

## Training Report for MPTA AGM 31/03/2022

**2021 Course Activity:** Covid-19 returned with a vengeance in the second half of 2021 which again impacted many Member businesses and, consequently, resulted in a number of our courses being cancelled. However, with the requirement for all existing milking machine testers to re-train in the new MPTA ISO testing methods this boosted trainee numbers and income to pre-Covid days. This has contributed towards recovering some of the costs of the entire ISO conversion project which has been approx. \$165,000 to date.

In 2021 the following training was undertaken:

Course	# of participants	\$ revenue (excl. gst & exps)
2 x Small Drinking Water Supplies	13	\$ 10,490.00
4 x Milking Machine Testing	30	\$ 89,590.00
ISO Milking Machine Testing Re-training	135	\$ 49,780.00
3 x Milking Block Course (Cleaning Evaluation, Milk Delivery, Milk Quality, Mastitis & Liner Selection & Stray Voltage)	22	\$ 46,330.00
2 x Pump Selection	15	\$ 11,750.00
1 x Farm Water Reticulation	6	\$ 6,540.00
1 x Apprentice catch up session	3	\$ 4,276.00
Stray Voltage Online	2	\$ 550.00
Liner Selection Online	3	\$ 550.00
Intro to Milking Machine Testing Online	18	\$ 4,274.24
	<b>247</b>	<b>\$ 224,130.24</b>

With the anticipation that business may soon return back to 'normal' and with a strong payout we are optimistic that 2022 will see a lift in the uptake of our training.

### Looking to the Future:

Training is essential for the industry, both for our apprentices who are just starting out and for those with many years of practical experience who may need to keep up to date on skills or who would like an industry recognised certification.

The new ISO training delivers a much more professional and modern learning platform with digital screens and online learning components. The new AutoRep Plus app for ISO testing features a much more modern and exciting interface to the way test reports are presented.

Our latest project is the conversion of our Milking Machine Testing Standards manual into digital format. This will allow a user to enter machine details into the app and it will automatically pull the related standards for the equipment entered.

With the number of MPTA apprentices now around 100, the surety of ongoing training for these learners, and new learners yet to come, brings a positive outlook for our training and for the future of the industry as we provide these apprentices with the skills to become highly competent and knowledgeable industry professionals. The Government's free funding for apprentice course fees and wage subsidy is a substantial boost to the affordability of employers taking on new apprentices and a number of employers have taken advantage of this.

We will be introducing more training available online which can be done as separate blocks and will met the learning requirements for many learners i.e. a smaller number of modules completed for shop staff and more comprehensive modules for those that need more knowledge on topics.

For our training to be successful it is crucial that we have the support from our Members by placing participants on courses. Our courses are designed with our Member's and the industry's needs in mind. Thank you to those Members who have supported our training courses over the past years and I look forward to continued Member support into the future.



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