



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

PORTSEA STATUE – PROGRESS REPORT No 15



References:

- A. Statue Proposal sent to Class Orderlies for Distribution on 1 Feb 2019.
- B. Email dated 23 April 2020 from Paul Asbury – Call In of Pledges.
- C. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report NO 14 dated 4th Sep 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 with work in progress!**

Call-In of Pledges ~ Results to Date

The call in of pledges commenced on 23 April as previously notified. The ongoing total is promulgated on the Alumni website at www.ocsportsea.org. Also as previously mentioned, this has been an amazing response by all donors, and the Committee appreciates contributions by everyone (including non-Graduates and ex-Staff).

This outstanding Alumni fund-raising effort has now catered for an expanded vision over and above the Statue Project.

Now for a quick update:

The “Virtual Unveiling Ceremony” Video: Rob Murray, our Alumni Webmaster, is well into the production stage of the video for its release on the Website. There are gaps that still need to be photographed or filmed, e.g., both Contractors’ progress works on both the Statue {Everlon} and its installation {The Headstone Company} plus also the “Virtual Unveiling Ceremony” itself. Detailed planning has been carried out in preparation for these additions and we are now waiting for the segments to come together.

Works in Progress: The Organising Committee has been working in closely with Everlon on getting the Clay Model statue replica correct before the bronze casting phase. John Wilson, our local Portsea liaison team member, advised yesterday that The Headstone Company will commence preparatory siteworks on 4th of Dec 2020. We could see all work completed by mid-December IF the Statue is finished and delivered to Geelong by this date. If so, the Ceremony at Portsea could be filmed at this time. If it isn’t, it will be sometime mid to late January before we can release the video on the website.

The Electronic Version of “Loyalty and Service”: Neville Lindsay’s Epub Book is also nearing completion and ready for its relaunch, with thanks to both Neville and Rob.

The Parks’ Victoria Information Centre: No work has been started on a “Concise OCS History” for inclusion in this Information Centre, due to COVID 19 Pandemic and the need for our Local Liaison Team to finalise the required Statue details. Now that restrictions in Victoria are easing and most of the Statue coordination is completed, this will be discussed in the near future by our local Team with the Parks’ Vic Team to fit in with its “Point Nepean Storytelling Theme”. Once this is completed, a copy could also be lodged with the Army Museum located at Duntroon, depending on available funds.

An Administrative Fund Reserve: In the past, costs to maintain the website and other administrative functions, have been privately borne by a willing few. It is my opinion that a small reserve of funds should be transferred to an Alumni Administrative Fund to be managed by the current Administrator and Webmaster {since 2002 carried out by Paul Asbury and Bob de Haas until Bob’s untimely death in 2018}. I would suggest a figure of \$5K. Thoughts on this could be channelled back to Paul through the Class Orderly Network. A Class coordinated response would be very helpful! A YES or NO Class answer would suffice with a suggested amount. Decisions could then be made and a complete budget for all activities formulated.

Current Situation

While COVID 19 restrictions remain in place future activities still are uncertain. If major changes occur, Members will be kept informed through both the Class Orderly network and the Website.

Financial Report

See Annex A. {For distribution via the Class Orderly Network}.

Ossie Kleinig

For and on behalf of the Statue Organising Committee

30th October 2020

Annex: A. OCS Statue Fund ~ Financial Report dated 30th October 2020.

Distribution: All Classes via Class Orderly Network/Website {less Annex A}