

## **President's Report AGM 2021**

When I looked back at my last year's President's Report, I could almost duplicate it for this year.

Covid has obviously created huge challenges for our industry all over the world and that goes for CILT also. At CILT NZ, we have focussed on trying to create networking events – and then, at least in Auckland, turning them off again. We are working more with other organisations to bring members more value – especially in relation to online services, e.g. webinars.

Our Vice President, who was intending to take over as President in October 2021, has had to withdraw due to work pressures. A thank you to Cormac McBride who has agreed to stay on as Past President / Treasurer with me. Together we are committed to keeping the ship steady while a replacement is found.

Financially, we have continued to be frugal. This has resulted in another surplus of over \$20k – second year in a row. Our cash reserves have increased from \$24k in June 2019 to \$92k in 2021.

A huge amount of work continues to be done behind the scenes by your Council – and especially by Chris (admin) and John (financials) – thank you both very much for your competence and diligence.

### **So, where to from here?**

- We have a solid team on the bridge of CILT NZ that are well-seasoned. We will continue to run the organisation prudently and with the benefits to members in the front of mind. We are looking forward to running more member events in 2022.
- Personally, I hope that NZ will follow Australia and bring out some vaccination targets which will help to give the business community more certainty.
- CILT International Conference is in Perth in October 2022 – hopefully many of us will be able to be there!

So, thanks for sticking with us as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters. Sometimes it really does feel like we are building the plane while we are flying it!

All the best for the coming year!

*Keith Robinson*

President CILT NZ