

## Presidents Report for the Year Ending December 2013

As NZMPTA President, I have the pleasure of reporting the year's activities and tasks undertaken on your behalf by your elected committee.

As this is my first year as MPTA President, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Council Committee Members past and present for their efforts over the years and over the past 3-4 years that I have been involved on the MPTA Council.

Thanks to Craig Burrows, Michael Meyer, Barry Miller, Brian Ebert, Simon Fletcher, Paul Dixon, Rowan Galloway, Jason Yeeles and Graeme McDougal

It has been another busy year with plenty of challenges put in front of these volunteers to work through. I am proud of the work and effort put in by my team and I continue with confidence that progress will go on and the NZMPTA is in good shape.

A very special thank you to Maria Scott, our Executive Officer, for her efforts over the past year and for the assistance she has given me over the past year. Maria's efforts go without saying, she is a fantastic asset to this organisation and quite frankly without her we would not be making the progress we have to date. Maria, many thanks, your support, focus, and determination really makes my life easier.

### **Facts & Figures:**

- In 2013, we run 23 courses with 176 participants bringing in income of \$197K. The number of courses and income is down on previous year's figures; however, net profit % is higher.
- Included in this was 5 MMTC courses with 48 participants which brought in \$126k being the majority of the total income.
- The Royalties figure transferred to MPTA from Technology Training Centre was \$76,920.
- MPTA Member's Equity has grown from \$188k in 2012 to \$196k at end of 2013.
- Membership numbers are 171, which has remained stable over the past couple of years.
- We have 96 current Registered Milking Machine Testers. Disturbingly, this number has dropped from 114 at the same time last year, despite us training 48 new testers in 2013. It is crucial that we have enough skilled and registered testers on hand to meet demand once the new NZCP-1 machine testing requirements become compulsory.

### **Activity:**

- Progress continues on the apprenticeship scheme which is currently sitting with NZQA for Approval to List the qualification. Support has been received from key industry organisations. Steve Brooks of Competenz will cover this in more detail later in the AGM
- A major update to AutoRep, our Electronic Milking Machine Test Reporting Programme, has been ongoing throughout the past year and will shortly be released as an online tool
- Updated Milking Machine Testing Standards were released in December

- Various new machine testing reports were made available in 2013 including the MINI Milking Machine Test, Cleaning Evaluation & Milk Delivery Test, Preliminary Machine Test Report
- Milking Machine Testing pre & post-course modules are now completed online, saving up to four days of on-course time
- We have acquired two new electronic VaDia testing units which will allow in-milk testing at the claw and will be used in training courses
- The training centre has undergone renovation to provide a larger, more practical training space
- We have accepted an invitation to speak to Vets attending the Milk Quality conference in June 2014 on the value of milking machine testing

#### **International Activity:**

A change to the MPTA Rules in 2011 has opened the pathway for MPTA to expand its business internationally and I have recently had a meeting and consequent discussions with Dairy Australia around introducing our Milking Machine Technician training into Australia. They are open to the idea and have suggested a few adjustments to our course to meet their requirements. We will continue to explore this option.

#### **Final Comments:**

Again, I would like to acknowledge all of our Council Members who volunteer their time; working at their own cost for our Members and the betterment of the industry. The work that they do is invaluable to our respective industries and very much appreciated – thanks guys.

Equally as important, I acknowledge all of our Members and thank them for their ongoing support of MPTA. The tough economic times of the past few years are now behind us and I will all Members a success for the coming season.

Lastly, I acknowledge Craig Burrows who represents MPTA and its Members on the NMAC (National Mastitis Advisory Committee) and has done for many years. This is in addition to the time Craig also volunteers to MPTA Council and his efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated – thank you Craig.

Thank you for your attention.

**Gary Reilly**  
**MPTA President**

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