaques supplied by Everlon in Geelong factory.
- Conducting on-site final landscaping and installation of Statue and Plaques on delivery to Portsea.

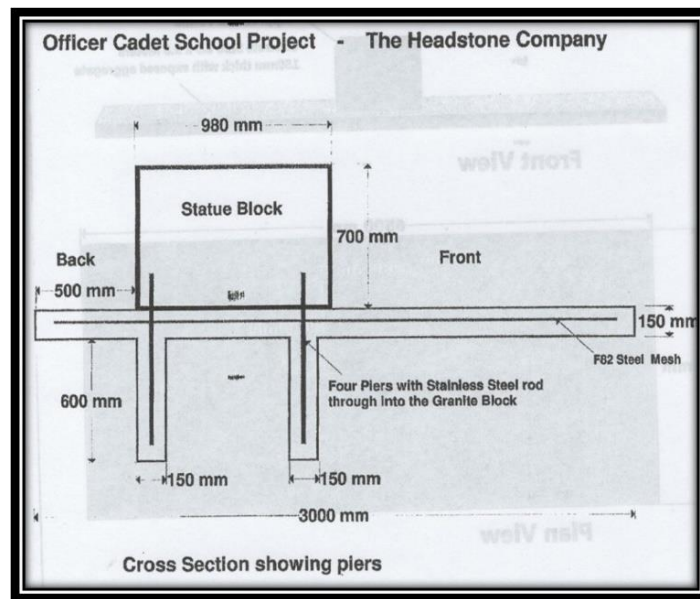


Mounting Plaques on Plinth ~ Geelong Factory.



Statue Foundation Plan.

Construction Details (cont)



Statue Foundation Plan ~ Side Elevation.

Sitework Details



OCS Memorial Wall Old Site ~ Clean-up Needed.

Sitework Details (cont)

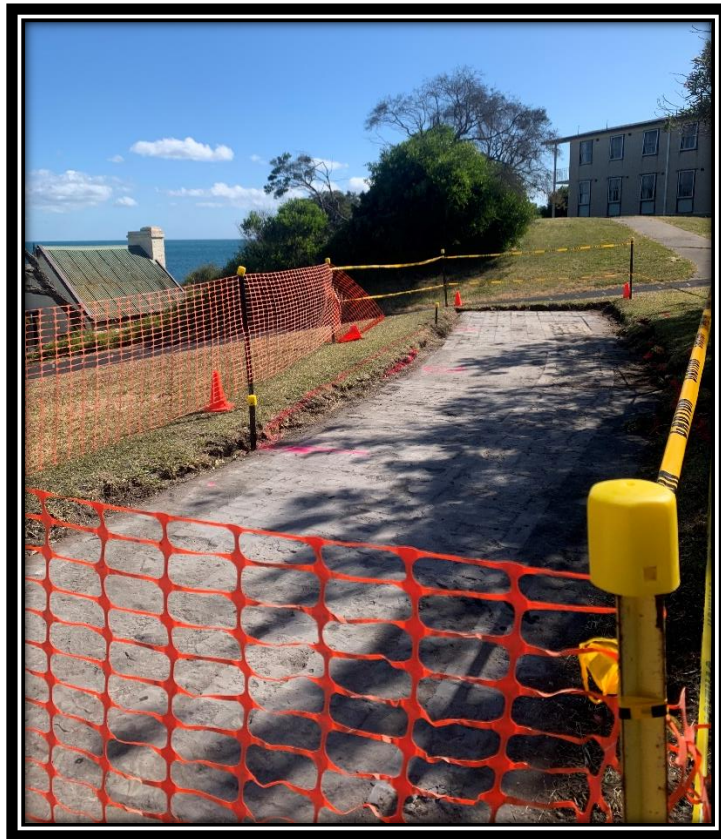


Parks Victoria's Initial Clean-up.



The Headstone Company ~ Replace Old Foundations.

Sitework Details (cont)



Preparation for New Foundation.



