



The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport

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President's Report to the Annual General Meeting 26 October 2018

Membership and Sponsorship

CILT is the sum of our members and their contributions. We thrive on our membership.

New memberships and sponsorships are, however, weaker than had been previously anticipated, this is a challenge common to many of the membership organisations I have spoken with. Sponsorship and financial results previously budgeted have been restated in this year's budget.

We are operating in an environment with an aging population where workers are increasingly under time and budget pressure and we need to remain relevant. To address this, immediately prior to this AGM, the Council has had the benefit of Pete Townsend's expert facilitation of a strategy session, questioning and redefining the purpose and direction of CILT NZ so that we have clarity of direction going forward in attracting and growing membership.

At 18 September 2018, our membership totalled 612 (633 in September 2017). Northern Section has 255 members (268 in 2017), Bay of Plenty/Waikato Section has 69 members (66 in 2017), Central Section has 166 members (173 in 2017), Southern Section has 122 members (120 in 2017) and Fiji has been absorbed into Northern Section.

Business Model

2018 saw completion of the successful CILT business model review; currently we are nearing completion of implementation of a restructure of CILT's operating model, this will reduce almost all costs, while providing similar or improved services, in a more resilient and compliant online, modular approach. Allowing for transition costs, overall operating cost reductions of around 20% - 25% are anticipated during the second and subsequent years of operation.

This year we added the fuel card and free initial expert employment law advice to our member offerings, we changed from a printed magazine to ezine, changed web and telco providers, also consolidated reporting of all transactions into Xero.

Governance

The National Council was again busy during the 2018 year. The previous year's Council structure has continued, with Section Chairs, Young Professionals, Marketing, Finance, Education, Awards, Grading and Editorial Committees operating well. I extend my particular thanks, on behalf of CILT, to the chairs and members of those committees, totalling over 80 active contributors.

Immediate Past President

Glen-Marie Burns our immediate past president is a tireless contributor juggling her management position at the Ministry of Transport with the CILT treasurer role.

Northern Section

Keith Robinson remains as our National President elect, also remaining on the Northern Committee while running a thriving international business. The new Northern section chair Janice Miller replaces Keith Robinson in that role, becoming a national Council member, Janice has been an active contributor to CILT for many years. Welcome Janice.

Central Section

The new Central section chair Michelle Lewis replaces Michelle McCormick (both NZTA) as a national Council member. Welcome Michelle, thank you Michelle McCormick for successfully leading Central section for the last two years, we look forward to your continued contributions in the Central region.

Southern Section

We welcome the new Southern section chair Kris Lancaster, replacing Nicole Timney. Kris is the Logistics Operations Manager for Foodstuffs SI.

Waikato Bay of Plenty

Philip King remains as chair of Bay of Plenty section, in addition to his busy General Manager role at Tauranga City Council.

Marketing

Earlier this year I noted to members that Mr David Kriel, who has been a valued member of the Council for many years, had indicated that, for personal and work reasons, he would prefer to resign from the Council marketing and sponsorship role. David did resign, earlier this year, then continued to assist the Council as far as he was able. I, and the continuing Council members, as well as CILT NZ, are very grateful to David for his much-valued service and contributions to CILT, over a long period and wish him all the very best in his new role as commercial manager at Napier Port.

To fill the resulting vacancy, Nicole Timney has recently accepted a continued National Council role as Marketing Coordinator, Nicole has a solid background in senior and now national management, in addition to her recent roles as chair of the Southern Section and director of this year's awards dinner.

Fuel Champion

During the year Mr Geoff Norman accepted the role as CILT fuel champion, Geoff has an extensive executive background in the bus and coach industry and is currently a transport consultant.

TRET

Sharyn Forsyth joins National Council as the incoming chair of the Transport Research Education Trust in addition to her General Manager role at Maritime NZ. Thanks to Dr Murray King for his years as chair of TRET and continued role as trustee.

Membership and International

Dr Robin Dunlop continues as chair of the membership committee and international relations.

Education and Mentoring

Dr Jean-Paul Thull continues to passionately promote the education and mentoring side of CILT.

Awards

Fiona Knight continues to chair the awards committee in a valuable and time-consuming role. Thanks again Fiona for the significant donation that Cresmere Consulting made to CILT this year.

Grading and Editorial

I understand Dr Murray King has reached a milestone 40 years on national council this year, currently chairing the grading and editorial committees, as well as remaining as Trustee of the Transport Research Education Trust. This is a very significant achievement.

Young Professionals

The Young Professionals network continues to remain a focus for the Council to ensure the CILT remains relevant to new generations of logistics and transport professionals. The network is strengthening nationally and globally.

Thank you to Ginny Christians for continuing as our young professional's coordinator and has been a valuable contributor this year, including setting up and running the recent member survey.

The international YP coordinator Elliot Price recently returned to New Zealand, increasing links into the international YP network.

Thanks

Again on behalf of CILT, and personally, I again thank all the Council members for their contributions to CILT's success during the last year. I would also like to extend my thanks to the staff of CILT: Marilyn Henderson and locally Chris Gunn, for their tireless commitment to CILT, and for their real achievements on its behalf.

Awards

Our Awards event is the highlight of our year. It recognises talent, achievement, commitment, and professionalism in the sector, and contribution to the Institute. The 2018 Awards Dinner is shaping up to be a very classy and successful event.

Organising the event requires a substantial collective effort directed by Nicole and organised by Chris Gunn and the section committee, Awards Convener Fiona Knight, the awards judges, David Kriel, Marilyn Henderson and others, I thank all of them for this. We are also indebted to our dinner and awards sponsors as shown below for partnering with the Institute so we can provide an array of awards, and being there on the night to celebrate with us.

Leaders for the Future

This year Jo Brosnahan has run the fourth Leaders for the Future course. The CILT is delighted to support Jo and the cohort to ensure the course continues to be successful and to strengthen the leadership capability in our sector. The graduates and their organisations give very positive feedback about the course and about the life changes that can result. I look forward to the graduation of the 2018 leaders at the Awards dinner. I strongly encourage all organisations to consider nominees for the 2019 course and to approach Jo early indicating support.

CILT International

We welcome the person who has travelled the furthest for this meeting (and the dinner), CILT International President Kevin Byrne.

Internationally, the Institute continues to experience high growth, particularly in Asia and Africa.

The current financial health of CILT NZ has restricted travel, Keith Robinson is soon to attend a CILT event in China around the belt and road initiative.

This year's International Convention in Poland was attended by NZ delegates Jo Brosnahan and YP coordinator Elliot Price. The Convention was an opportunity for them to meet with colleagues, get fresh ideas and updates on international strategy and education activities.

Concluding remarks

I wish to again express my sincere appreciation to all CILT sponsors, my colleagues on the Council, the members of the committees they each lead and to our members.

Thank you all for making the time to contribute to CILT, It has been a privilege to work with you all, to see the positive changes we have made this year assuring the ongoing success of CILT.

The National Council welcomes any new sponsors, members and suggestions on how we can improve. Please direct these to Marilyn Henderson, your local section chair or me.

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