

Brendo and Rhianon have had a productive couple of days in Tasmania in the lead up to this weekend's opening round of the Australian Rally Championship.

Yesterday's recce included runs over some of the rally's famous stages including Hellyer Gorge and Savage River, and Brendo was very impressed with the contrasting stages.

“I have done the Hellyer Gorge and Savage River stages before in Rallye Burnie, but some of the other stages are new to me,” he said.

“There is a good mix of stages, from fast and flowing to steep uphill and downhill sections, so the event will offer plenty of variety.”

Today was a test day for the pair and Brendo was rapt to get behind the wheel again at speed. He started today's test in his Les Walkden Rallying Subaru Impreza STi with a basic set-up and throughout the day had the team mechanics change the diff settings to a softer set-up.

“It was fantastic to be back rallying again,” he commented. “We managed to get back on the pace pretty quickly and at the end of the test, Rhianon and I both had big smiles on our faces!”

“We are really looking forward to the rally and hope the weather forecast of a fine weekend is right.”

Thursday is another day of recce, allowing Brendo and Rhianon to familiarise themselves with more stages, before a Media Day and Leg 1 of Rally Tasmania on Friday.