

Name: Garry Lewis
Job Title: General Manager
Company: Vending Management Services Ltd
Country: New Zealand



Professional background:

Born in England, Garry began his career in the Military where he travelled extensively as part of a UN VHF and satellite telecommunications group supplying telecommunications to various peace keeping efforts around the globe. Following an exciting career and looking to settle down, Garry left the military to become the Network and Telecommunication Manager for MD Foods, now Arla Foods; Northern Europe's largest dairy manufacturer of other dairy products. After overseeing the implementation of emerging WAN and LAN technologies in the 1990's for Arla Foods. Garry joined the Coca-Cola Company and focused on the roll-out of telecommunications infrastructure in the Middle East and North Africa establishing both wide area and local area infrastructure network systems. Being a keen fly fisherman and enjoying the outdoors, Garry and his partner decided to emigrate to New Zealand and seek a lifestyle change. Nearly 9 years on and after starting and running a successful Telecommunications Infrastructure Support business for a large IT Services Company based in Wellington, New Zealand, Garry is now the General Manager for Vending Management Services Limited "VMSL" a wholly owned subsidiary of Coca-Cola Amatil. VMSL supplies technology systems to manage Coca-Cola Bottler vending operations around the world. Solutions include; back office systems, hand-held terminal technology and in-vendor telecommunications devices. Additionally, VMSL is regularly called upon to provide advice on vending operations using key sales data from its installed systems. Recently, VMSL developed and implemented cashless payment systems in Australia for Coca-Cola Amatil, due to changing consumer payment preferences. In his time at VMSL, Garry has traveled extensively meeting with Coca-Cola entities around the world. Today VMSL supplies services in over 10 countries and its systems process data from over 160,000 vending machines.