

 It's thumbs up for Mazda Motorsport after successful testing sessions have re-confirmed that both the RX-8 SP and Mazda3 MPS will back on track for the second round of the Australian Tarmac Championship in Hobart. The Mazda Motorsport team will be seeking redemption after a disappointing result at Targa High Country and signs so far indicate that both cars should again be on the pace. Steve Glenney managed to find even more speed and improved balance in the RX-8 rotary rocket, which bodes well for the upcoming Targa Wrest Point rally. The car was running as well as I've ever seen it at Targa High Country, but somehow the team has managed to further refine and improve it. I can't wait to get it on the tarmac and show the competition what we are really made of said Glenney. The Mazda3 MPS has undergone extensive work after being on the wrong end of significant panel damage which ended its dream run at the recent Targa High Country event. With repairs now completed, the MPS hot-hatch has resurfaced sporting an aggressive new look that is sure to make it one of the most recognisable cars in the field. Mazda Motorsport boss, Allan Horsley is not known for his conservative approach to motorsport and the new colour scheme on the Mazda3 MPS is further reflection of this. Keen to build on the pace that he had shown before crashing out at Targa High Country, Brendan Reeves will once again be at the wheel of the Mazda3 MPS. Rhianon Smyth, his sister and usual co-driver will be noticeably absent from Targa Wrest Point as she recovers from further medical treatment for a leg injury sustained at a rally event in 2009. Instead, Reeves will be partnered with experienced Tasmanian Simon Vandenberg at the Targa Wrest Point event. It's unfortunate that Rhianon isn't able to be beside me for Targa Wrest Point but I'm delighted to have someone of the calibre of Simon calling out the notes for me. His past results speak for themselves and we're both looking forward to a strong run in Hobart said Reeves. Official Mazda Motorsport release