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What has been one of the most interesting or rewarding experiences you have had at McLarens?

I have been extremely fortunate to have had many interesting and rewarding experiences, handling marine and transit losses and risk management / warranty surveys for McLarens. I really enjoy the challenges of highly technical claims and risk matters, and being involved in project cargo survey assignments. One risk survey for project cargo that is particularly memorable is the world's largest underwater restaurant, where I attended in New Zealand and The Maldives. It is interesting to travel to unusual locations, including very remote places and some where I never thought I would end up. Solving problems is key to our role and I find this to be rewarding, which includes overcoming challenges and communicating with the various interested parties / stakeholders.

Being a part of the Australian Marine Industry has been important to me, including attending and supporting marine events with the many passionate people involved. Marine is a truly global line of business and I am very fortunate to have had opportunities to be involved in technical marine matters in Australia and many other parts of the world. Also rewarding is attending and contributing to Global and Regional Marine events and conferences, and being part of global networks which include Lloyds Agents and Cesam, and many others.

What do you like to do outside of work? Do you have a personal passion?

I have always been very family-oriented, and also a keen fisherman. My life has involved much travel around the world, starting off as a young backpacker. I regularly enjoy time bushwalking and camping, and also challenging myself to remain focused and improve my motor racing skills on the racetrack.

What advice would you give someone starting out in this field or considering it as a career option?

You need to have or develop a passion for what we do in the marine and transport industry, have an enquiring mind and an eye for detail. It is important to understand that the key to what we do is solving problems. Being mentored by others that are experienced when starting out, in order to provide support and training, is necessary. I remain very passionate about our industry and enjoy training and assisting people. There are many opportunities available in this product line. This industry involves many great people and is very social, the work is rewarding and I encourage people to consider this as a career option.