

**New Zealand Credit and Finance Institute (NZCFI)**  
**President's Report for the 2025 Annual General Meeting**

Dear Members,

As President of the New Zealand Credit and Finance Institute (NZCFI), I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the many dedicated individuals within the Institute who generously volunteer their time to organise and host luncheons and seminars for our members.

Over the past year, we have been privileged to enjoy a range of excellent presentations, delivered both in person and via Zoom. While training remains a key priority for the Institute, we have observed a shift in appetite post-COVID, with fewer companies willing to attend or send staff to training sessions. As a result, the number of training events has not been as high as we would have liked. Nonetheless, we successfully ran several events during the year, which saw increased physical attendance and strong support via our online platform.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Board Director Jono Cole for his valuable contributions behind the scenes, particularly in assisting Executive Director Owen Goodwin with the review and updating of rules and regulations related to non-profit organisations.

On behalf of the Institute, I would also like to extend special thanks to Owen Goodwin, our Executive Director. His continued oversight and management of the Institute's day-to-day operations, coupled with his years of dedicated service and passion, remain instrumental to the success and stability of the NZCFI.

Our website has seen ongoing enhancements throughout the year, ensuring it remains a key resource for members and guests alike.

Membership has remained steady at an average of approximately 66 members. We continue to see many individuals opting to pay a non-member fee to attend our events, allowing them to engage with the Institute's offerings without formal membership.

Financially, the Institute remains in a stable position, with reserves currently sitting at approximately \$36,000. This aligns well with our membership base and operational needs.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my best wishes to Jono Cole and Joshua Wong as they step into their new roles as National President and Vice President, respectively. I am confident that under their leadership, the Institute will continue to thrive.

Lastly, the Board extends its heartfelt thanks to our valued sponsors, whose support enables us to continue delivering high-quality events and services to our members.

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Warm regards,

**Michael Wright**

**President**

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