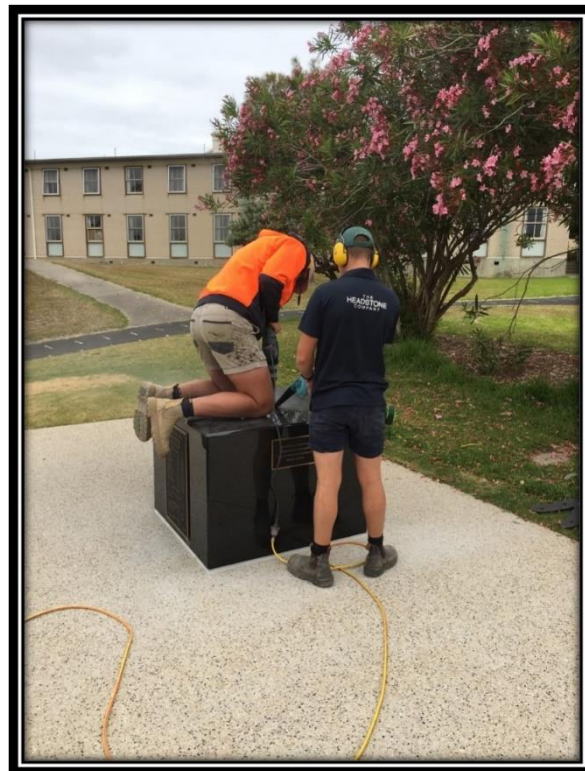
Plinth Arrives On-site and Installed.

Final Landscaping



Final Landscaping of Site by The Headstone Company.

Statue Installation



Drilling of Statue Footings in Plinth.

Statue Installation (cont)



Statue arrives at Final Destination.



Almost in Place.

Statue Installation (cont):



Yep! In Place.



3 Mar 2021 ~ Job Done!

With Thanks to Project Participants

The Project would not have been possible without the help and support of the following:

1. All Donors who financially backed the Statue Project.
2. All organisations that partnered the OCS Alumni's Organising Committee to the project's successful conclusion including Parks Victoria, Everlon (Statue and Plaques), The Headstone Company (Installation, Siteworks and Plaque Mounting), The Victorian RSL State Branch and The Rye RSL Sub- Branch including its Virtual Unveiling Team of John Wilson (Director), Khalid Popalzai, Frank Papalia and Barry Irving that provided outstanding support at the unveiling of the Memorial Statue on 18 March 2021.
3. All members of the Organising Committee, the Finance and the Grants' Sub Committees who willingly gave of their time and expertise to steer the project through to its successful conclusion. I make particular reference to both John Wilson and Robin McBride who took on the task of the local liaison team. This task included the heavy lifting of negotiating ALL final approvals with Victorian Government agencies, the Traditional Owners (Bunurong Land Council) and the Mornington Shire Council as well as coordinating contract details with The Headstone Company. This Team also supervised the installation of the Memorial Statue including the siteworks on behalf of the Alumni. Without this face-to-face contact, the project would probably not have been finalised as quickly as it was.
4. Those OCS Graduates who were not members of the committee structure of the project, but also contributed to the end result, particularly Lieutenant General Frank Hickling AO CSC and Major General David McLachlan AO. Frank was the first of three Australian OCS Graduates to be appointed as Chief of Army. David was the first of the eleven Australians who attained the rank of Major General. And finally,
5. A special thanks goes to Robin McBride. Robin has done an incredible job in effecting liaison with the Military Shop in proposing OCS memorabilia to mark not only this occasion but also OCS and its place in Military History. Rob Murray, our Webmaster, will insert the final memorabilia list on the website. Purchase of items can be done by contacting the Military Shop direct. This may be the last time to secure a wide range of OCS items.

And a Special Thanks to our Webmaster



**Rob ~ Grad
Ball Dec 72**

Rob Murray took over as the OCS Webmaster from Ray Trevisan who initially volunteered to fill Bob de Haas' role as Webmaster after Bob's untimely, and too early, passing in August of 2018. Ray started the re-build but, due to work pressures, reluctantly handed over the website duties to Rob.

Rob re-commenced the rebuild from where Ray left off. The efforts that Ray commenced and Rob continues, are now available to not only the members of the OCS Alumni but to the general public as well. The history of OCS is now for all to see, and the site will continue to grow.



**Rob Murray ~
Photo 2021**

Rob also contributed to the OCS Memorial Statue project at Portsea in many ways. Although not on the Organising Committee as such, he has been the chief advisor to the team. His input into the project has been constant throughout the process since taking over the webmaster role, something that would have pleased Bob de Haas tremendously had he lived.

