

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
4th February 2026 @ 8.00am
TEAMS video call**

Present: Les Sinclair, Craig Burrows, Danny Simmonds, Trevor Foley, Gareth Cowan, Darren Main, Sam Anderson, Marty Bloy, Gary Reilly, Martin Doohan & Executive Officer (E.O) Maria Scott.

Apologies:

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. net position \$103,547. Improved financial position due to invoicing for 2026 Membership fees (\$77k) & AutoRep Licence fees (\$20k). Annual accounts to 31/12/25 have been prepared and are currently with the Auditor for an Independent Review.

Accounts for Payment: Accounts paid since last meeting and accounts received, but yet to be paid, were tabled and approved.

New Members: Dairy Farm Services – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: Precise Engineering

Name change of Member: Davey Water Products Ltd are now Waterco NZ Ltd

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Danielle Howard, Water Solutions. Nick Young, King Farm Services. John Walker, Bromley Dairy & Pumps. Grant Mirabito, Northland Dairy & Lifestyle Specialists. Richard Darrah, Think Water Whakatane. Chaz Murdoch, Mainland Engineering. Ethan Dougherty, Southland Farm Services. Brad Hosking, Highline Dairy. Stuart Babe, Pump & Electrical Services - Approved.

Representative for SF-041 joint committee as a NZMPTA candidate: With the resignation of Trevor Fowlie from Council, it is agreed that we will put Les Sinaclair up to represent our sector on this committee. Les will be supported in this role by Martin Doohan & Darren as sub-committee Members.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: No activity since the last meeting, however, the March Testing course is full with 12 participants.

Training Centric Activity: Tyree advised that all courses will undergo external moderation in February. This involves a moderator, Murray Pedley for milking courses & Janine Richardson for water courses, looking over three examples of marked assessments for each unit standard and auditing if the judgements made by the Tutors doing the marking are correct. NZQA have completed an audit of Moderation Processes which has resulted in some Training Centric forms needing to be updated.

Apprenticeship Update: Competenz have now established themselves as a PTE in their own right. Developments with TEC are looking more promising in regards to allowing two PTEs to partner together to deliver a qualification and, consequently, Competenz have indicated a willingness to continue working with us and delivering our apprenticeship qualification. A

Contract for Services for has been signed between Competenz & QCONZ PTE for the continuance of apprentice training throughout 2026. E.O & Training Centric are meeting with TEC on 05/02/26 to discuss how joint PTE delivery and funding may work.

AutoRep: E.O. has had no response from QCONZ re option to engage with the Indian Developers who wrote the initial App to see if they will be able to do our updates. Gary Reilly will try Roby at QCONZ again Darren Main has suggested that the Indian Developers used by DeLaval may be able to assist and he will make enquiry with them.

Effluent WOF Assessor Programme: Due diligence continues. Logan Bowler has agreed to look into what is involved and costs for auditing and updating the existing material– Trevor Foley can assist him with this also. E.O will confirm delivery cost with Logan Bowler as existing figures are pre-2022, then a cost analysis will be done to establish what the course fee should be set at. WOF Assessor website has not yet been reactivated as waiting to decide who will do, and host, our new website as it makes sense that they will also host the WOF Assessor website. A new template for reporting is required, Darren Main will look further into what AI can develop.

Brand Awareness: Kenny from OH Media provided a breakdown of options and costs to update website, build social media presence & lead generation, plus to consider a Customer Relationship Manager program for our consideration. Cost \$15k +, plus ongoing monthly costs of regular social media presence. The sub-committee met last week to discuss options and Sam Anderson is talking with another company which may be more cost effective. He will report back to sub-committee.

AGM Logistics: AGM date has been set for 25th March 2026 in Hamilton. Nomination Forms can now go out to Members. Suggested guest speakers are Fonterra on risk & milk price – Danny Simmonds to enquire, PGDB & WaterNZ – Marty Bloy to enquire, and MSD or Halter – E.O to enquire. We also need to re-register as an Incorporated Society by 04/04/26 and submit our new Constitution which may have more changes which need to be approved by our Members. E.O. will work on this through the coming month.

Meeting concluded: 9.50am

Signed



Gary Reilly
MPTA Council President