

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
25th March 2026 @ 9.00am
Hamilton Workingmen's Club, Hamilton**

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

Apologies: Sam Andersen

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 sent.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. net position \$116,827. Includes Debtor of \$103,229 mainly \$23k for 2026 Membership fees & AutoRep Licence fees, \$27k to Competenz for Apprenticeship training & \$50k for course fees. Discussion around annual expenditure on Xmas mailout (\$4.2k) & AGM travel & accommodation costs (\$8.3k) could be better spent towards scholarship opportunities.

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

New Members: Numedic Ltd – Approved.

Withdrawn Members: The Dairy Vet

Member Name change: Think Water Cambridge / Whitinaga / Whangamata now Beyond Water Ltd

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Andrew Provis, Qubik. Nate Croy & Hayden Hurley, Jeff Evans. Dan Simpson, Absolute Dairy & Water. David Way, Professional Farm Services. Neville Discombe, TW Farm & Electrical. Grant Houston, Read Industrial. Tye Bellamore, Cowley. Jarrod Ritson, Moa Milking. Ryan Anselmi, Landmore Agri. Gus Pratt, Pratt Milking. Gary Wilson, Kawakawa Engineering - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: March Testing course was full with 12 participants. April Testing course has nine pax. confirmed. Small Water in AKL has 10 pax. Are looking to run 3 Small Water courses for Member companies.

Course Reports: Reports from six courses were distributed.

Training Centric Activity: Tyree advised that they are currently undergoing post-assessment moderation for our water courses, SDWS and FDSM which should be completed by the end of April.

Apprenticeship Update: E.O & Training Centric met with TEC on 05/02/26 to discuss how joint PTE delivery and funding may work. At that time TEC indicated that funding may be available and we should apply, however, last week TEC advised that there are over enrolments this year for the funding they have - and that there will be less funding in 2027. PTE's are on notice that their existing funding will drop.

Plant upgrade for Training Centre: MilkTech NZ have expressed interest in having some of their equipment installed into the Training Centre. E.O will put them in touch with Jill Calow to discuss what would work.

AutoRep: E.O. has now had discussions with Roby from QCONZ and the initial App developers from India re the upgrades required. They are wanting a more detailed breakdown of changes required so they can quote on the upgrade. Y5, our existing hosting company, have indicated that they would not be able to offer hosting services in the future if they are not managing the development of the App. Marty Bloy suggested that we get Josh Pedersen from Lincoln University to look at transferring the App into Office 365.

Officer Insurance & Indemnity: Under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022, it is required to be written in the Constitution that the Officers of the Association agree to obtaining and maintaining suitable Officer's Liability Insurance; and certify that the cost of effecting the insurance is fair to the Association. Our lawyer prepared a suitable clause which has been inserted into the Constitution. All Officers signed a relevant Section 97 certificate to this effect.

Potential Apprenticeship Sponsorship: Discussion around the possibility of MPTA providing a scholarship for apprentices. E.O. to approach the Sid Bodmin Trust to see if they wish to contribute. We could potentially self-fund this from costs saved if we axe the Xmas mailout and funding South Island Members to fly to AGM.

Budget: E.O. to prepare an annualised budget to show income & expenses for coming year, allocating funds for course development, AutoRep, WOF Assessor program & reporting template etc.

Council Make-up: Some discussion took place on the numbers that make up MPTA Council. This will be tabled for further discussion at a meeting in six-months time. Any change needs to be agreed upon by our Members and updated in the Constitution.

Association Name change: It was agreed that we shall change our name to Milking Pumping NZ (MPNZ). Effectively we will remain NZMPTA under the Incorporated Society register but will be 'trading as' MPNZ. New logo to be designed by hustleHQ for new website & branding.

Effluent WOF Assessor Programme: Lawyer has looked over DairyNZ Contract and offered their recommendations. Still waiting to hear back from Logan Bowler re what updates are required, what the cost may be to complete the upgrades and what his delivery costs are. Website can now be put back on internet and hosted by hustleHQ who are taking over the website rebuild. Solution still needs to be deployed for a reporting template – perhaps Josh Pedersen can advise on this also.

Brand Awareness: We have engaged hustleHQ to rebuild our website which will run on the Rocketspark platform with Airtable database functionality. Full Service option at \$6,575.00 + gst. They are needing imagery & database tables to be extracted from existing website backend to effect the conversion. Website will also be optimised for use on mobile devices. A Social Media campaign building awareness of MPTA will coincide with the new website launch.

Wet Testing: A complaint has been made against Dairysmart who are completing wet testing and providing there are concerns over recommendations and interpretation of pulsation phase being factually incorrect and causing farmers undue expense. Gary Reilly will respond to Dairysmart asking them to explain how they came to such recommendations.

Meeting concluded: 9.50am

Signed



Gary Reilly,
MPTA Council President