

OFFICIALS GAZETTE

THANKS TO ALL THE OFFICIALS FOR THEIR
HARD WORK THIS WEEKEND – WELL DONE 🙏



MUSTER IN FOCUS

This year my son Mitch joined the Muster Team, so my entire car pool arrived early each morning at the front of the carpark to help set up and supply all the fuel for this years 984 Motorsport Australia volunteers.

Looking from the inside out, the team was well organised, professional and committed to their job. Like other teams and sectors at the Grand Prix, the Muster team volunteers come from far and wide around Australia to do their part to help out. Many are first year volunteers and some have been here for a very long time.

Experience counts and two clear leaders in the group, Trevor Ross and Meaghan McNeill, are all about inclusion and cohesion with clear goals and focus towards a smooth operation without errors. The rest of the team are made up of students, professionals, self employed, mums, dads and retirees.

The team is always looking to evolve with new ideas and change welcomed with a smile, like all the volunteers are each morning.

The carpark under Cricket Victoria is smaller than the muster tents of previous years (remember the rotting grass smell on a Sunday evening at the Officials BBQ with your partner), but whilst it lacks the space for the officials to congregate like they used to, the flow of officials is constant and the space is well utilised.



It was a pleasure to be embedded with the muster team in 2023. It was a lot of fun and the freddo frogs made a difference.

