

LYNNE'S GAZETTE

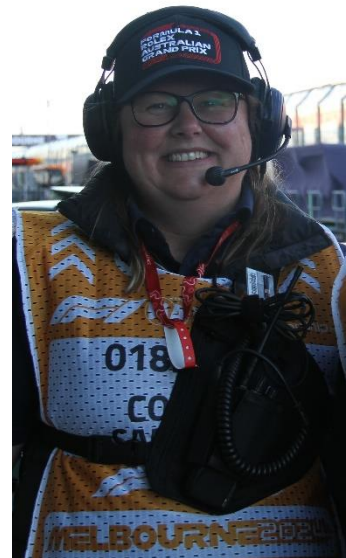


REBECCA FROM MELBOURNE

Rebecca is a member of the Course Marshal Team, and this weekend her role is Communicator in Course Car 2, with Tony Jenkins. She works directly with him and the two are in the car, a Mercedes-AMG CLA 45S, all day all weekend. The two are on the same communication channels, so they can both troubleshoot at the same time. Rebecca also ensures that a sometimes multi-tasking Tony gets all his messages. Their task is to ensure and report a safe track for racing. As they drive around they look for safety items, both on and adjacent to the track. The plan is to observe, report, diagnose and assist in any unsafe condition. They have radio communication and each has a radio plus the phone numbers of those in Race Control.

Gaining the necessary race craft skill set needed for the Course Marshal position came from more than 30 years of working many specialties in motorsports including communications, race control and vehicle recovery. She had coordinating skills. She sees the job as looking after the people and making sure they're well, ensuring the track is safe, mending the vehicles and fixing the scenery. The ultimate goal is to get back to racing.

Rebecca got into this role by asking, and this is her second year at the AGP, but first in this new role at AGP. She expressed interest and wanted a role where she would have a really positive impact on the race meeting, which she had in Communications and in Vehicle Recovery. So she used her vast networking contacts to get into this program. And working with Tony was an opportunity to try something new. She went through the mentoring program and is working on a manual of what Course Marshals do. Rebecca welcomed Tony training her, as she felt she had so much to learn from him. She was the first female to do the course and/or hold a major role at a national event. She felt she did well in the Speed Series last









FOUR WOMENS PASSION FOR MOTORSPORT

Four amazing women share with us how they got into marshaling, why they love it and why they stick with it.

Nyoaki Pearce from Bathurst

How did you get into motorsport marshaling?

Growing up in Bathurst, I've always been exposed to motorsport. My family went regularly to the Bathurst 1000, for as long as I remember, I always had a keen interest. I wanted to also attend the F1 – this intriguing, world-renowned sporting event but tickets were very expensive. When I found out you could volunteer, I just went for it.

In my first year, in 2022, I had the most amazing experience. Initially I was a little bit worried that I wouldn't be that welcome as it's this male dominated sport. But it turned out everyone was super welcoming and inclusive and made you feel part of the group from the start. Now it's this wonderful experience I look forward to every year!

What do you love most about it and why are you sticking with it?

Whether you are flag marshal, track marshal or spectator marshal, you are part of the action. You are literally at the track and a big part of this amazing event. Without us, it wouldn't run. And you get to meet amazing new people which makes it worthwhile coming back and seeing them again.

Maria Gadalla from Melbourne

How did you get into motorsport marshaling?

To be honest, my brother got me into it. He is a big F1 fan, and I feel like I've always been fascinated by cars growing up. I watched a lot of Top Gear with him. With the F1 popularity growing, I then just jumped on it. When I got the confirmation that I was going to be a marshal at the F1, that was just the best feeling. While my brother was the trigger for my love of motorsport, he now says I'm more of an F1 fan than he is. He helped me discover this new passion of mine, so that is credit to him.

What do you love most about it and why are you sticking with it?

I love it so much because you are so close to the track, closer than any ticket can get you. You are literally a part of it, helping the show run. Also, to know, you help the drivers should anything go wrong, is very rewarding. The whole opportunity being a marshal is worth the incredibly early 5am wake-up and standing around for hours on end. I can see myself doing this long-term.

Hannah Barrett from Melbourne

How did you get into motorsport marshaling?

My family has always loved motorsport, and my dad in particular watches every single F1 race. I've never been much of a car person, but I do love volunteering, and I am involved in several organisations, so when the opportunity arose during Covid to do the Motorsport Australia Officials License, I jumped on it. My first event as an official was the MotoGP Endurance race in 2021 on Phillip Island. Since then, I never looked back, it's been an amazing journey so far.

What do you love most about it and why are you sticking with it?

The people. This is our family. We get here, we have fun together and muck about. But you can be certain that when a serious situation arises, something goes wrong and the adrenaline is pumping, you have a group of people around you that support you and have your back.



FOUR WOMENS PASSION FOR MOTORSPORT (CONTINUED)

Sarah Kenyon from Adelaide

How did you get into motorsport marshaling?

