

Alan Jones MBE

Motor Racing World Champion

Alan Jones is a world-renowned motor racing identity and Australian legend. He and Sir Jack Brabham are the only two Australians to have won the Formula One motor racing world championships. Alan has also won a remarkable 12 grand prix from 116 starts.

Pack leader racing driver Alan Jones' Formula One career spanned from 1975 to 1986 and his final grand prix appearance was in Adelaide, Australia. Outside Formula One racing, Alan has proved a versatile performer in a variety of areas including television commentating.

Alan's motor racing career began in Go-karts, winning the Victorian Junior Go-kart Championship in 1958-59. As Alan's skills developed, his touring car experiences grew enormously, travelling extensively in Great Britain and Europe. From 1969 to 1981, he based himself in Great Britain. He had a major career breakthrough in 1972 when he won the 1972 British Formula 3 Championship in a GRD.

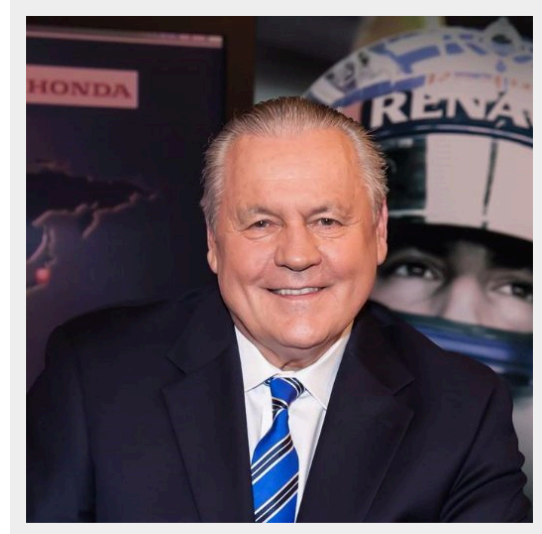
Alan entered Formula One in 1975 with the Hecketh Ford Team. They drove for Surtees Ford in 1976, then for Shadow Ford the following year. During 1977, Alan raced into the international limelight with his first Formula One victory, the Austrian Grand Prix at Osterreichring, where he took the chequered flag ahead of the Ferrari, driven by Austria's world champion Niki Lauda. Alan then began a highly successful four year stint with the Williams Ford team. In 1979, they won four grand prix races and finished third in the World Championships.

During 1980, Alan won grand prix races in Argentina, Great Britain, Canada and the United States, making him the World Champion ahead of Nelson Piquet, Carlos Reutemann and Jacques Laffite.

Late in 1981, Alan made his debut on the Australian premier touring car race at Bathurst, driving a Holden Commodore with Victorian Warren Cullen. In 1982, Alan clinched the Australian Sports Sedan & GT Championship by winning all nine rounds in a Porche 935.

Alan returned to Formula One in 1985 with the Lola-Haas team powered by the turbocharged Hart engine and the following year with a Ford engine.

After retiring from Formula One, Alan participated in International Touring Car Championships. His success in motor car racing continued throughout the nineties, including victory in the 1993



James Hardie 12-hour event at Bathurst in a Mazda RX-7. He also won the 1995 Winfield Triple Challenge at Eastern Creek and followed this up by recording top-three podium finishes in the SATCC rounds at Phillip Island and Eastern Creek.

Alan Jones' extensive career in motor car racing makes him a knowledgeable expert on all motor car racing, including Formula One and Touring Car Racing. As such, he has commentated with Channel Nine as part of their Formula One coverage team. Alan Jones became involved in the Australian franchise of the A1 Grand Prix as Team Director. He attempted to race in the Grand Prix Masters World Series at Kyalami in November 2005 but had to pull out before qualifying due to neck pains.

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