

Presidents Report for the Year Ending December 2015

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. This a voluntary commitment to the industry and goes mostly unseen, the time and effort that is contributed to maintaining standards, affecting change and providing training programmes that benefits our members is an important role. Thanks also must go to those companies that make the commitment in releasing people to be involved, this demonstrates the importance that is attached to the efforts made by the MPTA.

A very special thank you to Maria Scott, our Executive Officer. Maria continues to drive the MPTA with commitment and a desire to make a difference for our members. I applaud her for her determination in pushing everyone in achieving the launch of the industry apprenticeship.

Results and Activity:

- Membership numbers are 177, this has remained similar to prior years
- In 2015, we ran 17 courses with 116 participants generating an income of \$141k, compared with 2014 27 courses with 197 participants income of \$195K. The majority of the income coming from 5 Milking machine training courses, bringing in \$92k with 36 participants. This has and continues to be our main source of income. We offered less courses in 2015 with our experience in 2014 seeing a very poor take up in the regions, so we made a conscious decision to provide courses from more centralized locations. During 2015 we also transitioned from Jim Hargreaves to QCONZ for the delivery of water courses.
- The Royalties figure to be transferred to MPTA from Technology Training Centre was \$47,401 + gst compared with \$51,132 + gst in 2014
- MPTA Member's Equity has reduced from \$202k in 2014 to \$200k in 2015.
- We have 134 current Registered Milking Machine Testers up from 128 in 2014 and 100 in 2013. This trend is positioning the industry well to satisfy the requirements of mandatory annual machine testing that came into effect on 7th December 2015 with the revision of NZCP1. It is crucial that we continue to promote and actively encourage the industry to increase tester numbers so we are able to support MPI as they enforce this code, with skilled and registered NZMPTA testers.
- The Apprenticeship has now been launched in March 2016. This a major event for the industry, this will provide a knowledge pathway for our members and their employees that will help with attracting and retaining people within the industry. It demonstrates to the market that the milking and pumping industry is professional and provides a measurable standard of work and goes to providing equity to the knowledge that has always been in place.
- In May 2015 we made a submission to MBIE re the Review of the Plumbers, Gasfitters & Drainlayers Act 2006, there has been no response or action taken by the MBIE as yet.

- We are currently scoping the development of ISO machine testing methodology, this is an important step towards revising our current codes of practice to future proof our industry.
- Work has been done to refute claims made in the “Electrical installations in Dairy Sheds Handbook” produced by Standards New Zealand.
- We will be represented at Milk Quality conference in 2016

General Comments:

Our industry is facing major economic challenges in 2016 that will flow through the whole New Zealand economy. The NZMPTA recognizes this and will operate accordingly, we are a member operated association and will assist those where we can in providing information or connecting people to qualified support. I acknowledge all of our Members and thank them for their ongoing support of MPTA and hope that you all look for opportunities to navigate your business through some tight times.

We may see some fall out of membership in 2016 with the economic environment we will be operating in, but as the awareness of the apprenticeship gains momentum we believe that this will actively engage the industry and the value and efforts of the MPTA will be realized in increased interaction and subscription with existing and new members.

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.

Thank You



Simon Fletcher
15th March 2016
MPTA President