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SCOTT PEDDER TO DRIVE AGAIN IN 2013 ECB ARC

Current CEO of the East Coast Bullbars Australian Rally Championship will make an exciting return to the championship after 30 months on the sidelines following a high speed accident at Scouts Rally SA in 2010.

The four-time ARC Round winner and ex-factory Mitsubishi pilot will lead a two-car manufacturer backed assault on the 2013 East Coast Bullbars Australian Rally Championship.

Pedder said that it is a combination of many factors that sees him back in the driver's seat for 2013.

"When it comes to the crunch I honestly believe that we are at the cusp of a very special era for the Australian Rally Championship and as much as I enjoy helping to shape the future of our great championship I want to be part of it from a competition perspective."

The announcement of the manufacturer and team will be made in February but Pedder is confident that success will come in 2013.

"We will have the team, car and support to win, no question, the unknown factor is how quickly I can adapt to a very different type of car. We will do a lot of testing in January and February ahead of the first round, the National Capital Rally in Canberra. I have some unfinished business to take care of."

In terms of Pedder's role as the CEO of the ARC, newly appointed Rally Australia Event Manager David Catchpole will add the ECB ARC to his portfolio and Katie Philips, who has been a stalwart of the championship for the past few seasons as the volunteer ARC Secretary, will be repositioned as the championship's Commercial Partnership's Manager.

"It is fair to say that I have put my heart and soul into the re-emergence of the ARC over the past two years and have been supported by a lot of people that have put their faith in me and the changes and direction that we had to make," Pedder said.

"There is no way I am walking away from assisting in the continued growth of the ARC however I am very conscious that I have to manage the conflicts of interest that do and will exist as both an administrator and competitor. I am confident that we have the right strategy and the right people to manage this appropriately and to continue the growth of the ARC into the future. "





Chairman of the ECB ARC and Rally Australia, Ben Rainsford has backed up this statement by suggesting that it is a great advertisement for the ARC having Pedder back in the driver's seat.

“Having any competitor with a profile back in the sport is great but there is no greater advertisement for the championship than to have someone who has been instrumental in its recent resurgence deciding to re-enter it as a competitor,” said Rainsford.

“We have a strong new structure around the ARC and I see that this will have no effect on the plans for continued growth within the championship. Scott will still be one of the key people within the championship in his role as Commercial Director but the day to day Management and on Event activities will be handled by David and Katie. “ said Ben Rainsford

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