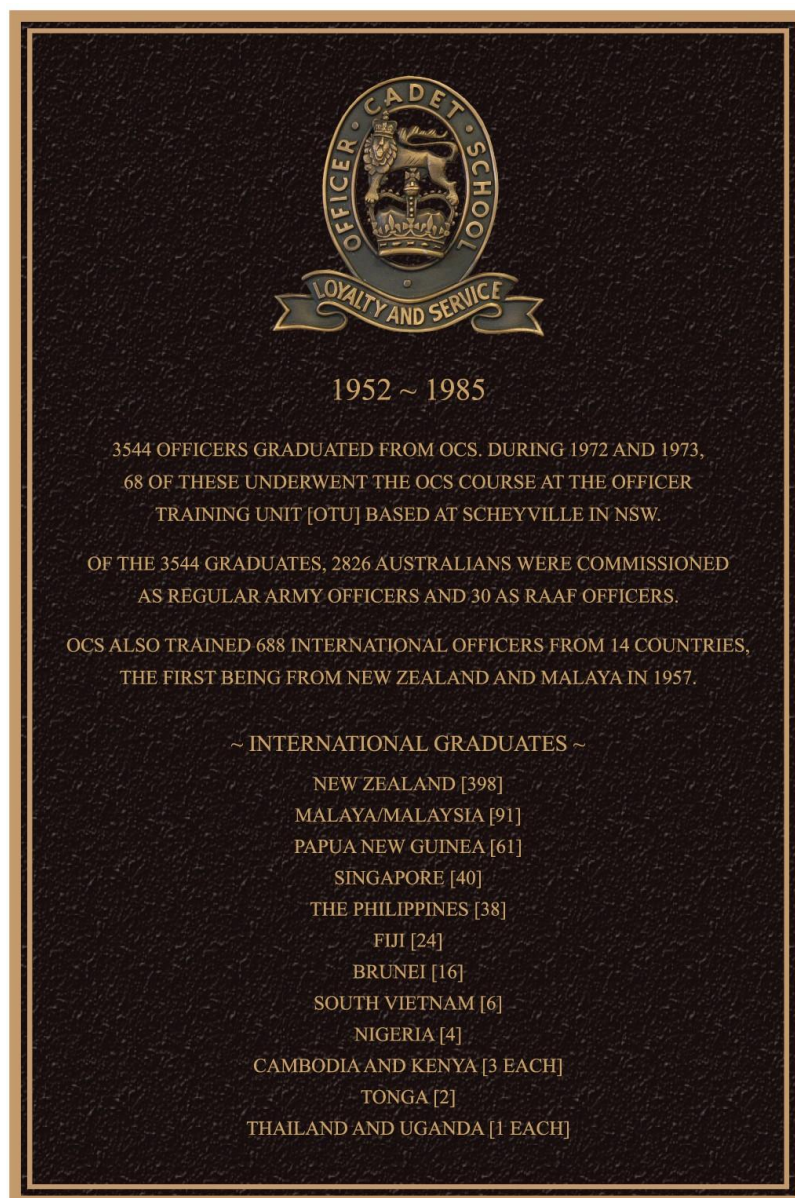
From a personal point of view, and many have agreed, one of Rob's outstanding achievements has been the production of the Virtual Unveiling Ceremony video of the Memorial Statue at Portsea. This

virtual ceremony was a direct result of the COVID 19 world-wide pandemic experienced in 2020. Rob commenced work on the video when it was realised that an Alumni wide unveiling function could not be held because of government imposed restrictions due to the pandemic. The results of the Virtual Unveiling Ceremony held on 18th March 2021 are recorded on the number of views that are indicated on the website. Paul Asbury is also recording the very positive messages being received via email.

Well done Webmaster Rob!

Outstanding Matters

When the feasibility paper was put to members of the OCS Alumni in early February 2019 it included a brief history as a part of the project. For various reasons this has not been completed, although efforts have been made to include it. The initial proposal was to include a sign similar to Parks Victoria signage already in place. The second proposal was to mount a plaque similar to the Honour Roll on one side of the Memorial Statue Plinth with the Graduate and Donor Plaques mounted one above the other on the other side. The Honour Roll was to be front and centre on the Plinth. The proposed brief history plaque is shown below:



Proposed Graduate/Donor Plaques Installation



For whatever reason, this proposal also was not acceptable, but it may be tied in with Parks Victoria's Information Centre explained below.

