



Renault aiming for manufacturer success at Rally Victoria

The Suisse Renault Sport Rally Team will be aiming to come away from the final round of the East Coast Bullbars Australian Rally Championship in Victoria this weekend as 2013 Manufacturers' Champions.

With the Drivers' Championship going to Eli Evans at the Coates Hire Rally Australia in September, the factory Renault squad will be putting everything on the line in an effort to claim the remaining crown - the Manufacturers' Championship.

The squad will again be spearheaded by the crews of Scott Pedder/Dale Moscott and Tom Wilde/Bill Hayes aboard the factory Renault Clio R3s.

"With the Drivers' Championship wrapped up with Eli [Evans] we'll be going flat out to maximise Renault's chance of claiming the Manufacturers' title," said Pedder.

"Nineteen points currently separates us from the Hondas so a top result from Tom [Wilde] and I could potentially knock them off their perch at the final round in Victoria this weekend.

"I'm very familiar with the Victorian roads and really looking forward to putting on a great show for the spectators during this final round of the East Coast Bullbars Australian Rally Championship."

Wilde has been the in-form driver in recent rounds with two strong podium results at Rally QLD and Rally Australia.

The young West Australian will be looking to convert this fine form into a debut win in the major ARC category.

"We've had a couple of great events leading into this final round of the ARC and I'm looking forward to giving it a big go in the Renault Clio R3," said Wilde.

"I'm yet to break through for my maiden ARC win but our speed has been consistently quicker each round this year so we'll be giving it all we've got this weekend."

Thirty-three teams will contest the ARC event in Victoria's West Gippsland region with several opportunities for fans to experience Australia's best rallying over two days with spectacular action amongst the Shire of Baw Baw forestry roads.

Lardner Park in Warragul will be the place to catch the cars as they depart early Friday afternoon to tackle a fast and challenging 55 kilometres of competitive rallying over four Special Stages.

Heat two on Saturday covers a more expansive 143.2 km of competitive stage distance with the final test of the 2013 ARC series kicking off at 16.40 around the 2.18km Lardner Park SSS.



Scott Pedder/Dale Moscott - [click to access hi-res version](#)



Wilde and Hayes on the podium at Rally Australia - [click to access hi-res version](#)



Tom Wilde/Bill Hayes - [click to access hi-res version](#)

Series Points After Round 5

2013 ARC MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

1. Honda Australia - 121
- 2. Renault Australia - 102**
3. Ford Australia - 25

2013 ARC DRIVERS STANDINGS

1. Evans/Weston - 422
- 2. Pedder/Moscatt - Renault Clio - 325**
- 3. Wilde/Hayes - Renault Clio - 299**
4. Reeves/Smyth - 225
5. Pedder/Ryan - 204
6. Coppin/Batten - 152
7. Patton/Webb - 134
8. Box/Payne - 125
9. Monkhouse/Atkinson - 122
10. Boaden/Cheers - 119

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