



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

PORTSEA STATUE – PROGRESS REPORT No 14



References:

- A. Statue Proposal sent to Class Orderlies for Distribution on 1 Feb 2019.
- B. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 9 dated 18th February 2020.
- C. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 10 dated 31st March 2020.
- D. Email dated 23 April 2020 from Paul Asbury – Call In of Pledges.
- E. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 11 dated 3rd May 2020.
- F. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 12 dated 24th May 2020.
- G. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 13 dated 20th July 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 17th 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 documents for our two successful contractual tenderers have now been signed and the required 50% deposits for both have been paid. Work has commenced 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.

The ongoing total is promulgated on the Alumni website – www.ocsportsea.org.

This has been an amazing response by all donors, and the Committee appreciates 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.

Since the above report, the Organising Committee has now been forced to re-think the On-site Unveiling Ceremony due to COVID 19 and the Victorian Government's response as follows:

- The On-site Unveiling Ceremony will now be by a "Virtual Unveiling Ceremony" posted on the OCS Website. This is now being worked on with Rob Murray, our Webmaster, taking the lead in its production. Because of the uncertainty of the lifting of travel arrangements, lockdown procedures and changing stage level restrictions particularly in Victoria, it was impossible to set any dates for an On-site Unveiling Ceremony. The other factor resulting from these restrictions is the uncertainty surrounding associated self-funded costs (travel, accommodation, etc) that Alumni Members and Guests would have to pay for an on-site ceremony. Under the present COVID 19 situation this adds too much of a risk for potential attendees.
- Organising an audio-visual historical display [still on-hold].
- 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

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

Current Situation

The Organising Committee is now working on Everlon Bronze's Clay Model Figure (series of seven photos) received on Friday 28th August 2020. This is a critical phase. The Committee's consolidated reply will be forwarded to Everlon. A further set of Clay Model photos (with amendments) will then be sent to us. This procedure will continue until the Organising Committee approves the final Clay Model before the casting of the Bronze Statue commences.

The Headstone Company is now working on the Statue's Plinth in preparation for its installation. We hope the Statue will be in position by Christmas.

Finances

See Annex A – issued separately to Class Orderlies.

Ossie Kleinig

For and on behalf of the Statue Organising Committee

4th September 2020