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Chairman's Report to Annual General Meeting

Dear Members

The past year has been an exciting and transformative year for ITS in New Zealand.

At the Special General Meeting last year, a new membership structure was successfully introduced, a new board was approved and with their appointments confirmed we co-opted two more members and refined our governance structure, assigning key responsibilities to members of the board.

ITS NZ Board Roles as follows

President: Mohammed Hikmet
Vice President: Andrew Gurr, Fusion Networks
Treasurer: Mike Rudge of Stantec
Secretary: Deryk Whyte, DWG Consulting
VP Membership: Blair Monk, Aurecon
VP International Programme: Stephen Hewett, Beca
VP Events: Lee McKenzie, Ministry of Transport

Michael Brooks of Fulton Hogan and Peter Filbey of Auckland Transport complete the board and have ably contributed in some key activities.

ITS New Zealand is very fortunate to have Mohammed Hikmet, our President who represents the organisation in international activities. Mohammed contributes an immense amount of time and personal expense to represent ITS New Zealand on the ITS Asia Pacific board and is also on the Asia Pacific Programme Committee for the ITS World Congress.

I wish to express my appreciation for the work and support given through the past year by all members of the ITS New Zealand Board.

As a major part of our transformation we successfully rebranded our annual summit as the T-Tech Conference. The rebranding was in part driven by feedback received from members and the industry and to align with international ITS events. Though, most importantly it demonstrates our ambition to increase the value to members and appeal to new members from more diverse transport and technology industries.

T-Tech attracted a record number of attendees, with over 220 people attending the main conference, Business NZ report launch and a Women in Technology breakfast supported by the Transport Agency's Connected Journeys team. Importantly we've had very positive feedback from the event especially the quality of programme and speakers, seven of whom were international speakers.

In particular, I'd like to express thanks to ITS directors Lee McKenzie and Stephen Hewett and our Executive Officer Simon McManus for their huge personal contributions to the success of the T-Tech conference.

Our recently published business plan communicates the direction ITS New Zealand intends to take, the value we're aiming to deliver for our members and how we're taking ITS New Zealand into a new era by integrating disruptive and emerging ideas and technology into our event and activity programs.

The business plan identifies the breadth of topics that are now encompassed by ITS. ITS not only comprises transport technologies that seek to make transport safer, more efficient and sustainable but also the resulting solutions and new business models that are enabled by technology including:

- Traffic and demand management systems and models
- Vehicles and in-vehicle technology
- Communications and network systems
- Data analytics and AI
- Transport as a Service and Mobility as a Service

Activities for the year ahead

Through our business plan and action plan we are clearly communicating the goals we aim to deliver in the next 12 months. We have committed to delivering a comprehensive

- Building on the success of T-Tech to achieve a bigger and better T-Tech event in the first half of 2019
- We will hold at least 5 networking events across New Zealand
- We will support at least two international speaker events
- Develop the framework for ITS National Awards and hold an awards dinner
- Develop a diversity and inclusion strategy to grow the breadth of people, their skills and experience within the Transport Technology sector
- We will develop scholarships to develop the industry skill base
- We will coordinate member activity and promotion at international ITS events

Lee McKenzie and Simon McManus are already busy preparing a full calendar of events activity. Some of the events already in the pipeline include an Electric Vehicles event and a Freight event.

Next month we also begin planning for T-Tech 2019 and we hope to communicate opportunities for members to be involved in that process.

Membership, Finances and admin

As will be identified in the Treasurer's report, ITS New Zealand is in a very strong position. The support we receive from members will enable us to fund a high calibre of knowledge-sharing events as well as activate new activities such as our skills development initiative and awards programme to encourage and reward innovations and best practise.

Late last year we committed to employing the services of an Executive Officer, Simon McManus of Sharp Angles PR. Simon is tasked with raising the profile of ITS New Zealand and our activities.

Simon created the T-Tech brand and managed much of the marketing and event management for this year's T-Tech Conference. He is currently improving our back office systems and streamlining our member-support functions. Another upgrade underway will be an improved website resource, developing an information hub for members and other stakeholders.

As you will hopefully have heard we have introduced a new annualised membership period of July to June. The set period will help with budget setting and will help ensure memberships are active for T-Tech and the AGM in years to come.

Summary

The past year has shown a galvanised commitment from ITS New Zealand in better serving the interests of all of its wider membership.

It is great to see that we've retained renewed commitments from all our Gold sponsors, including Beca, Fulton Hogan, Fusion Networks, HMI Technologies, Stantec and the Ministry of Transport, and we are pleased that the Transport Agency is also set to become a gold sponsor. We have also retained our Silver sponsors Aurecon and Resolve Group and they will be joined by the MTA.

We're really pleased to see that we're attracting these renewed membership commitments while at the same time we welcome a host of new and renewing memberships representing local and international technology companies, industry organisations, educators, consultancies and local government representatives too.

In conclusion, I wish to thank each and every one of the members of the ITS New Zealand Board for their continuing involvement and enthusiasm throughout the past year.

I also wish to convey my thanks and appreciation to the wider membership of ITS New Zealand for their continuing loyalty, confidence and support.

We have an exciting year ahead.

David Vinsen
Chair 2017-2019