

Training Report for MPTA AGM 27/03/2024

2023 Course Activity: As anticipated, following the surge of training in 2022 by apprentices maximising the Government free funding before it ran out, income from courses in 2023 was down 32% on the previous year; and the number of people undertaking training was down 42%.

In 2023 the following training was undertaken:

Course	# of participants	\$ revenue (excl. gst & exps)
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
	119	\$ 212,684.62

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.

Over the next couple of years we will be investing in converting most of our existing courses into NZQA micro-credentials which are small units of learning, like stepping stones, that can be used to upskill and reskill as needed. Stackable micro-credentials offer learners more flexible pathways to achieving mini and full qualifications. Our Pump Selection training has already been converted and some milking courses and the Small Drinking Water Supplies are next on the agenda.

Although the uptake of new apprentices has slowed over the past years and, for various reasons a number have withdrawn, there are currently approx. 75 apprentices doing training and over 20 apprentices have fully completed their qualification. The past Governments free fees funding of up to \$12,000 and the wage subsidy of \$500 /month has been valued and we hope the new Government will continue to support trade training as encouragement for employers taking on new apprentices.

The proposed launch of our new Milking Machine Testing Standards manual into digital format has been delayed as we continue to test and make improvements to the App which will allow a user to enter machine details into an App offline which will automatically pull the related standards for the equipment entered – we anticipate that this will be released in the next two months.

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Scott', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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