

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Guest editorial — Chin Abeywickrama

I WOULD like to start my message by thanking the Northern Section for their hard work in hosting the fabulous Awards Dinner in Auckland recently, and those who took their precious time to attend it. As I said on the night, the evening was a testimony to the importance of recognising outstanding achievement in the logistics, transport and supply chain industry, and we appreciate your support of this endeavour.

Second, I would like to thank our outgoing president, Roy Weaver, and immediate past president, Dr Murray King, for their outstanding contribution over the last two years. Both Roy and Murray have been instrumental in setting the foundation for growth for CILT New Zealand. I look forward to building on their good work in the coming years with support from section chairs, council members, Roy as immediate past president and newly elected vice president Glen-Marie Burns.

My focus as I take on the role of president is to continue to implement the strategy to build a 2000-member logistics and transport network throughout New Zealand, linked to the global CILT network, utilising an 'e' environment, and driven by a strong set of semi-autonomous branches.

The groundwork for the above strategic intent has been set with the launch of a number of key initiatives in the last two years. The development of a new-age website and interface, providing a modern means of communication with members and the industry, is well underway, with a planned launch date set for mid-next year.

Future vision

CILT International, under the leadership of international secretary-general Keith Newton, has confirmed a vision consistent with the above for the global CILT organisation. In order to steer the organisa-

tion towards its vision, CILT International will initially focus on further developing a global brand image built upon our shared values, establishing a web and digital capability that each local organisation can utilise and use to drive consistent messaging, and creating a strong collateral bank that builds our existing credentials and aids each local executive team and volunteer base to grow.

With the launch of a new global brand and consistent global web interface in the last few months, CILT International is already on its way towards setting the foundation for the above vision to be achieved. With CILT New Zealand's strategic intent and focus in the coming years consistent with the CILT International aims, this will provide us with not only local but also global alignment to move forward together, stronger and faster.

I look forward to working with our members, sponsors, stakeholders and industry

participants to steer CILT New Zealand towards achieving its goals, objectives and vision, and for the institute to be increasingly widely recognised as a true representative for professionals in our sector.

If you are not a member or sponsor of CILT New Zealand, please take the time to visit our New Zealand website (www.cilt.co.nz) or the CILT International website (www.ciltinternational.org) to learn more about what a 33,000-member-strong global organisation can offer your organisation, or you in terms of your career and professional development.

We look forward to you joining us in this exciting journey that offers the strength of a global institute at your doorstep.



Chinthaka ('Chin') Abeywickrama is the CEO of Netlogix and the newly elected president of CILT NZ

Introducing CILT NZ's new vice president

At the AGM in October, Glen-Marie Burns was confirmed as the vice president of CILT NZ. Glen-Marie is manager of the aviation and security sector team in the Ministry of Transport, based in Wellington.

She has worked in the transport sector and been involved in the institute since the early 1980s, becoming a chartered fellow in 2006. She served on the Central Section committee for several years before becoming chair from 2006 to 2008. As chair, she was also a member of the national council.



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