

Chris Carr - Member since 1985

Chris Carr is a fifth generation owner of a business that began in Auckland in 1860 with a horse and cart. While he was never too far from the family business he wasn't always in that business and he actually drove buses in England under a forged bus driver licence until he eventually passed his proper PSV licence. He has always been one to speak his mind and lead by his actions volunteering a huge amount of his time to improve our sector.

Chris has been on the Axle Weights and Loadings Advisory Group for more than thirty years, starting when it was under the National Road Boards. When the NRB disbanded, that groups work was carried on by Transit New Zealand which has since been superseded by Waka Kotahi. His patience and resilience to continue on through all those changes deserves a medals on its own.

Chris belongs to the Ports of Auckland transport operator group committee. He has been a foundation member of the Northern Infrastructure Forum,

set up specifically to ensure that Auckland progresses its strategic transport network as rapidly as possible and to keep pace with Auckland's population and economic growth.

Chris was one of the key organisers of the very successful 2008 truck protest. What would turn out to be a show of solidarity, cooperation, dedication within both the transport industry and the country. An estimated 2500 plus trucks in Auckland alone. The government had totally underestimated the power of the industry and the mood of the country.

He was an inaugural member of the NZRTA Region 1 board prior to its merger with National Road Carriers and he was bestowed life membership of NRC in 2015.

In terms of direct personal and business leadership, two areas particularly demonstrate this are:

The Road to success traineeship. He was prepared not only to take on people new to the industry and invest in their training and development but he has also supported them through them obtaining the 4 x Micro-credentials that are the industry recognised Certificates of Competency.

The second area where this person has shown business and operational leadership is with fleet. The pressure on our sector better managing its impact on climate is by far the biggest challenge road transport has ever faced. The uncertainty over future power train presents a lot of risk, operational and financial and with New Zealand being a technology taker we are very much at the bleeding edge of this. But true to form that hasn't stopped this operator integrating a fully electric FUSO eCanter into its fleet. Not only bringing in the tech but also moving his operation to fit around it and sharing his findings with our industry

In addition to the transport space he is also a Board member of the Auckland Business Chamber and Past Director and chairman of Rally NZ. He is a former a member of the Auckland Regional Land Transport Committee He has vast knowledge and experience in our sector, not only in his specialist areas of business but much more widely and in some complex policy areas.

His willingness to generously give his time and engage for the good of the transport industry has been of great value to the sector, for which we should be very grateful.

Chris has been an active member with IRTENZ, and served on the council since 2013 and became President in 2021. It is with great pleasure we award Chris Carr, current President of IRTENZ, life membership of IRTENZ.

