

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

PORTSEA MEMORIAL STATUE – FINAL REPORT



References:

- A. Statue Proposal sent to Class Orderlies for Distribution on 1 Feb 2019.
- B. Progress Report No 18 dated 21st January 2021.

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.

Project Completed

The Memorial Statue Project at Portsea is now completed after the statue was finally installed on 3 March 2021. This was followed by the Virtual Unveiling Ceremony held at Portsea on 18 March 2021. Rob Murray, our OCS Alumni Webmaster, produced the video covering this event. Rob is to be congratulated on this high quality production. It is now available on the website, in both standard and high definition format.

Future Actions

- **Brief History of OCS Occupation of Point Nepean.** In the Memorial Statue Proposal of 1 February 2019, it was proposed to erect signage to outline a brief history of OCS's thirty four

year tenure of Point Nepean. For various reasons this was put on hold and could not be completed within the main project's timeframe. This history remains as an outstanding item.

- **Parks Victoria's Information Centre.** Concurrently with the Alumni's proposal being lodged, Parks Victoria had hired a Consultant to report on the Point Nepean Master Plan. One aspect was to include an Information Centre that would include the history of the Point's usage by all organisations that had occupied it. Military usage from early European settlement is an important segment of Point Nepean's history. Parks Victoria sees this being activated sometime within a future timespan of three to four years.
- **Scope of the Information Centre.** Parks Victoria still needs to outline the concept for the centre. However, funds from donations received for the Memorial Statue are still available and should cover the OCS segment easily once the concept is outlined and an OCS plan can be developed.

Committee Reorganisation

With the statue now completed, the Organising Committee's task is also completed. As such, the Organising Committee is now redundant. On-going Alumni operations can now revert to the original management system bolstered by volunteers to carry out its financial obligations. This includes at least two other Bank Account Signatories AND a Financial Internal Auditor.

Action: Ossie Kleinig to arrange the financial hand over to the Alumni Management Committee, including minutes authorising new signatories for the OCS Alumni Bank Account.

Current Situation

While COVID 19 restrictions (hopefully, with the worst now over) remain in place, future activities are still uncertain. Therefore, it is suggested that visits to view the Memorial Statue be either as class or family visits. Parks Victoria now has a policy on group visits, including number restrictions unless specific arrangements are made by visit organisers. This policy is on the website under Tips on the menu on the right hand side of any website page.

OCS Memorial Statue Fund ~ Financial Report

See Annex A.

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 2018.

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

Ossie Kleinig

For and on behalf of the Statue Organising Committee

29th April 2021

Annex: A. OCS Memorial Statue Fund ~ Financial Report dated 29th April 2021.

Distribution:

1. All Classes via Class Orderly Network.
2. Website.

**ANNEX A TO
FINAL OCS MEMORIAL
STATUE REPORT**



OCS MEMORIAL STATUE FUND ~ FINANCIAL REPORT DATED 29TH APRIL 2021.

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 ~ See previous Bank Statements)
- **Total Expenditure 29/04/21 \$89,294.89**

Fund Reconciliation: (As at 29th April 2021)

Total Expenditure: \$ 89,294.89 Dr

Current Balance: + \$ 35,055.11 Cr

= \$124,350.00 = Total Donations \$124,350.00

CURRENT OCS ACCOUNT CREDIT

Account Summary

Account Summary table

Account

Current balance

Business Account #4589

BSB: 083-890 Acc: 235364589 Account Number:
235364589

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