



To: All OCS Alumni Members via Class Orderlies' Network and OCS Website at: [www.ocsportsea.org](http://www.ocsportsea.org)

### PORTSEA STATUE – PROGRESS REPORT No 13



#### References:

- A. Statue Proposal sent to Class Orderlies for Distribution on 1 Feb 2019.
- B. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 9 dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- C. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 10 dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.
- D. Email dated 23 April 2020 from Paul Asbury – Call In of Pledges.
- E. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 11 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.
- F. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 12 dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 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.

#### Final Statue Approval

On 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020, John Wilson and Robin McBride received the signed **FINAL** approval from the Victorian Government through Parks Victoria. **The Statue is now a reality!** The documentation for our two successful contractual tenderers has now been signed and the required 50% deposit for one has been paid and the other will be paid once the invoice is received. Once completed, work will commence on the production phase of the Statue Project. Thanks to both John and Robin for their perseverance in achieving this milestone!

## Call-In of Pledges ~ Results to Date

The call in of pledges commenced on 23 April as notified in Reference D. After this was circulated by Class Orderlies, it was placed on the Alumni website.

Ongoing totals are being promulgated on the Alumni website – [www.ocsportsea.org](http://www.ocsportsea.org).

For historical purposes, the record of **progressive Total So Far [TSF]** has reached a staggering \$122,250:00 as at 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

This has been an amazing response by all donors, and the Committee appreciates incoming contributions by everyone (including some non-Graduates and ex-Staff). This outstanding Alumni fund-raising effort, as reported in Progress Report No 12, has now catered **for an expanded vision over and above the Statue Project** as follows:

- Conducting an Unveiling Ceremony on completion of the above dependent on COVID 19 restrictions. (Previously planned for, and now being formulated in detail).
- Organising an audio visual historical display.
- Other funds can now be allocated to Alumni assets for developing the following:
  - ❖ OCS Alumni Website development [ happening now].
  - ❖ Assisting in producing Neville Lindsay's on-line OCS History ~ "Loyalty and Service". [Happening now]. This will be available to all on the website.

## Challenges

Current restrictions are also likely to impact on future activities including possible work on the installation and landscaping phase and, not least of all, limiting participation at major events. We are hopeful that these will not have significant impacts on the overall project and proposed events. Unfortunately, it is a "wait and see" situation at this time.

## The Next Steps

While restrictions remain in place future activities are uncertain. Members will be kept informed through both the Class Orderly network and the Website.

## Unveiling Ceremony

As mentioned in Progress Report No 12, unless restrictions are still in place, this ceremony will be planned to ensure maximum attendance by graduates, ex-staff, the community, representatives from Embassies for our fallen international Graduates and for Australian NOK. There will be a lead time to ensure graduates and guests can plan travel arrangements and accommodation.

As also previously mentioned the ceremony will allow for a separate self-funded Alumni and/or Class Orientated evening function/s to be organised around the day's unveiling event. The Alumni Function will be coordinated by the Statue Organising Committee while Class Functions will be a Class responsibility. Details will be advised as dates become firmer. The Alumni Evening Function is proposed to be held at the Rye RSL which has a 200 seating capacity. (The Alumni Function will depend on numbers interested and, if assessed as feasible, will be subject to a separate instruction).

*Ossie Kleinig*

For and on behalf of the Statue Organising Committee  
20<sup>th</sup> July 2020