20 ODD QUESTIONS WITH TREVOR ROSS

Name: Trevor Ross

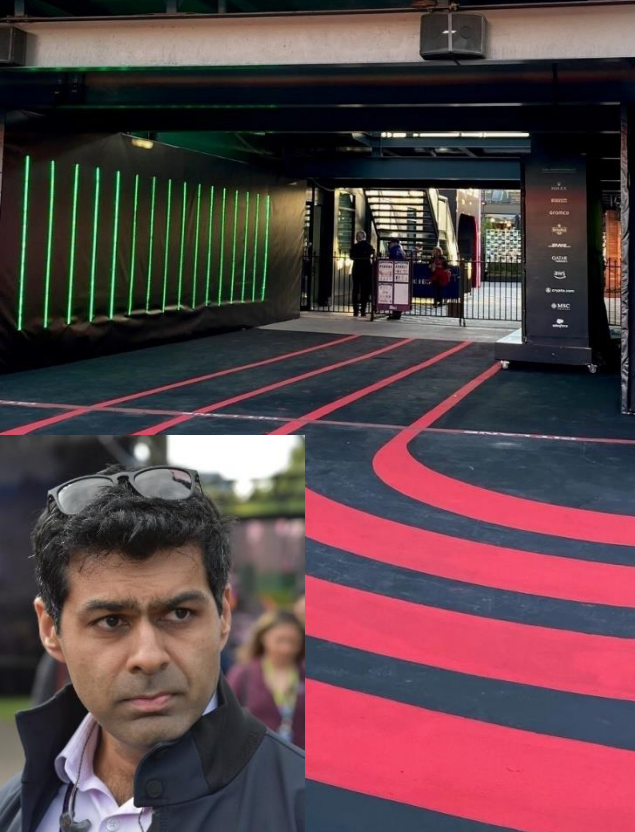
Age: 52

State: VIC

F1 AGP allocated position: Chief Muster Area

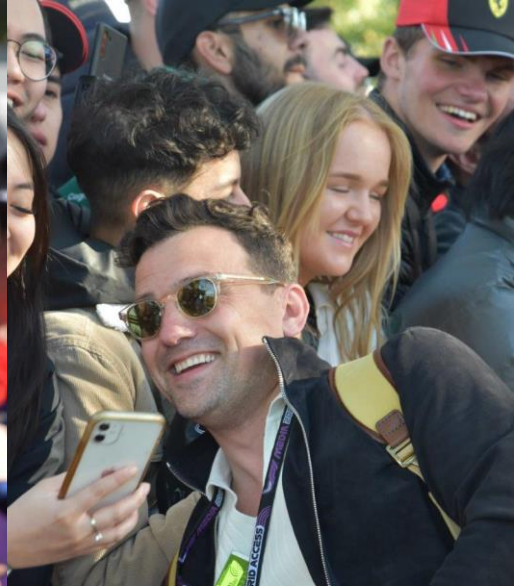
1. How long have you been a Motorsport Australia official? **20 years**
2. What racetrack did you start out as an official, and why did you get into officiating? **Albert Park and started when a friend asked me to try it out.**
3. What car club are you involved with? **None**
4. What car do you drive? **Isuzu D-Max**
5. What was your first car? Where is she now? **My first car was a 1969 Hillman Hunter. Probably the junk yard.**
6. Do you own a racing car? If no, what type of racing car would you like to own? **No**
7. What is something most officials don't know about you? **I represented Australia in competition rifle shooting.**
8. When you attend the F1 AGP where do you stay? **At home.**
9. Are you an iPhone person or an Android person? Why? **iPhone never owned an android phone.**
10. When you're not at the track officiating, what do you do for a job? **Safety management system assessor.**
11. Name the closed motor racing track that you miss the most? Why? **None.**
12. Which two current Formula 1 drivers would you like to have a drink with? Why? **Oscar Piastri because he is an Australian.**
13. Supercars - Ford or GM? Favourite Supercar driver? **Ford. Brock Feeney**
14. Describe your perfect day? **Out bush hunting.**
15. As a professional official with years of experience, what advice do you have for the up-and-coming officials? Plus are you training anyone to take your role in a couple of years? **Enjoy the camaraderie and learn as much from the older officials as you can. I'm pass on knowledge to my team members.**
16. What is your hidden skill or talent? **Expert level rifle shooter**
17. The USA will hold three Grand Prix in 2023; Austin Texas, Miami Florida and Las Vegas Nevada. Which one would you like to attend and why? **Las Vegas - always wanted to visit there**
18. Who is the official that you look up to most? Why? **Roger Chirnside / very friendly, knowledgeable and helpful.**
19. Will you miss the F/A-18A Hornet jet flyover in 2023? **No**
20. Have you watched MAFS? If so, who is your favourite villain? **Hell no**
21. What's your favourite corner to work on, or watch Formula 1 at the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix? **Pit lane**





OFFICIALS GAZETTE – 2023 FORMULA 1 ROLEX AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX





SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW ME NOW....

