**CILT Australia Report November 2020**

**Activities**

* Completion of the Balance Sheet Review and a successful AGM held on the 12th November 2020.
* CILT Australia lead a consortium, which includes MUARC (Monash University Accident Research Centre), on a consulting report for Austroads on National Review of Driver Licensing and Competencies for Heavy Vehicle Operators. Project due to conclude in 2022.
* There have been a number of webinars over the last few months that have included:
	+ Philippines
	+ National level
	+ Sections – Coffee with the Chair
* Working with an IT company, TechInnovate, to write the specifications and develop our Member Engagement Community portal
* Whilst most of Australia geared back up after COVID lockdown in July, Victoria remained in lockdown for over 116 days. Victoria is now 17 days “0” new cases and we are transitioning out of lockdown. Now there appears to be a cluster outbreak in Adelaide and our borders again are threatened to South Australia.
* Government is keen to know the immediate skill gaps required for industry in the new normal and are planning to fund a new scheme called “Job Trainer”
* Industry is being approached for feedback. CILT Australia met as part of the Industry Advisory Group to the Victorian Skills Commissioner to provide feedback on the policy that surrounds this program and the 2 phase approach to the implementation.
* Team Downer , a major International Engineering corporation, and as a Major Service Provider to the Defence Department has come to CILT-Australia for some specialist tailored short intensive courses to start early in the new year. Course details sit in the Materiel Logistics space.
* We have upgraded our computer this month with funding from our Govt Support and Incentive program. The 2013 laptop was struggling with the new Zoom/Teams application environment.
* We have appointed a new Chair for WiLAT and Next Gen. They will take their places on National Council.
* WiLAT have their committee meeting regularly now and their second event will be held in December.
* Next Gen will be our focus once the new WiLAT committee is solidly grounded.

**Issues**

* We are starting to rebuild CILT Australia after 4 difficult years, and have paid our tax debt. It is pleasing to see the increase in industry support behind our activities of recent times.
* Membership retention is still an issue and we are hoping the Membership Engagement Community portal rectifies this situation. Many of our longest serving members are retiring and becoming less active.

**COVID-19 Challenges are still prevalent**

* The unknown behaviour of COVID remains a concern for all, so, despite entering into lower lockdown levels, we have to still be cautious with all planned future events.
* Guest speakers hesitate coming to face to face events so we are continuing to look to live streaming as the predominant delivery mechanism.
* New requirements by Govt require social distancing in regards to seating, temperatures being taken for all attending guests, with hand sanitisation being required at all face to face events. Attendees need to complete an attendance form with their mobile phone number for contact purposes. There are also limitations on the numbers allowed at indoor events.