

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 9.00am  
Hamilton Workingmen's Club**

Present: Trevor Fowlie, Les Sinclair, Nick Bell, Trevor Foley, Gary Reilly, Marty Bloy, Craig Russell, Darren Main, Shaun Nicholls, & Executive Officer, Maria Scott.

Apologies: Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, Kevin Warner

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

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$194,250

Accounts for Payment: Accounts paid since last meeting and accounts received but yet to be paid were tabled and approved.

New Members: Trevor Foley Consultants – Approved.

Practising Certificate Approvals:

Grant Houston, Read Industrial. Dan Simpson, Milking & Water Systems. Nick Jordan, Stocker Solutions. Garry Wilson, Kawakawa Engineering. Neville Discombe, Thames Farm & Industrial. Shashi Maliga, Jeff Evans. Mike Hampshire, McGregor's Farm Services. Luke Yeager, Ngatea Milking Machines. Max Baird, Nind Dairy Services. Phillip Oliver, Duncan Engineering. Leonard Opena, Field Engineering. Tye Bellamore, Dairy & Pumps. Stuart Babe, Pump & Electrical Services - Approved.

H & S: Nothing to report.

Training Activity: March Machine Testing course had only 7 participants. Pump Selection & Farm Water Reticulation in South Island for April have not been supported so have been cancelled. WaterForce are putting 38 staff through Small Drinking Water Supplies in March & April which is a well needed boost. Competenz Contract for Service is yet to be agreed on. We are in discussions with them and they are discussing options with NZQA.

Micro-credential Development: Tyree spoke to challenges within the Education Sector, changes to Te Pukenga which is to be dis-established and funding options. Agreed that we will move ahead with the development of three micro-credentials initially. Tyree has estimated \$24,000 per micro-credential to develop and gave a timeline of 6 months to complete. These will be for Small Drinking Water Supplies & two for Milking Machine Testing – practical / recommendations. We will also look at opportunities for funding that may be available to assist with cost.

Apprenticeship Marketing Campaign: Completed on 29/2/24 – generated 152 leads all of which were followed up with an email inviting them to send in CV. 24 CVs were received and circulated to Members for consideration of employing. Total spend \$10,807

Machine Testing training in Australia: Gary Reilly believes the opportunity to take our testing to Australia is there for us to do. We will instigate a ZOOM meeting with Australian related parties to gauge the need for training, explain what we can offer and consider if we set up in Australia. Gary, Darren & Maria will work on pulling meeting together.

Trade Qualification for Water / Pumping Sector: We have reconsidered our initial proposed Pumping Systems Technician Certification pathway and will be offering a skills self-assessment questionnaire that includes details of the applicant's industry experience and training. It will be titled Water Industry Certificate of Recognition and we anticipate that this will be available by June 2024.

QCONZ - End of Services Provision: After a respected and valued relationship with QCONZ that has spanned more than 40 years, with the pending retirement of Murray Pedley, QCONZ have given notice that they will be discontinuing their provision of services to MPTA effective 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Much of the course management will still be managed and delivered by QCONZ PTE via Training Centric Ltd. Alternative providers will need to be secured for the hosting of the AutoRep and Smart Standards Apps. E.O to meet with QCONZ to discuss what requirements for this may be.

Effluent WOF Programme: Council has agreed to taking over the delivery & management of the WOF Programme, however, the programme will still be 'owned' by DNZ. Trevor Foley is to instigate the contract process with Dairy NZ.

Launch of Digital Testing Standards App: A print / save function is being added to the app and it will then be launched to Members. Cost \$120 per annum per company

Machine Testing Training: We received an email from Chris Barclay at Morrison Agri highlighting his concern about the lack of knowledge new Testers are coming back from the one-week training course with e.g. they don't know how to make recommendations or recognise a fault. Gary Reilly will contact Chris to discuss.

Meeting concluded: 1.10pm

Signed



Gary Reilly, President.