

MINUTES OF 93rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 18th March 2025
2.00pm at Noble 600, 231 Burnett Street, Ashburton.



Present:

Gary Reilly, Craig Burrows, Craig Russell, Danny Simmonds, Les Sinclair, Marty Bloy, Trevor Fowlie, Lars de Kruijf, Gareth Cowan, Troy Ballantyne, Zac Macfarlane, Geoff Shaw, Nigel McClymont, Shane Stocker & Life Member Tim Scott.

Apologies:

Sam Anderson, Trevor Foley, Tony McLaren, Aaron Cave, Darren Main, Innes Richardson, Nick Bell, Wayne Barker, Dan & Kerry Simpson, Wayne Cooper, Nick de Ridder, Craig Hawes, Warwick Buchanan, Damon McKinnon., Garth Cohen, Francois Paulus, William Liang, John Hayes, Brendan Paul, Murray Wood, Dean Moore, Chris Singleton, Maurice Coates, Owen Spice, Ross Johnson, Jason Marshall, Martin Doohan

Minutes of Previous AGM: Minutes of previous AGM on 27/03/2024 were read. Shane Stocker moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record Seconded: Les Sinclair - Carried.

Balance Sheet & Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/24 were presented. The accounts show an decrease in Members Equity from \$370,870 to \$344,544 – this is mainly as a result of increased delivery costs for training, and costs to develop three micro-credentials. Nigel McClymont moved that the Financial Statements be received and adopted. Seconded: Shane Stocker- Carried

Presidents Report: Gary Reilly presented his President's Report and moved that it be adopted. Seconded: Les Sinclair - Carried.

Installation of Office Bearers: The following 10 nominations were received and meet the requirements for Management set out in the NZMPTA rules:

OEM Members - Milking: Craig Burrows, Dairymaster Milking Systems NZ. Trevor Fowlie, GEA Milfos International. Darren Main, DeLaval. Martin Doohan MilkTechNZ

OEM Members - Water: Marty Bloy, 43 South. Craig Russell, White International

Dealer Members – Milking: Les Sinclair, Spring Meadow Services (Member of the Register). Sam Andersen, Automation Services. Gareth Cowan, Progressive Engineering.

Dealer Members – Water: Gary Reilly, On Farm Agri Centre

As only 10 nominations were received to fill the 10 Council positions available no ballot vote was undertaken. Nigel McClymont moved that these 10 Nominees be formally installed to MPTA Council. Seconded: Geoff Shaw – Carried

Election of Auditor: Moved by Danny Simmonds to continue using TaxLink Hamilton, or a suitable alternative, as Accountants for the Association and Stuart Duff & Associates as our Auditor. A full Audit shall be undertaken every three years with an Independent Review undertaken in the in-between years. Seconded: Craig Russell. Carried.

Annual Subscriptions: Majority vote was approved that annual Membership fees be increased from the current pricing of \$500.00 + gst for OEM Members and \$350.00 + gst for Dealer Members to \$650 + gst for OEM Members and \$450.00 + gst for all other Membership categories, plus an additional \$125.00 + gst per annum for subsidiary branches owned by exactly the same Directors. Objections from Trevor Fowlie from GEA & Nigel McClymont from Nind Dairy Services. The increased rates will be effective from 1st January 2026.

Training Report: Executive Officer tabled and read the Training Report detailing activity for 2024. Les Sinclair moved by that the report be accepted. Seconded: Nigel McClymont – Carried

General Business:

Matters arising from previous AGM:

Consideration was given to relocating the training facility from Palmerston North. It has been decided that due to likely increased rental costs and costs involved in moving & re-establishing the facility it is not viable for us to make this move at this time.

We undertook some investigation into the practicalities of taking our Milking Machine Testing course to Australia to train their machine technicians. Two technicians and two Vets from Australia attended our Testing course in Palmerston North and provided feedback for us. The feedback was that, logistically, it would not be easy to run this training in Australia due to the machine set up that is needed and the geographical spread of the Testers. They felt it would be more practical for Testers to come over from Australia to complete the training here. We have three more technicians from DeLaval Australia booked on our April Testing course.

Training / Apprenticeship Update: Revenue from training courses was up 10% from 2024 and a massive 44% increase in the number of learners trained.

The increased number of learners is as a result of a surge in the uptake of learners on our Small Drinking Water Supplies course (72 pax compared to just 9 pax in 2023) We are extremely grateful for the expertise and input from Deborah Prus-Loughlin, and White International, who have been championing the upgraded Small Drinking Water Supplies course for us.

We continue the investment in and development of three micro-credential qualifications which are blocks of training that can be stacked to build specified learning towards an award. These are for Small Drinking Water Supplies, Milking Machine Testing & Farm Dairy Management Systems. Applications are currently sitting with NZQA for approval.

There are currently approx. 61 learners doing the apprenticeship and over 30 that have fully completed their apprenticeship qualification.

Water Industry Certificate of Recognition: This was launched in December 2024. To date we have 94 completed applications and certificates are being issued.

Re-registration of MPTA as an Incorporated Society: NZMPTA is required to re-register under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 by April 2026, or be dissolved and another entity formed. As required, vote has gone to Members seeking confirmation if we should remain or form another entity. We are still awaiting sufficient response from Members for an outcome to be reached, however, it was agreed at this meeting that we will remain registered as an Incorporated Society if the minimum number of votes are reached.

Rule changes: Two other Rule changes are being proposed and have been circulated to all Members to vote on. These changes were approved at this meeting, again, pending the minimum number of votes being reached. The two changes are related to:

1. That Associate Members shall have the same rights as OEM, Dealer & Members of the Register Members i.e. they are entitled to voting rights and are eligible to hold office.
2. That the Council President or Vice-President may hold the position for more than 3 consecutive years, providing that there is no other suitable nomination put forward and the decision to retain the existing position holder in the position is unanimous.

Gary Reilly closed the meeting and thanked delegates for their attendance, input and support throughout the year.

Meeting concluded at 4.45pm followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Signed:

MPTA AGM



Gary Reilly (President)

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