

Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
8th July 2026 @ 9.30am
GEA Boardroom, 12-14 Quail Place, Hamilton



Present: Council Members - Les Sinclair, Craig Burrows, Danny Simmonds, Trevor Foley, Gareth Cowan, Marty Bloy, Martin Doohan, Simon Connolly & Executive Officer (E.O) Maria Scott.
Darren Main joined via TEAMS video call

Apologies: Gary Reilly, Danny Simmonds & Zac Macfarlane

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. net position \$49,106. Includes Debtors of \$23,329 mainly, \$16k to Competenz for Apprenticeship training & \$3.3k for course fees.
Updated budget for the rest of 2026 was tabled.

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

New Members: NIL

We will undertake a Membership drive with each Council Member to approach potential Members in their region. A prospect list is to be collated and allocated to Council Members for them to make contact.

Withdrawn Members: Briscoes Water Pump Services Ltd – sold. Jordan Engineering – doesn't get anything out of it.

Member Name Change: Camco Dairy Services 2021 Ltd now called Camco Dairy Services Partnership – has been sold & purchased by Andy Allan & Clayton Flight.

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Emma Becroft, Oscar Nova, Mike Trump & Willem Diederiks, Morrison Agri. Daan Louw, Mainland Engineering. Cameron Avery, Hunts Farm Services. Karl Arras, Stocker Dairy Solutions. Danny Atkins, Tanner Industries. Alan Williams, Dairy Solutions. Nathan Sinclair & Cameron McKenzie, Cowley. Flynn Gill-Clifford, Read Industrial. JoJo Medalla, CCMP. Jono Rowlands, MacDougalls. Matt Clark, Elite Farm Services - Approved.

Bank Authorities: Signatories for all MPTA accounts at BNZ have been updated – removing Gary Reilly and Craig Burrows and replacing them with Marty Bloy and Darren Main. Maria Scott, as Executive Officer) is also an Authorised Signatory.

H & S: An audit should be completed of the Training Centre premises before the next course scheduled on 31 August.

Training Activity: Small Drinking Water Supplies (SDWS) course for Think Water Staff in CHC in May ran with 13 participants. Discussions in place with Think Water Australia to run same course for them. We are running a SDWS course for WaterForce & Water Supply Products in CHC in July with 13 pax. Another SDWS course scheduled for CHC in June has been postponed to October. Farm Dairy Effluent Hydraulic Design in June in CHC was cancelled as only one registration received.

Training Centric Report: Tyree advised that three water units have successfully passed moderation by the Industry Skills Board. She feels that the assessment requirements for unit 29162 from our Farm Dairy Effluent Hydraulic Design course, and unit 29160 from Farm Water Reticulation are pitched more at Level 5 requirements rather than for Level 4 and she recommends reviewing and rewriting the assessment to better align with Level 4 requirements. She estimated the cost of \$1500 - \$2000 for each unit. This cost is not budgeted for in 2026 year so will need to consider for 2027.

AutoRep: Contract for Services has been signed with Pedersen Group and they have completed Phase 1 of the project already.

Access to centre of Rotary Dairies: A communication has been drafted to present to the Milk Quality Forum seeking a collaborative approach within the industry to establish suitable corrective action around access to the centre area of some rotary dairies and providing a practical solution to reduce the likelihood of injury. Members have been asked to provide examples of injury or near miss but only two Members have responded.

ISO Testing & Test Points: Vacuum gauges are missing from some test ports which gives concern to the legitimacy of some readings. E.O to send notification out to all Testers stipulating requirements for test port position and providing a diagram of where test port should be located, Crag will help prepare the communication. The consequence of reading not being taken and reported honestly will put the Tester's Registration at risk of being revoked if this is not followed correctly.

Effluent WOF Assessor Programme: Still awaiting amendment to Contract from DairyNZ. Have requested Logan Bowler (again) and Debbie Care to separately quote to review course content and provide price to do updates. Darren Main has created a new reporting template which is about 90% where we need it to be, but Trevor Foley still needs some further testing. Once we think it is workable E.O will send it to both Logan & Debbie for their feedback. Trevor updated Council on the wider Freshwater Farm Plan framework. High-risk-soil farms (clay/peat catchments, starting with areas such as the Waikato & Waipa catchment) are expected to require a WOF-style assessment as part of their freshwater farm plan obligations, which is expected to increase demand for this programme over time. Trevor sits on Dairy NZ's Expert Effluent Advisory Group, where the WOF programme has also been discussed. We need to consider hosting options and E.O will discuss with Josh from Pedersen Group. There would need to be an annual charge to users to cover hosting costs and updates.

Wet Testing: Gary Reilly has spoken to Ryan from DairySmart requesting a copy of email sent to DairyMaster's which had some concerning recommendations being given. He has not received the email. Gary to follow up.

Digital Visual Faults & Milking Machine Test Summary: Darren Main demonstrated the digital Visual Faults Checklist which auto-populates fault recommendations and applies a Critical / Major / Minor rating. The purpose is to offer a uniform reporting tool to users of the DeLaval VPR testing system and to those that do not use AutoRep. Feedback was positive. More testing is required, and a hosting method to be secured, before releasing to Members.

Changes to Council Make-up: Discussion took place about the make-up of the Council, particularly around the number of representatives. Decision was that the current make up is serving purpose so we shall leave it as is for now.

Rebranding & new Website Design: Website redesign progressing; the largest task is cleaning and migrating existing member/tester records (around 5,000 records) into the new site. New domain name of milkingpumping.co.nz has been secured. New name will be "MPNZ" (Milking Pumping NZ — New Zealand not spelt out in full). New brand files have been prepared for Certificates, Letterhead, business cards etc and approved.

Plant upgrade for Training Centre: Lance from MilkTechNZ has visited the Training Centre and established what equipment they can assist with and install. Will be completed before the next Testing course in October.

Accounting Package update: Our current free offline version of MYOB is no longer available. Have transferred to the latest comparative product with MYOB which is paid online version. Cost is \$20 per month for first 2 years.

Review of Engineering Qual: Gareth has participated in 3 meeting to date. They are considering options of how to progress

Guards on Shafts: It has been reported that PVC piping typically used as guards to cover slide pulsators may sometimes 'catch' on the shaft causing the PVC piping to also rotate; this presents the same injury risk as having no guards in place on the shaft. E.O to send a notification to Members and all Testers pointing out that if the guard is turning with the shaft then that is not a safety mitigation outcome and the fault should be rated as Major in the Test Summary and the appropriate action taken.

Syd Bodmin Trust: Contact has been made enquiring if they would consider supporting MPTA apprentices e.g. supporting apprentices that are self-funding, cost towards tools, or cost towards testing equipment. They will take our enquiry to the next Trustee Meeting. E.O to stay in contact.

Meeting concluded: 1.40pm

Next Meeting will be on TEAMS video call starting at 8.00am – week of 28th September.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bloy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marty Bloy
MPTA Council President