



MATT TOOHEY, MARKETING DIRECTOR, PARKSIDE LABORATORIES

If you want to know what it takes to make an electric blanket burst into flames or an electric fan blow up, Matt Toohey has the answers. He's Marketing Director for Parkside Laboratories, an internationally accredited laboratory offering independent product testing and certification services to consultants, end-users, designers and manufacturers of electrical and electronic products.

Matt's been involved in the electrical and plastics industry since leaving school at the age of 17. "At school I was good at sciences, but in the end I decided to go with Arts – I was sick of doing labs, which is a bit ironic now. While I was at university I also worked as a die-setter in a plastics factory, so I had an introduction to machinery and manufacturing, but it was my languages that got me my first job."

Matt's BA in French from Wellington's Victoria University [together with German, Italian and passable Russian language skills] got him his first job at PDL, where in a short time he was transferred to Germany and helped to establish export markets throughout Europe. Since then, Matt's ICT career has taken him to 75 countries and he's still travelling.

Matt sees his current role as an opportunity to bring engineering solutions to life. Parkside Laboratories offers engineers the opportunity to really make a difference in a company that firmly believes in rewarding exceptional effort and promoting internal advancement.

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