

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
9th September 2025 @ 11.00am
GEA, Hamilton**

Present: Gary Reilly, Les Sinclair, Craig Burrows, Marty Bloy, Danny Simmonds, Darren Main, Sam Anderson & Trevor Foley, Martin Doohan, Gareth Cowan (via TEAMS) & Executive Officer (E.O), Maria Scott. Also joined by Braham Bassar & Marc Reilly from Innovag Australia for part of the meeting

Apologies:, Trevor Fowlie, Craig Russell

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: New lease document for Training Centre for 3-year term has been signed. No communication received by either of the two Member Companies that were interested in calibrating testing equipment. No update on Tyree bringing International Students over to do some MPTA training.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$23,090 This figure includes \$7.7k still outstanding for apprentice training between Sept '24 – May '25 and \$37k outstanding for course fees – mostly for October Testing course.

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

New Members: NIL

Withdrawn Members: Smart Water & Irrigation – 2025 Membership unpaid so revoked.

Resignation of Council Member: Craig Russell of White International has resigned. We thank Craig for his service over the past 19 months.

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Jim Oliver, Piako Rural Services. Ross Richards, Ordish & Stevens. Luke Vickers, Vickers Farm & Dairy. Ziggy Burch, Beta Milking & Water Services. Grant Thompson, Hutchies. Naudé Maree, Professional Farm Services. Danny Minto, Thinkwater Taupo. Shane Maclean, Progressive Engineering. Caeden Stacey, Thinkwater Bay of Plenty. Owen Spice, HOOOF Enterprises. Steve Bevan, Thinkwater Taranaki. Dave Shaw, Pratt Milking. Brian McCarthy, Cotter & Stevens. Harmon Taiaroa & Te Ringa O'Brien, MacDougalls. Phil Shields, Dairy & Pumps. Stefan Burger, Milk R Us. James Boyden, Davidson Engineering. Blake Roberts, Moa Milking - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: Ran a Small Drinking Water Supplies course for Members Aqua Works in Warkworth with 10 participants. October testing course is full and other October courses are looking hopeful. Have had a bit of enquiry from non-Members for training, including Taumata Arowai.

Apprenticeship Update: We have approx. 65 active apprentices, 35 completed, and 4 that are currently considering signing-up.

Course Reports: from seven courses earlier in 2025 were circulated.

Water Industry Certificate of Recognition: 263 people have attempted the application process with 130 having completed. 76 partially completed applications to be followed up. Another promo and invite will be sent in the coming weeks.

Micro-credential Development: The three new Micro-credentials for Milking Machine Testing, Farm Dairy Management Systems & Small Drinking Water Supplies have now had the new assessments and evidence workbooks submitted to respective WDCs for pre-moderation and sign-off. Hopefully, this is completed before the October courses.

Effluent WOF Assessor Programme: Trevor Foley & Maria had a TEAMS Mtg with DairyNZ on 08/07/25. They have now provided a draft contract for our feedback. They have indicated that they have no funding available to support QCONZ's estimated \$8-10,000 annual costs to maintain & host the i-Leader reporting interface. Trevor Foley to have further discussions with DairyNZ about the costs and ask if they could cover the i-Leader costs, or the development of an alternative report template. Insurance cover to be further investigated, Broker suggested Professional Indemnity may be needed? A brief risk analysis is to be prepared on the risks and benefits of taking this programme on.

Farm Dairy Assessment: A list of common faults and recommendations with critical, major or minor rankings has been circulated to Testers for feedback and responses were received from 13 Testers. Feedback has been sent to sub-committee for their consideration and they will meet in the next week to agree on rankings.

Fonterra Water Exclusion Plan: Danny will prepare a notice to inform Members about Fonterra's payment incentive to reduce farms on water exclusion.

Plumbers Act Restrictions: Deborah Prus-Loughlin from White International still to pull together an industry focus group to discuss agreeance on strategy and demarcation lines of where 'sanitary' plumbing starts and finishes. She will look to do this for October.

AutoRep: We are meeting with Braham Bassar from Innovag and QCONZ later today to discuss the possibility of Innovag managing our AutoRep & Smart Standards Apps, including doing updates and hosting.

Dairy Test X: Braham from Innovag demonstrated the new Dairy Test X pulsation testing unit to us and presented us with a unit to be used at the Training Centre. We are very grateful for their generosity.

The Future MPTA: We had an in-depth discussion about the future of MPTA and how can we drive more engagement and Membership, Marty will discuss with PGDB, Irrigation NZ, WIOG and WaterNZ possibilities of working together. The Fonterra Graduate employee we were hoping to engage is no longer an option. Darren will enquire if someone from DeLaval Marketing may be available to assist us with boosting awareness of MPTA and what we do around training & advocacy, and drive course registrations via social media avenues.

Updates to Testing Standards Manual: More information has been received from OEMs so Standards Manual can now be updated and circulated to Members. Updates will also need to be embedded into the AutoRep App & the Digital Standards.

Meeting concluded: 3 45pm

Signed
09/09/25



Gary Reilly, President.
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