**CILT NZ Report November 2020**

**Activities**

* Completion of the annual awards judging and events. Due to covid19 the NZ-wide dinner was cancelled but sections rallied around and held two successful events, one each in Auckland and Christchurch. Calibre of entries was high, and the new award for Innovation attracted many entries.
* CILT Council moved from having quarterly meetings lasting several hours to monthly Zoom meetings lasting one hour. This has enabled better communication and quicker decision making.
* the “Friday Factsheets” relating to covid and its impacts were sent out to members when there was something of interest to share with the first one starting 20th March 2020. We sent out 13 of these communications (last one being on the 6th August) and received many positive comments.
* Updated the CILT NZ website - and the “Membership” section has been significantly enlarged.
* Apart from Auckland, which suffered a significant resurgence on covid cases, since July sections have been conducting a wide range of events from breakfast meetings, webinars, joint activities with like minded organisations,, site visits, quiz nights. It is clear that members are keen to re-connect after the NZ lockdown and events are well patronised.

**Issues**

* We are still rebuilding CILT NZ after 2 difficult years, but it is pleasing to see the increasing industry support and increases in membership.
* The loss of employment resulting from covid19 has impacted our sectors and some members. As long as the NZ borders remain largely closed, the tourism sector is hard hit, as it was NZ’s biggest export earner.
* The General Election results mean that the new government has a majority and there is some uncertainty as to future policies. NZ has a significant national debt from covid.

**Challenges**

* A branch of WiLAT has been estabished in Fiji by Gayani with three founding members. Membership is currently being processed through CILT NZ, and hopefully in 2021 we can report some developments there. Gayani is taking the lead role.
* We continue to get random diagnoses of covid, which affects mainly Auckland, the biggest city. Issues include quarantining ship crews arriving to take up their rosters.