



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

PROPOSED STATUE – PROGRESS REPORT No 9

References:

- A. Statue Proposal sent to Class Orderlies for Distribution on 1 Feb 2019.
- B. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 8 dated 27 Nov 2019.

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 [still on-going].
- 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.

Specialist Volunteers:

- Hilton Lenard ~ OCS Class of Jun '68. Grants' Team.
- Kevin Dreyer ~ OCS Class of Jun '67. NZ Grant's Team.
- Bob Elworthy ~ OCS Class of Dec '73. Grants' Team.
- Rob Murray ~ OCS Class of Dec '72 replaces Ray Trevisan as the new Web Designer and Webmaster. Ray has offered to continue helping when work commitments allow.

Report Updates:

Opening Comments:

- 1) *John Wilson and Robin McBride represented the OCS Alumni at a meeting with Andrew Kelly, the Parks Victoria representative, on Thursday 16th January 2020, to work through the proposal conditions.*
- 2) *As a result of 1) above, the Licence Agreement has now been forwarded to John and Robin. Also, as a result of this meeting, the Proposal has been reduced to a single plinth with the Honour Roll Plaque mounted on it. The additional information will now become Phase Two and be re-negotiated at a later date.*

The Organising Committee has now **received Parks Victoria tentative approval for the proposed Statue and Honour Roll** subject to it obtaining all relevant statutory approvals. Also, clearances may/will, in some instances, be required from:

- Heritage Victoria,
- Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, and
- The Traditional Owners [Bunurong Land Council].
- Furthermore, compliance with the Marine Coastal Act is necessary.

Parks Victoria is actioning this liaison with these groups and responsible Departments to seek the necessary endorsements. Final approval is therefore expected in the very near future.

Once the approval in writing is in our hands, the Organising Committee will be able to set in motion its Action Plan as follows:

- Arrange and notify Alumni Bank Account details for promulgation through the Class Orderly Network and the Website at www.ocsportsea.org.
- Initiate the call-in of Alumni Pledges. The Committee ask for quick responses to this as **NO contract can be signed until all costs are covered**. We would also request Classes that held off on the pledge request due to the possible target being achieved, to again go out to members. This is due to unfortunate

natural attrition, extra costs for the Portsea planned launch and unfinished work now becoming Phase Two of the Project. Pledge amounts will be monitored closely by a small Finance Sub-Committee to make sure ALL financial conditions are met.

- Sign contracts before 30th June 2020, the expiry date for the current proposal.

The proposed Statue is illustrated below:

PROPOSED STATUE MEMORIAL WITH HONOUR ROLL – FINAL APPROVAL PENDING – SITEWORKS NOT INCLUDED IN DIAGRAM



Statue Proposal ~ History to Date:

The planning stage that commenced on 1 Feb 2019 with the Feasibility Study has been long, and in some cases, labour intensive. All partners in this proposal, including Parks Victoria, have been extraordinary in their efforts in supporting this proposal. The two selected Contractors have also shown great flexibility and have worked in well, fulfilling all of the Organising Committee's requests.

Future Actions:

1. John Wilson is meeting with the Solicitor in the near future to work through the now received Licence Agreement [\[as mentioned in the Opening Comments\]](#).
2. Both John and Robin McBride will also be meeting with the local Point Nepean Parks Vic Managers and James Taravillo, General Manager of The Headstone Company, to discuss both the proposed installation and siteworks program.

Further Progress Reports with required future actions, e.g., setting up the Alumni Bank Account, calling in of pledges, etc, as the next phase in the process, will be promulgated once final approval is received. It is opportune to re-iterate that our deadline date to sign off all contracts is 30th June 2020.

Ossie Kleinig

For and on behalf of the Statue Organising Committee
18th February 2020