

Presidents Report for the Year Ending December 2014

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

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Council Committee Members past and present for their efforts throughout the year and over the past 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/Rowena Harper, 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 2014, we run 27 courses with 197 participants bringing in income of \$195K. The number of courses is up on last year, however income is slightly down on previous year's figures; as was net profit.
- Included in this was 5 MMTC courses with 36 participants bringing in \$97k being the majority of the total income. This course has proven the test of time continues to be our main source of income.
- The Royalties figure transferred to MPTA from Technology Training Centre was \$58802.34
- MPTA Member's Equity has increased from \$196k in 2013 to \$197k at end of 2014.
- Membership numbers are 180, which is an increase on last year.
- We have 123 current Registered Milking Machine Testers. This is an increase of 28 in the last year, a pleasing result. It is crucial that we continue to increase tester numbers so as to have enough skilled and registered testers on hand to meet demand once the new NZCP-1 machine testing requirements become compulsory.

Activity:

- The Apprenticeship. Currently we are still waiting for Competenz to submit the Industry Training Programme which they initially said would be in before Christmas. We had anticipated being able to launch the apprenticeship at the AGM.
- A major update to AutoRep (Electronic Milking Machine Test Reporting Programme) was released in May with most users taking up the latest version

- The training centre has undergone renovation to provide a larger, more practical training space

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 year will impact us all going forward, we wish 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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