

Brendan Reeves and Rhianon Gelsomino finished strongly on day 3 of Kennards Hire Rally Australia. They started the day aiming to fly out of the blocks and that's exactly what they did.

Exhaust issues plagued the pair on the opening two days of the event which was the final round of the World Rally Championship, but they were not to be deterred and stormed back today to finish the event solidly.

Although he suffered some brake line damage to the rear of his Subaru WRX today, Reeves was able to clamp the damaged piece together before the Wedding Bells stage and keep pushing.

Reeves commented that the car ran strongly on the final day, thanks to his hard working service crew who rectified the problems of the previous two days overnight.



As he did on the first two days of the rally, Reeves set some impressive times today and on one stage set the eleventh fastest time. He also beat WRC competitor Lorenzo Bertelli in a WRC-spec Ford Fiesta on Stage 20.

Although his aim of finishing the event as the first Australian home didn't eventuate, Reeves was consistently the fastest of his countrymen on all bar one of the stages he completed, proving again that he has the speed and talent to match it with the world's best drivers.

Kennards Hire Rally Australia is one of Reeves' favourite events and he was thrilled to be an Ambassador for the Coffs Harbour-based event this year.

After a stellar season in which he won two rounds of the Australian Rally Championship and one round of the New Zealand Rally Championship, Reeves will now make the most of the off-season break to plan his 2017 rally campaign.

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