I used to watch the V8. When I went on a training course, we shared our hobbies, and I mentioned my passion for motorsport. The course leader turned out to be a race official and introduced me to the idea of becoming a marshal. He put me in touch with a local group and I went from there. That was about 24 years ago.

What do you love most about it and why are you sticking with it?

I love it because you get to meet and work with people from all parts of life. It's one of those weird hobbies where you meet a stranger, and then you turn your back on them, watching racing cars on the track and hope that they look after you. And the excitement of being so close to the car racing action.



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DARYL PONCE – FIRE AND RESCUE TEAM

Daryl Ponce is one of this year's 'first timers' at the F1. Based in Sydney, he traveled interstate to finally witness his favourite driver Daniel Riccardo and the Red Bull team live in action!

'I've always been interested in Motorsport and usually follow it on TV, but coming to Melbourne and seeing the F1 live and up close is something entirely different.' As a race official he is excited to be involved and hopes to get to see a different perspective than on screen.

That doesn't mean Daryl does not have race experience. Prior to coming to Melbourne, he participated in the Beaufort Sydney Super Night and Bathurst 1000.

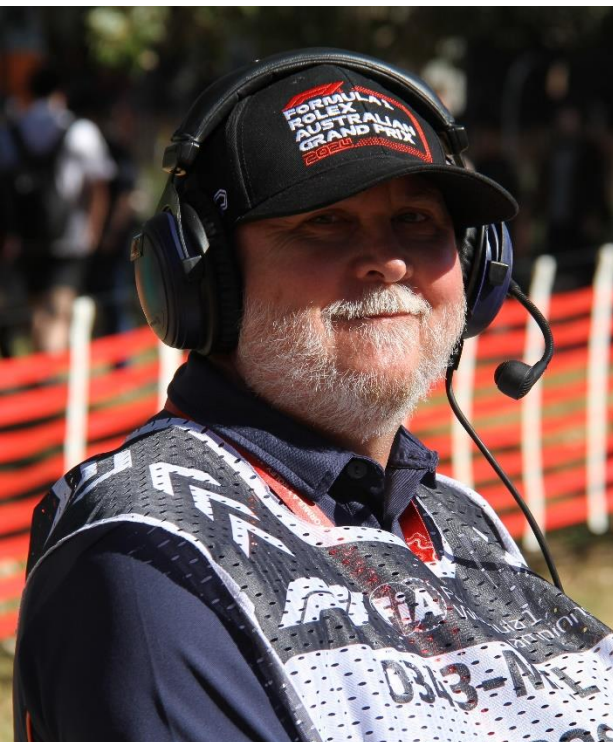
So far, he said, (we interviewed him Thursday) he's only seen the Porsche Carrera Cup and the Supercars Championship on the track, and he's very much looking forward to seeing how the F1 cars compare - in speed levels.

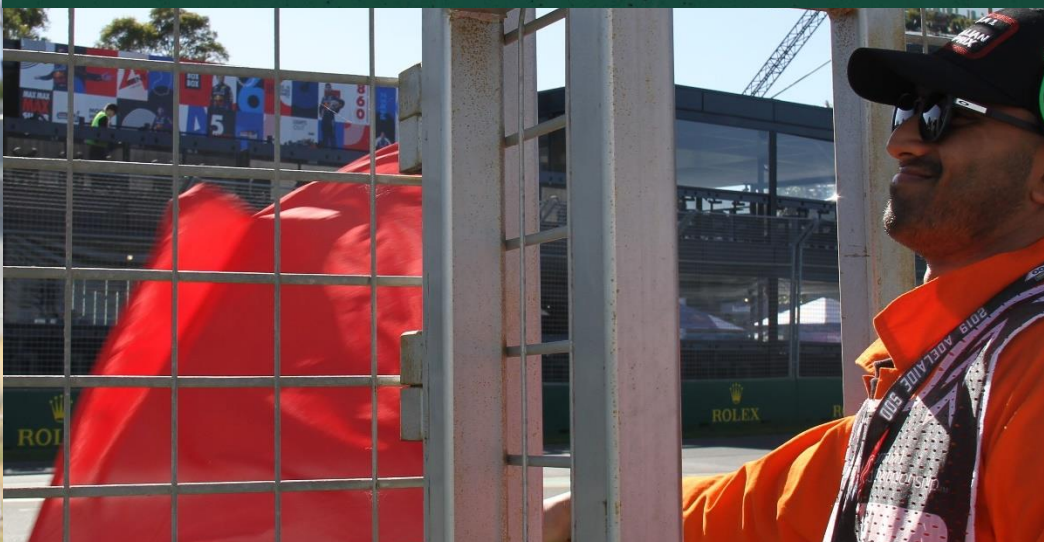
At the F1 Daryl is with the fire and rescue team. Meaning that if any driver has a crash, he and his team will be on the spot to ensure fire protection.

As a registered nurse working in disability, in combination with his dedicated volunteer involvement in the community as a rural fire fighter, Daryl brings the perfect qualifications for this role to the track!

Speaking to Daryl, something tells me this won't be the last time he'll be visiting Melbourne for the Grand Prix.







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