

### **The Reeves Race Team of Brendan Reeves and Rhianon Smyth return to Queensland's Sunshine Coast this weekend to compete in round 4 of the Asia Pacific Rally Championship (APRC), Rally Queensland.**

The event also serves as round 2 of the Pacific Cup, a three-event series made up of APRC rallies in New Zealand, Australia and New Caledonia. Brendo and Rhianon took maximum points in the Pacific Cup at last month's Rally Whangarei in New Zealand and are aiming to repeat their success this weekend.

Brendo is no stranger to Rally Queensland – he finished third outright in the 2007 event and last year clinched the title of Australia's Pirelli Star Driver after a dominating run over the rally's two days.

With his experience from last year, Brendo is hoping for another strong performance this weekend, with the Pirelli Star Driver title again his main goal. After a great result in New Zealand's round of the APRC, another solid result in Queensland will really help the 21 year-old's aspirations of becoming the Asia Pacific representative in the lucrative Pirelli Star Driver competition. Winners of each region's PSD will head to Europe later in the year for a Global Qualifying Shootout, with the best six then receiving a place in Pirelli's Rally Academy and the chance to contest selected international events in the 2011 season.

Rally Queensland has attracted a huge field of 83 entrants and Brendo and Rhianon are looking forward to taking on the best crews from the Asia Pacific region. With a strong field entered, Brendo will face fierce competition from former World Rally Championship drivers Chris Atkinson and Alister McRae, who will both be driving Proton Satria S2000s, and the MRF Rally Team drivers, Katsu Taguchi and Gaurav Gill, both in Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution Xs.

"We had a great battle with Alister in New Zealand and managed to beat him by just half a second overall," Brend said. "Unfortunately for Chris, he suffered mechanical problems last time out, so he'll be hoping for better luck this time. The MRF guys were also very quick in New Zealand, so hopefully it will be a great battle between all of us this weekend."

Brendo will drive his Subaru WRX STI in this weekend's event after driving a leased Subaru at Rally Whangarei and he is looking forward to getting back out on the gravel and putting the car through its paces.

Rally Queensland gets underway on Friday evening with a Super Special stage in Caloundra and crews then head to the forests around Imbil for the real rally competition on Saturday and Sunday.