



Renault wrap up Australian Rally Championship with both drivers atop the championship podium

The Swisse Renault Sport Rally Team have finished the 2013 East Coast Bullbars Australian Rally Championship (ARC) with both cars on the championship podium after the final round at Rally Victoria.

In his first full year in the ARC's premier class Tom Wilde, alongside co-driver Bill Hayes, has finished second overall in the series behind eventual winner Eli Evans.

"If I'd been told at the start of the year that I'd finish second in a new car I wouldn't have believed them," said Wilde.

"I want to thank Renault Australia, Scott Pedder and Pedders Suspension as well as my sponsor Verandah Apartments for all their support, I couldn't have done it without them."

Teammate Scott Pedder, co-driven by Dale Moscott, had a disappointing end to his series-challenging year but held onto third spot in the championship behind the wheel of his Renault Clio RS Maxi.

"Unfortunately Rally Victoria wasn't quite the finish we were looking for but that aside 2013 has been a great year for the Swisse Renault Sport Rally Team," said Pedder.

"To have both cars finish second and third in the drivers' championship and second in the manufacturers race was a true testament to the strength of the nimble little Clio R3.

"I want to thank Renault and all our supporters for a great year with plenty of action keeping everyone entertained throughout."

Wilde showed impressive and consistent speed to finish on the ARC podium for the final three events of the 2013 season.

The young West Australian did a superb job for the Renault factory outfit and has gained valuable knowledge with the experienced Pedder by his side in the Renault fold.

After challenging for the championship all year Pedder was dealt a cruel blow during the final events of the 2013 ARC season.

Harshly, on his home event and final round in Victoria, Pedder was forced to retire on both days due to minor steering issues seeing an end to the year long battle with Evans.

The final round of the ARC, Rally Victoria, was won by local ace Evans.

As the 2013 Australian Rally Championship comes to a close the Swisse Renault Sport Rally Team have finished second in the manufacturers' championship and second and third in the drivers' championship chase.



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Round 6 - Rally Victoria - Results

1. Eli Evans
2. Brendan Reeves
- 3. Tom Wilde**
4. Glen Raymond
5. Mark Pedder

2013 ARC drivers' standings

1. Eli Evans
- 2. Tom Wilde**
- 3. Scott Pedder**
4. Brendan Reeves
5. Mark Pedder

2013 ARC manufacturers' standings

1. Honda
2. Renault
3. Ford

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