

## Presidents Report for the Year Ending December 2023

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

Welcome to our Life Members and to our members – thank you for your ongoing support and input.

It was with sadness that during this year we learnt that Dave Milne and Tom Laurent passed away. Both were Life Members of MPTA and were well respected within their communities and the industry.

This AGM marks our 92<sup>nd</sup> year, we have been established since 1932.

Our financial position remains strong even though we made a net loss of \$26,365.00 for the year after depreciation, due mainly to a drop in revenue from \$417,131 in 2022 down to \$302,619.00 in 2023, equity decreased from \$406,462.00 to \$370,870.00.

The majority of MPTA equity is made up of non-tangible assets, such as course development and software programs (AutoRep and Smart Standards). These assets contribute to our Member Equity figure and assist in tax calculations at year end.

A strong 2022 saw trainee numbers at 194, 2023 saw this number decline to 119, due mostly to the expected fall off in apprenticeship training as Government funding diminished. Income from training for 2023 was down 32% on 2022 to \$212,684

<b>Course</b>	<b># of participants</b>	<b>\$ revenue (excl. gst &amp; exps)</b>
1 x Small Drinking Water Supplies	9	\$ 10,000.00
5 x Milking Machine Testing	48	\$ 143,840.00
1 x Milking Block Course (Cleaning Evaluation, Milk Delivery, Milk Quality, Mastitis & Liner Selection & Stray Voltage)	6	\$ 11,100.00
4 x Pump Selection	33	\$ 30,850.00
1 x Farm Water Reticulation	10	\$ 13,720.00
Stray Voltage Online	2	\$ 550.00
Liner Selection Online	3	\$ 825.00
Intro to Milking Machine Testing Online	8	\$ 1,799.62
	<b>119</b>	<b>\$ 212,684.62</b>

MPTA closed the 2023 year with 223 current ISO testers slightly higher than 2022 at 208. There currently are 16 testers holding provisional testing licenses.

Membership numbers are 188 – this has remained stable over the past couple of years.

MPTA has had many valuable associations over the years, but none-stronger than the relationship MPTA has held with Murray Pedley and his team at QCONZ. Sadly for MPTA, Murray is retiring this year, ending a long-standing partnership that started way back in 1983 when the development of the first milking machine testing course took place.

On behalf of all past and present members of Council and the industry, we sincerely thank Murray for his contribution and commitment to the success of MPTA and the training and resources we provide and we wish him a happy and enjoyable retirement.

Murray's exit from the industry will be the single biggest loss in intellectual property that I can recall and he will be a hard act to follow.

Thank you to our existing MPTA Council Members for the support and time that you volunteer at your own cost, and to the OEMs and Members who have contributed & helped over the past year. We say farewell to a number of longstanding Council Members this year; Ross Muggerridge of Davey Water Products, Paul Dixon from Fonterra and Trevor Foley from Reid & Harrison - thank you for your efforts throughout your years of service and your support of MPTA and it's Members.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Council Committee Members, past and present. for their efforts over the past year and over the years that I have been involved on the MPTA Council. Thank you also to our Executive Officer, Maria, who delivers a massive contribution to the day to day running of the Association.

Thank you also to our Members for your ongoing support, on behalf of the Council, we wish you a successful 2024.



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

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**