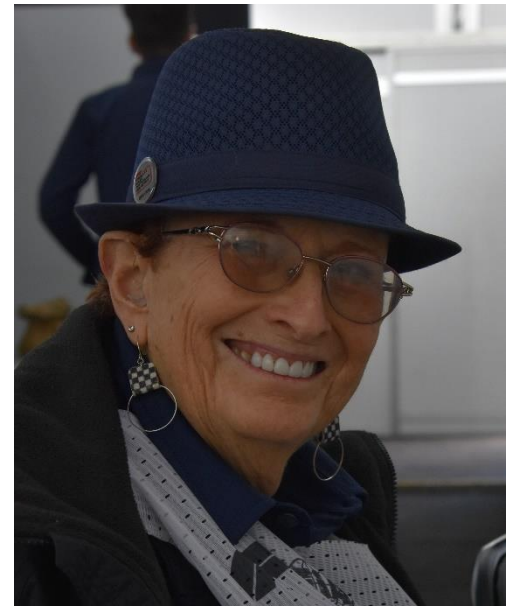
Name: **LYNNE HUNTTING**

Age: **84**

State: **ALTERED**

F1 AGP allocated position: **MARSHAL SERVICES. OFFICIALS GAZETTE**

1. How long have you been a Motorsport Australia official? **X 1985**
2. What racetrack did you start out as an official, and why did you get into officiating? **LAGUNA SECA. WANTED TO DO MORE THAN SPECTATE - WANTED TO BE A CORNER WORKER**
3. What car club are you involved with? **SAN FRANCISCO REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA**
4. What car do you drive? **TOYOTA PRIUS**
5. What was your first car? Where is she now? **NASH METROPOLITAN; PROBABLY ENJOYING SCRAP HEAVEN**
6. Do you own a racing car? If no, what type of racing car would you like to own? **NO. ALLARD J2X MKII**
7. What is something most officials do not know about you **I DID A GOOD JOB IN JUVENILE COURT PROTECTING ABUSED CHILDREN.**
8. When you attend the F1 AGP where do you stay? **MELBOURNE CBS-CHINATOWN**
9. Are you an iPhone person or an Android person? Why? **iPhone. WHY NOT?**
10. When you're not at the track officiating, what do you do for a job? **MOTORSPORTS JOURNALISM & EDITING; BUILDING MANAGER**
11. Name the closed motor racing track that you miss the most? Why? **RIVERSIDE. HAD MANY GOOD RACES THERE WITH GOOD FRIENDS**
12. Which two current Formula 1 people would you like to have a drink with? Why? **DANIEL RICCIARDO BECAUSE OF HIS OUTGOING PERSONALITY; GUNTHER STEINER, BECAUSE HE'S INTERESTING AND CARES ABOUT MARSHALS**
13. Supercars - Ford or GM? Favourite Supercar driver? **FORD. JASON BRIGHT**
14. Describe your perfect day? **AWAY FROM A TRACK-IT WOULD HAVE A WARM BEACH, GOOD BOOK, AND GOOD SEAFOOD & DRINK; AT A TRACK, ON A GOOD BLUE FLAGGING POINT - RIVERSIDE TURN 6; LAGUNA TURN 4 OR 6 EXIT; POINT 0 MEXICO CITY.**
15. As a professional official with years of experience, what advice do you have for the up-and-coming officials? Plus are you training anyone to take your role in a couple of years? **GET INVOLVED. FIND A MENTOR AND/OR BE A SPONGE AND SOAK UP EXPERIENCES FROM WHICH TO LEARN. I AM TRAINING MY REPLACEMENT-ALWAYS TRAIN YOUR REPLACEMENT AND WRITE THE MANUAL.**
16. What is your hidden skill or talent? **IF I TOLD YOU, IT WOULDN'T BE HIDDEN.**
17. The USA will hold three Grand Prix in 2023; Austin Texas, Miami Florida, and Las Vegas Nevada. Which one would you like to attend and why? **LAS VEGAS 2.0 AS IT'S A NEW VENUE AND IS A STREET RACE. HAVE DONE THE OTHER TWO CIRCUITS ALREADY, AS WELL AS ORIGINAL TWO LAS VEGAS RACES IN A PARKING LOT.**
18. Who is the official that you look up to most? Why? **[CHARLIE WHITING,] [PETER NELSON,] [SUZANNE ROYCE.] MARINA KRAFT. QUIET PERSONALITY, VERY KNOWLEDGABLE, GETS THINGS DONE, WELL RESPECTED, MADE YOU FEEL WORTHWHILE; GOOD WORK HABITS; NO EGO.**
19. Will you miss the F18A Hornet jet flyover in 2023? **NO, BUT UNDERSTAND OTHERS WILL**
20. Have you watched MAFS? If so, who is your favourite villain? **SAY WHAT?**
21. What's your favourite corner to work on, or watch Formula 1 at the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix? **TURN 3 - YOU CAN SEE THEM COMING AND GOING, HAS ACTIVITY AND GOOD HOSPITALITY**
22. Anything you always wanted to do but didn't? **I WANTED TO TAKE A YEAR OFF, AND TRAVEL TO ALL THE F1 RACES AS A DESIGNATED BLUE FLAGGER. HAVING SAID THAT, I HAVE DONE 75 F1 EVENTS, A F3000 RACE IN CURACAO, AND MANY OTHER ONE-OF-A KIND RACES. I ENJOYED TRAVELING TO SO ANY INTERESTING PLACES, DOING MARVELOUS THINGS AND MEETING GREAT PEOPLE ALL BECAUSE OF MY SCCA NATIONAL LICENSE.**
23. One thing you about being a motorsports marshal? **YOUR MARSHAL LICENCE (LICENSE) IS LIKE THE OLD E TICKET AT DISNEYLAND - YOUR ENTRE TO WORLDWIDE MOTORSPORTS EVENTS OF MANY KINDS. YOU MEET SO MANY INTERESTING PEOPLE.**







OFFICIAL FIA AWARD FOR MELBOURNE

Marshal Nazra Ibrahim of Melbourne was presented a symbolic award from FIA prior to the race Sunday afternoon. She is a Flaggie and here at AGP she is a Breathalyzer Monitor, She and her husband have been coming to races for the past ten years.

He's always liked cars and motorsports, so she took him to Phillip Island one day and ran into one of their business associates. They haven't stopped coming. Nazra mainly works Phillip Island and Winton, with PIARC and Victoria Flag Marshals.

She said the motorsports people are like family, and are closer than family here and on the outside - that's very important. She likes working as a flaggie on a corner where they work as a team.





GAZETTE 2023 SIGN OFF

What a weekend! Another record crowd with Friday and Saturday well ahead of last year's numbers pushed the overall attendance to 444,631 over the four days. 984 of those were Officials from Australia and around the world 😊

Supercars and Porsche were good to watch this year, but the F2 and F3 races were exciting and full of action on every lap and I am glad they travelled to Australia – well done Stefano as they were really the fans favourite beside the all the Formula 1 action of course. We had all sorts of weather but the final day, the day that really counts was sunny but cool. Don't forget to access Sportity or the Grand Prix Officials link sent to you via email to download all the copies of your 2023 Officials Gazettes with five editions available. Have a safe and fun 2023, and let's book another time for 2024. So good bye from Ron Searle, Michael Shaw, Lynne Huntting, Bee, Eva and myself. Till then...

Regards
Richard McLean - Gazette Editor

