

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
20 July 2022 @ 8.00am
Online TEAMS Video Call**

Present: Brian Ebert, Paul Dixon, Ross Muggeridge, Trevor Foley, Darren Main, Andy Geissmann, Craig Burrows & Maria Scott

Apologies: Gary Reilly, Kevin Warner

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Research into industry charge out rates & investigation into possible new premises for training facility in the Waikato yet to be actioned.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$155,785

Accounts for Payment: Accounts previously paid and to be paid were tabled and approved. Previously queried invoice from MacDougalls p\$8,303 has been amended to \$3,153 & payment made

New Members: Steve Miller Rural Services Ltd, Auckland Pumps & Filtration Ltd, Briscoe Water Pump Services – Approved.

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Kain Tanner & David Thomson, Tanner Industries. Dan Cunningham, Field Engineering. Isaac Reilly, On Farm Agri Centre. Karl Doyle, Canterbury Farm Services. Ross Gibbison, R & R Contracting. Mike Oliver, MH & SJ Oliver. Scott Graham, Dairytech South. Richard Washington, Farm Supplies Central. JoJo Medalla, CCMP. Daniel Patrick & Matt Wallis, Progressive Engineering. Matt Clark, Elite Farm Solutions. Royce Milham, Coastal Agri Services. Conor Williams, Read Industrial. Caleb Gemmill, Morrison Agri. Logan Wills-Stachurski, Moea Milking – Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: No courses run since last meeting. October & November Testing courses are already full. Have added an extra Milking Block course for apprentices to try and get as many of them through our training before the Government free funding ceases in December. Water courses for remainder of the year are filling up – again with apprentices wanting to complete most of their training this year.

Plumbers Act Review: Nothing to report.

Unregistered Testers: Discussed the individual circumstances of two Testers requesting extensions to submit ISO machine tests for marking although 28/02/22 deadline has passed. Both had completed all of the online ISO Re-training modules before the deadline date. Fixed term extensions have been issued with no further leeway to be given if requirements are not met by the extension expiry date.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: More in-depth evaluation is required for our Pumping Systems Technician Certification to make it more robust. There is opportunity to have it include NZQA Unit Standard 29158 Demonstrate knowledge of basic hydraulic theory for rural fluid systems (L3, 2 credits) as a minimum requirement - 29158 is already part of our

Pump Selection course. QCONZ already have Consent to Assess this unit, however, they will need to have it moderated to be a stand-alone online learning module. There may be another option to put the entire Certification into a NZQA micro-credential which would give it even more credibility as a NZQA recognised qualification. (A micro-credential certifies achievement of a coherent set of skills and knowledge; and is specified by a statement of purpose, learning outcomes, and strong evidence of need by industry and employers. They are smaller than a qualification and focus on skill development opportunities not currently catered for in the regulated tertiary education system. Micro-credentials are being launched by NZQA in August 2022). We could engage QCONZ to work on this with us as MPTA is not a registered NZQA provider. More investigation is required which will delay the launch of the Certification.

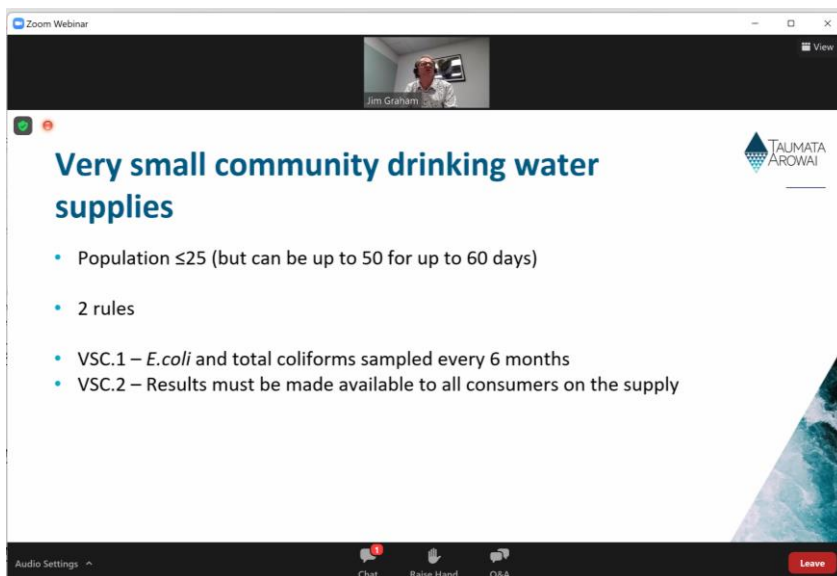
Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies: Definition of 'Suitably Qualified'. On 23/06/22 Jim Graham, Principal Technical Advisor at Taumata Arowai said:

"Suitably qualified is what the 'water supplier' thinks is 'suitably qualified as it is the water supplier's risk & they need to decide what level of qualification & capability you want the people working on your supply need to have. This is part of an assurance rule – not a monitoring rule = a water supplier should be satisfied that a person working on their network or supply should be suitably qualified"

Extracted from Taumata Arowai webinar on Rules and Standards Post Consultations - part 2 (time point 53.24 – 55.53)

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Also defined Very Small Community Drinking Water Supplies as below:



Electrical Service Technician: E.O. has met with Matt Gough from the Manufacturing, Engineering & Logistics Workforce Development Council, he is keen to instigate a pathway for a limited EST class of registration for industries in his sector which include ourselves, irrigation and refrigeration / heating / air conditioning. Hopes to meet with EWRB shortly to put case forward.

Milking Machine Standards Manual: Is almost complete but new product specs required from OEMs before we can launch it.

Meeting concluded: 9.40am

Next meeting date: tba in Hamilton

Signed
20/07/22

President.
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