

This weekend, Brendo and Rhianon will tackle round 5 of the Asia Pacific Rally Championship, Rally New Caledonia. On their first visit to the Pacific island, Brendo and Rhi are really looking forward to the rally and are hoping to gain maximum points in the Pacific Cup series.

With two days of recce under their belts, the duo are quietly confident, having prepared a good set of pace notes and are eager for the rally to get underway. Rally Shakedown and the event's first four stages will be held on Friday before two more days of full-on rally action.

After taking maximum points in the Pacific Cup at round 1 of the series in New Zealand, Rally Queensland (round 2) was a bitter disappointment when mechanical problems forced Brendo and Rhianon to retire from the rally. With a decent points gap between the next-best placed competitor, the pair are aiming to finish the rally to wrap up the Series. Also on offer, though, are outright points in the Asia Pacific Rally Championship, and having proved his speed against all of the current APRC competitors in recent events, Brendo is a big chance to finish on the podium in the major points category.

Speaking after the pair finished their recce, Brendo said he was really looking forward to the event and getting out on the gravel again.

“The main stages are a red gravel base that is really loose on top,” he said. “The roads can be hard to read as there aren’t many tree lines to go by, so committing to the notes is very important. There are many crests, dips, rocks and creek crossings that make up the stages along with being fast and then very technical in areas.”

“We are looking forward to the challenge and can’t wait for the stages to begin on Friday.”

Check back during the rally for all the latest news and photos from Rally New Caledonia.