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Increasing efficiency a walk in the park with Lusty EMS

An Australian built trailer that takes advantage of New Zealand's permitted quad-axle configuration is bringing significant productivity improvements to a refuse collection fleet in that country's North Island.

Four new aluminium walking-floor trailers, built by Lusty EMS in Brisbane for Graham McKinnon of Smith & Davies, have been designed to maximise load capacity and provide quicker turnaround times. Their quad-axle trailer construction, incorporating two steer axles, allows for better weight distribution to gain every possible kilo of payload. When teamed with twin steer bogie drive Mercedes 460hp cab-over prime movers, the units meet the maximum 18m overall length restrictions that apply in New Zealand.



Graham says he is delighted with the increased efficiency that he has gained from the new units which run on a 70km round-trip contract for the Waitakere City Council, near Auckland, moving refuse from a transfer station to a landfill dumpsite.

The new walking floor system in the Lusty EMS units has cut down unloading times by up to 50% compared with Graham's previous makes of walking floor trailers and can be emptied in one sixth the time taken when the job was done with traditional tipper trailers. The productivity gains result in at least one more round trip being made by each rig, every working day.

Designed with his particular freight application in mind, the trailers were specified by Graham to have a heavy duty walking floor to withstand the impact of top loading garbage, while the lower walls of the trailers are constructed of heavier gauge aluminium to protect them from damage where load stress is highest.

Exterior panels have been coated in a lanolin-based sealant, to keep the units looking smart and easy to clean.

The units were sold by Garry Banks, MaxiTRANS' New Zealand General Manager, who represents the company's leading Freighter and Maxi-CUBE brands in New Zealand and now supplies the high quality Lusty EMS range of aluminium trailers following MaxiTRANS' acquisition of the Queensland-based manufacturer in July 2003.

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