

Mark Balla – Toilet Warrior

Mark's first job out of university was as a guidebook writer for Lonely Planet Publications. Over the next seven years he visited around 70 countries before deciding to look for a more mainstream job. It seems it wasn't to be. Instead he wound up getting involved in the commercial shipbuilding industry reviewing, marketing and selling anything from tugboats and barges built in the jungles of Borneo to fast ferries and patrol boats built in Chile and Sri Lanka.

Mark and his wife Annie started a business manufacturing CDs and DVDs in the late 90s. Yet again this involved travel with factories in Taiwan, Singapore and China. Eventually they sold the business to a company which had growing business interests in India. As you will hear today, that proved to be a critical juncture in Mark's working life, one which eventually brought him to Rotary and to WASH-RAG where he was a board member for six years. He is a passionate WASH advocate and is very excited to be sharing that passion with you at our District Conference in Bendigo.