

# The Sir Bob Owens Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Logistics, Supply Chain Sector and Community

**Recipient: WALTER GLASS**

This award is a memorial to the late Sir Bob Owens, one of the industry's most respected leaders. The award is only made to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the supply chain/logistics sector, as well as contributing to the community and other organisations, and is not necessarily made every year. CILT NZ welcomes information in confidence that might help determine future awards for this top honour. Candidates cannot self-nominate. It is the tradition that any recipient is completely unaware of his/her recognition and is surprised on the night of the awards dinner. This year is such a year.



*Walter Glass with The Sir Bob Owens Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Logistics, Supply Chain Sector and Community, with wife and business partner Tessa Glass*

Walter manages his own consultancy business, specialising in logistics, marketing and quality management systems, including customer service auditing. Initially, he worked in the New Zealand meat export sector, but since the mid-1990s has lectured at Massey University, including the Graduate School of Business MBA and Aviation School programmes, mainly in supervising logistics and supply chain research projects.

Walter was the course director for Massey University when it introduced the CILT UK Diploma in Logistics from 1995 until his company, the Logistics Training Group, took over the licence in 2005. Many of CILT's current members were introduced to CILT by Walter, and many of them were present at the awards evening.

Walter goes far and beyond the usual/expected requirements to help many of the international Massey University students that are enrolled in the university's logistics department. Almost weekly, someone with little or no work connection will ask him for advice on how best to move something either domestically or internationally. He is always willing to give his time and advice, and more than happy to make calls for the people to the respective freight providers on their behalf.

He was a member of the committee for the Central Section in the 1990s, and a Logistics and Transport New Zealand wishes to formally acknowledge the following organisations for their national sponsorship of CILT NZ. It is because of this support that this forum for transport and logistics professionals is possible. couple of years ago CILT honoured him for going way beyond the call of duty to assist with disaster relief. Not only did he give his own time, but he used his vast network of colleagues in the transport and logistics sector to get materials, water and aid to Vanuatu, a project of 'last-mile humanitarian logistics'.

*Entries will open soon for the 2019 awards. Next year's awards and forum will mark 60 years of the institute and will be held in Wellington, hosted by the Central Section.*

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