

INTERNATIONAL OK ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.



The International OK Association of Australia fully supports the Strategic Roadmap 2015-24. The Roadmap provides a welcome framework for modernising and guiding the management of the OK Dinghy International Association over the next decade.

In particular, it is imperative that proposal 1.1 be adopted so that the initiatives outlined in the Roadmap can be funded. As such, Australia supports the OKDIA membership fee per sailor being raised to UKP15.

Australia also makes the following comments and recommendations regarding the detail of the proposals:

1. Financial Plan

Australia supports the financial plan in full as proposed.

2. Structure and operation of OKDIA

Australia supports the majority of the proposals under this section. In particular, Australia takes the view that the appointment of a class manager within the timeframe of the Strategic Roadmap is critical to ensure that it can be fully implemented.

Proposal 2.6 proposes a Council of Elders. Australia supports the general objective of improving knowledge management and skills transfer within the management of the class, and understands that this is the underlying rationale for the proposal.

However, Australia holds the concern that the establishment of a Council of Elders as described may be inconsistent with the objectives of streamlining the Executive Committee. In particular, the role of the Council of Elders in “keeping an eye on the committee” has the potential to confuse the accountability of the Executive.

Australia suggests that either:

(i) the description of the Council of Elders be clarified to be limited to a role more appropriate to respected former committee, of providing a source of “corporate knowledge” as the Executive sees fit, and to act as custodians of the history and traditions of the OK Dinghy class; or

(ii) the proposal be withdrawn, and the matter of a Council of Elders be considered by the OKDIA Executive of the day, as per other subcommittees.

3. Event management

Australia supports all the proposals under this section.

4. Technical Overhaul

Australia supports all the proposals under this section.

5. Media and Communications

Australia supports all proposals, but notes that Proposal 5.2 will require commitment from member countries to ensure that they provide assistance as necessary.