Future Parks Victoria Information Centre

Parks Victoria is planning an Information Centre that will detail in a storytelling manner, the history of Point Nepean National Park. Consultants were hired to scope this concept and its report has been lodged with the responsible organisation. However, the most recent advice is that the Information Centre is still three to four years into the future. Surplus funds that were donations for the Memorial Statue could/should be used for an OCS input to this Information Centre as outlined in the original Feasibility Paper when seeking fund pledges, and as promulgated to the Alumni in February 2019. However, until Parks Victoria's concept is known, it is impossible to plan the Alumni's involvement.

Outstanding Action on the Information Centre

Funds should be set aside from the Memorial Statue Project to cover future costs of OCS Alumni input.
Action: OCS Alumni Management Committee.

Conclusion

In conclusion, it is with a great sense of achievement that this long process to finally complete Bob de Haas' vision conceived with Paul Asbury's support way back in 2008, is now a reality. It is sad that Bob isn't alive to see it, but it is hoped that his family members can gain much satisfaction from knowing that one of his dreams to ensure OCS History is well to the fore at Portsea is now realised. Alumni

Members owe Bob much for his many contributions during his time as the founding Webmaster and OCS Advocate since 2002 until his untimely passing in August 2018.

And one final comment; this project would not have been possible without the backing and support of Alumni Members, all volunteers as well as the enterprise partners who made it happen.

The ***"Spirit of Portsea"*** lives on!



Ossie Kleinig

For and on Behalf of the Statue Organising Committee

29th April 2021

ANNEXURE: A. OCS STATUE FUND ~ Financial Report dated 29th April 2021



Anzac Day ~ 2021

OCS Statue Fund ~ Financial Report Dated 29th April 2021

Financial Report

The Financial Report including total Donations, Expenditure and Receipt details follows:

Total Donations to 29th April 2021: \$124,350.00

Total Expenditure to 29th April 2021

- R. Murray ~ \$ 19.99 (Pressbook EPub Co ~ Paid)
- The Headstone Company ~ \$31,570.00 (Paid in Full)
- Everlon ~ \$56,384.90 (Paid in Full)
- Bunurong Land Council ~ \$ 1,320.00 (Paid in Full)

Total Expenditure 29th April 2021 \$89,294.89

Current OCS Account Credit (29th April 2021)

\$35,055.11

Fund Reconciliation (As at 29th April 2021)

Total Expenditure =	\$89,294.89 Dr
Current Balance =	\$35,055.11 Cr
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Total Donations =	\$124,350.00

Statue Bank Debits Details as at 29th April 2021

1st Feb 2019 to 29th Apr 2021:

Transaction type: "Debit" Showing 7 transactions Export as Spreadsheet.

Export Date Transaction details Debit 29th April 2021:

- INTERNET TRANSFER INV-1622TRANSFER DEBIT \$15,785.00 (minus \$15,785.00 ~ 24 Feb 21). (Final Payment to Headstone Company).
- INTERNET TRANSFER OCS Statue \$26,826.25 TRANSFER DEBIT (minus \$26,826.25 ~ 11 Dec 20). (Final Payment to Everlon).
- INTERNET TRANSFER Invoice 6149 \$ 1,320.00 TRANSFER DEBIT (minus \$1,320.00 ~ 27 Nov 20). (Full Payment to Bunurong Land Council).
- INTERNET TRANSFER Inv 59859797 \$ 1,366.20 TRANSFER DEBIT (minus \$1,366.20 ~ 24 Jul 20). (Plaque Part Payment to Everlon).
- INTERNET TRANSFER Inv 00012268 \$28,192.45 TRANSFER DEBIT (minus \$28,192.45 ~ 20 Jul 20). (50% Deposit to Everlon).
- INTERNET TRANSFER OCS Statue Instal \$15,785.00 TRANSFER DEBIT (minus \$15,785.00 ~ 18 May 20). (50% Deposit to The Headstone Company).
- INTERNET TRANSFER Pressbook E Pub Co \$ 19.99 TRANSFER DEBIT (minus \$19.99 ~ 20 May 20). (Full Payment via Rob Murray to ePub ~ Loyalty and Service ~ Neville Lindsay's History).

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