

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 16



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020.
- D. Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 15 dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 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.

### Now for a Quick Update ~ Work in Progress

Since the Statue's approval, the following is the current state of play:

#### Everlon

- The Organising Committee worked closely with Everlon on getting the Clay Model statue replica details finalised before the bronze casting phase could commence. The final clay model was approved and Everlon advised accordingly on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. However, the completion date of the statue will now be in early 2021, possibly February.
- The Honour Roll, Graduate and Donor Plaques manufactured by Everlon are being shipped from its Foundry to The Headstone Company in Geelong for mounting on the statue plinth as this report is being written. Planned completion is early December. (See Headstone Report).

#### The Headstone Company

John Wilson and Robin McBride, our Local Liaison Team, have advised the following works' timetable is planned:

- **3 December** ~ Site meeting with Parks Victoria, The Headstone Company, The Bunurong Land Council (Traditional Owners) and our Team to approve on-site preparatory work.
- **4 December** ~ Work commences with removal of current foundations and formwork for concrete base.
- **5 December** ~ Pour concrete base for its curing period.
- **10 to 12 December** ~ Install granite base with previously affixed plaques as stated above.

**Note:**

*The cut and polished plinth (granite base) was delivered to The Headstone Company's Geelong factory earlier this month.*

**The “Virtual Unveiling Ceremony” Video**

Again, due to uncertainty around COVID 19, the “Virtual Unveiling Ceremony” video has gone ahead. The current situation is as follows:

- As mentioned in Progress Report No 15, 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 to the video and we are now waiting for the segments to come together.

**The Electronic Version of “Loyalty and Service”**

As also advised in Progress Report No 15, Neville Lindsay’s Epub Book is also nearing completion with one inclusion to go. It then should be ready for its relaunch, with thanks to both Neville and Rob and others who were, or still are, involved.

**The Parks’ Victoria Information Centre**

No work has started as yet, mainly due to the COVID 19 Pandemic and the need for our Local Liaison Team to concentrate on getting all the on-site statue details finalised.

**Current Situation**

While COVID 19 restrictions (now lesser in detail) 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 only).*

*Ossie Kleinig*

For and on behalf of the Statue Organising Committee

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2020**