

Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
21st May 2026 @ 8.00am
TEAMS Video Call



Present: Council Members - Les Sinclair, Craig Burrows, Danny Simmonds, Trevor Foley, Gareth Cowan, Marty Bloy, Gary Reilly, Martin Doohan, Zac Macfarlane, Simon Connolly & Executive Officer (E.O) Maria Scott.

Apologies: Darren Main

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Application for Les Sinclair to join the Safety of Machinery Standards Committee has been accepted. E.O still to investigate possible funding for apprenticeship through Syd Bodmin Trust.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. net position \$101,263. Includes Debtor of \$73,576 mainly \$3.5k for 2026 Membership fees & AutoRep Licence fees, \$28k to Competenz for Apprenticeship training & \$32k for course fees.

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

New Members: Farm Services Ltd, Viking Water Solutions – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: Splash Water Specialists, Auckland Pumps & Filtration, Bos Contracting – now working for Think Water Taupo

Member Name change: ABC Milking Solutions Ltd now ABC Milking Solutions 2026 Ltd

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Gareth Lewis & Nick Lewis, Canterbury Farm Services. Tony Mallard, Dannevirke Dairy Supplies. Ross Bell, Camco. Shashi Maliga, Jeff Evans. Ulrich Fourie, QWS. Alan Payne, Alex McMath & Greg Anderson, DairyTech South. Emma Becroft, Dennis Azarcon, Dylan Moore, Corrie Schutte & Martin Saunders, Morrison Agri. Gary Wallace, Better Dairy Solutions. Craig Samuel, ABC Milking Solutions. Dave Thame, Independent Machine Testing. Luke Yeager, Ngatea Milking Machines. Dan Schroeder & Steve Dempsey, Read Industrial. Peter Taylor, Milk'n'Water Services. Jayden Staples-McAloon, Landmore Agri. Brent Robinson, Coastal Agri Services. Daniel Patrick, Progressive Engineering - Approved.

Election of Office Bearers: After many years in the role Gary Reilly has resigned as Council President – we thank him for his service. Marty Bloy was nominated & elected as President. Darren Main was nominated and elected as Vice-President.

H & S: An audit should be completed of the Training Centre premises

Training Activity: April Testing course had 9 participants. May Pump Selection had six pax. 4 other courses cancelled in April & May. Are running a Small Drinking Water Supplies course for Think Water Staff in CHC in May with 13 participants. We are in discussions with Think Water Australia to run this course for them also. WaterForce have also booked SDWS course for their staff in July.

Course Reports: Reports from two courses were distributed.

Training Centric Activity: Tyree advised that moderation of water courses is ongoing and will shortly go to the ISB for their moderation. Finding from process this far is that the assessment levels for Farm Water Reticulation & Farm Dairy Effluent are too high for the Level 4 units which is part of the barrier of learners progressing and completing the units. So the assessments will be rewritten to the appropriate level.

AutoRep: Pedersen Group have provided a comprehensive scope based on developing a web based AutoRep platform which will have all our required updates, built in security, ease of access offline & ease of updates. Costing is estimated at \$41,000, however, needs fine tuning & finalising. Sub-committee have gone over proposal and indicated what features we would like to include. Budget has been approved by Council to move ahead. Will arrange another meeting with Pedersen Group to clarify needs and costing, then if satisfied, contract can be prepared.

Digital Visual Faults & Milking Machine Test Summary: Darren Main has developed a digital format for recording of Visual Faults and Test Summary pages which auto-populate faults with a Critical / Major / Minor rating & set recommendations. 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. E.O will demonstrate files to AutoRep sub-committee for feedback and will arrange external testing.

Budget: A budget for the rest of 2026 has been tabled which shows potential cashflow allowing us to engage in specified projects such as AutoRep Update, rebranding and social media awareness campaign, WOF Assessor Program updates etc

Access to centre of Rotary Dairies: Les raised concern about safely accessing rotary centres & slippery surfaces within centre. Email to be sent to Fonterra / DITAG expressing our concerns around safety when entering the centre area of rotary platforms.

Effluent WOF Assessor Programme: Updated costing has been supplied by Logan Bowler re course delivery costs. Logan also provided some feedback on the state of the program in his opinion and urging us to act cautiously. Darren Main has done some awesome work on creating a new reporting template. Trevor Foley to test it & E.O will also send it to Logan Bowler to test. A budget has been prepared. Feedback on contract was returned to DairyNZ on 07/05/26 – awaiting response. Budget of \$6,000 for updating the course material, transition of website and annual hosting fees and legal advice on contract approved.

Rebranding & new Website Design: hustleHQ have been working with sub-committee on website and logo design in the new name of MPNZ. New logo design was approved.

Wet Testing: Gary Reilly has emailed Ryan from DairySmart requesting a response to DairyMaster's complaint about concerning recommendations being given.

Representation of Apprenticeship Qualification Review Group: The Dairy Systems (Engineering) apprenticeship qual is due for review along with others. This will involve looking at what is currently being offered and giving consideration to if it is still meeting the needs of industry or are changes beneficial. The review is being managed by the Manufacturing & Engineering Industry Skills Board. Gareth Cowan appointed to represent MPTA under the 'Industry Associations' category.

Fonterra Roadshow: Danny pitched an idea for a Milking Machine Tester Roadshow covering topics like milk price, support visits, risk to market & rules. Proposal to be distributed to Milking members of Council to give feedback on proposed layout or what else could be included.

Plant upgrade for Training Centre: MilkTechNZ are happy to offer some equipment. Martin will make contact with Jill Calow to find out what we can best utilise.

Accounting Package update: Our current free offline version of MYOB will no longer be available from 16/06/26. We can move to a paid version at approx. \$585pa, or take the opportunity to change to Xero which offers more features p\$996pa (discounted \$200 in first 3 months). E.O will discuss with Josh Pedersen re what potion he recommends.

Meeting concluded: 10.20am

Signed

Marty Bloy
MPTA Council President



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