

Training Report for MPTA AGM 30/03/2023

2022 Course Activity: Following on from a couple of Covid effected years, 2022 brought an uptake in training which was escalated by the Government free funding for apprentices. This funding saw a surge of apprentices taking up training by the end of 2022 to maximise the free funding available this resulted in a welcome increase in revenue by 40% on previous the year.

In 2022 the following training was undertaken:

Course	# of participants	\$ revenue (excl. gst & exps)
3 x Small Drinking Water Supplies	38	\$ 37,422.54
6 x Milking Machine Testing	63	\$ 169,430.00
ISO Milking Machine Testing Re-training	5	\$ 1,900.00
2 x Milking Block Course (Cleaning Evaluation, Milk Delivery, Milk Quality, Mastitis & Liner Selection & Stray Voltage)	25	\$ 53,550.00
3 x Pump Selection	26	\$ 20,260.00
2 Farm Dairy Effluent Hydraulic Design	14	\$ 18,000.00
2 x Farm Water Reticulation	10	\$ 10,990.00
Stray Voltage Online	4	\$ 1,099.67
Liner Selection Online	1	\$ 324.62
Intro to Milking Machine Testing Online	8	\$ 1,869.67
	194	\$ 314,846.50

Although these results are impressive, the majority of apprentices completed most of their training in 2022, so we anticipate that uptake on training courses will be a little slower for the 2023 year.

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.

All of our courses are being converted into NZQA Micro-credentials which are small units of learning that enable learners to upskill and reskill at different stages of their careers. Stackable micro-credentials offer learners more flexible pathways to achieve full qualifications. The Pump Selection Micro-credential is currently with NZQA for approval and this will be used towards our new Pumping Systems Technician Certification.

Although the uptake of new apprentices has slowed over the past year and a number of apprentices have, for various reasons, withdrawn, there remains around 90 apprentices

currently doing the apprenticeship qualification and another 10 or so in the pipeline to sign up. The surety of ongoing training for these learners, and new learners yet to come, brings a positive outlook for the future of the industry as we provide these apprentices with the skills to become highly competent and knowledgeable industry professionals who will become future business owners in the industry. The Government is providing an alternative free fees funding option of \$12,000 over the first two years of the apprentice's learning for those that meet the entry criteria. Plus a wage subsidy of \$500 /month for all apprentices in the first two years of their apprenticeship. These two initiatives are a substantial boost to the affordability of employers taking on new apprentices and a number of employers have taken advantage of this.

The conversion of our Milking Machine Testing Standards manual into digital format is complete and will be released shortly. This will allow a user to enter machine details into an App which will automatically pull the related standards for the equipment entered – we are moving with the times.

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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