



2018 MEDIA GUIDE

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HYUNDAI'S HELLO

Welcome to Australia for what is sure to be a nail-biting climax to the 2018 FIA World Rally Championship, with Hyundai Motorsport firmly in contention for both the Drivers' and Manufacturers' titles.

This is an event where we have enjoyed success in the recent past – Thierry and Nicolas won the rally last year with Hayden and Seb in third place – and so we are hoping history will repeat itself after a challenging run in Spain last time out.

Rally de España proved to be an intense and highly competitive event for all the manufacturers and most crews. The level of competition was incredible and the result was only settled in the Power Stage, offering an exciting finale for the fans.

Naturally we were disappointed that Thierry picked up a broken rim that stopped him from taking home a podium. It would have capped off a remarkable comeback weekend after his struggles on day one, but these things happen in rallying, we accept it and move on.

We have seen a change in the Drivers' points with Sébastien Ogier narrowly in front heading to Australia, but at least that means Thierry won't be first on the road here and he will have the psychological advantage of being the hunter rather than the hunted.

With Dani and Carlos finishing fifth in Spain, we have also managed to reduce the gap to Toyota in the Manufacturers' championship to just 12 points, which is a real boost for the team. It's also a deficit we must have confidence in working to overcome. Everyone in the team has an important job to do in helping Hyundai try to claim its first world title.

So once again, the championship battles will be settled on this final round of the season – and rest assured, everyone here at Hyundai Motorsport will give it all we've got!

Michel Nandan

Team Principal, Hyundai Motorsport



ON STAGE WITH... HAYDEN PADDON

How excited are you to be finishing the 2018 season on what is as close as it gets to a home event for you?

"Australia is always one of the highlights of the year, especially with how many Kiwis, friends and family cross the ditch to cheer us on."

There have been several changes to the route for 2018. How will this affect your approach to the event?

"The character of the stages is much the same, in fact most stages are either reversed or run in a different configuration. But it's always a nice challenge developing new pacenotes from scratch and committing to them on the rally - it just adds to the thrill."

Road position is often a talking point on gravel events but can you explain why it's so crucial, particularly in Australia?

"Australia presents a real challenge in terms of 'road sweeping' but only if it's dry. When it's dry, the front cars sweep away the loose gravel on top of the hard road base, and cars running further down the order can find that hard base easier to drive on, which equals more mechanical and tyre grip. We have a good road position for the rally so we hope the weather behaves and we can make the most of it. If it's wet, the effect is the opposite, with mud coming through the surface and it getting more slippery with each car."

What does it take to be quick in Australia, in terms of crew input, car performance and set-up?

"Commitment! It's a relatively smooth and flowing event, so you need to be committed throughout and be prepared to take some risks. The margins on such a rally are also often small, so you have to limit the mistakes and time loss."

What are your best memories of Rally Australia?

"It was nice to be on the podium there last year, but one of my best memories is back in 2009 when we won Group N and the Pirelli star driver scholarship. That was the start of our international career."

Looking back, what have been the highs and lows of WRC 2018 for you?

"This year we have focused on consistency. That has meant a low-risk approach to do the job for the team. To crash out of Portugal while leading was a tough pill to swallow, but Finland was one of our strongest events performance-wise, battling with the locals throughout the entire rally."



HAYDEN PADDON

TEAM POSITION: Driver

AGE: 31

WRC STARTS: 78



@HaydenPaddon



/haydenpaddonwrc

HYUNDAI HAPPENINGS

- Hyundai Motorsport starts Rally Australia firmly in the fight for top honours in both the Drivers' and Manufacturers' title chase after a battling performance on Rally de España last month. Thierry Neuville just missed out on a podium after damaging a wheel on a rock dragged onto the road on the Power Stage, while Dani Sordo's fifth place helped Hyundai to close the gap to Toyota in the Manufacturers' standings to 12 points.
- Neuville was forced to relinquish his lead in the Drivers' standings to Sébastien Ogier in Spain, but is second by just three points. With Ott Tänak 20 points further back, it remains a three-way fight for the championship. The same is true in the Manufacturers' standings, where M-Sport Ford will take on Hyundai and Toyota for top honours.
- The Hyundai Motorsport Driver development Program (HMDP) crew of Jari Huttunen and Antti Linnaketo completed their scheduled season in the competitive WRC2 class with a fine performance on Rally de España. The Finnish crew took the fight to the established WRC2 crews with a stage win on day one and several top-three times. Despite being forced to retire on the penultimate stage of day two with a technical issue, the crew re-joined the action on the final day to complete an important weekend of learning with 11th in class.
- The 2019 World Rally Championship season will be even busier for Hyundai Motorsport with confirmation of an expanded calendar. For the first time since 2008, the WRC will consist of 14 rounds with newcomer Chile joining the fray from 9-12 May. Rallye Monte-Carlo and Rally Australia continue to book-end the schedule in January and November respectively.
- Customers using the Hyundai i20 R5 at the Monza Rally Show in Italy later this month (30 November-2 December) will be eligible for the inaugural Hyundai i20 R5 Trophy. Any crew entering one of the cars in the season-closing event will be in contention for a share of a prize fund totalling €18,000 for competitors using the i20 R5 in 2019. The winner will collect €10,000, second place will get €5,000 and third €3,000. Hyundai Motorsport's Customer Racing department will provide an onsite spare parts service.
- Hyundai i30 N TCR drivers Thed Björk, Norbert Michelisz, Yvan Muller and Gabriele Tarquini will start this weekend's WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup finale in Macau all in contention for the title following last month's penultimate event in Suzuka. BRC Racing Team's Tarquini holds a 39-point advantage over Muller (YMR), with Björk and Michelisz 53 and 79 points adrift respectively. In the Teams' title fight, BRC heads YMR by a slender eight points.

HYUNDAI IN NUMBERS

1967: Company founded in Korea and has gone on to establish sales networks in 190 countries and employs over 110,000 people.

10,000: Of those global employees some 10,000 people work at Hyundai's R&D base in the Korean city of Namyang.

3: Across 12 rounds of the 2018 WRC, Hyundai Motorsport has so far scored three victories on Rally Sweden, Rally de Portugal and Rally Italia Sardegna. Sweden has proved the most successful hunting ground where the team took a double podium finish, with Thierry Neuville the winner and Andreas Mikkelsen in third. Neuville and Dani Sordo were then second and third in Argentina.

64: Hyundai crews have so far amassed 64 stage wins during the 2018 season following Rally de España, as well as 50 Power Stage points.

10: Hyundai Motorsport claimed its 10th podium finish of the 2018 season with Hayden Paddon's third place on Rally Turkey. The team finished on the podium in every round between Sweden and Sardinia.

3: As its name suggests, the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC comes with three doors compared to the five in its predecessor. But while there are two doors less, the new-for-2017 challenger has a power output of 380hp thanks to the introduction of a larger turbo restrictor – up from 33mm to 36mm.

1: With the current regulations allowing manufacturers to nominate three point-scoring drivers rather than two, the three Hyundai i20 Coupe WRCs are entered under one banner: Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team.

6,000: Prior to the launch of the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC, some 6,000 kilometres had been covered during extensive development testing.

50: Hyundai Motorsport's Alzenau base is located within a 50-kilometre radius of Hyundai Motor Europe's base in Offenbach and Hyundai Motor Europe's Technical and Design Centre in Rüsselsheim.

29: There are 29 nationalities represented at Hyundai Motorsport GmbH, with more than 200 employees based in Germany.

0.7: Thierry Neuville's 0.7-second victory over Sébastien Ogier on Rally Italia Sardegna matched his winning margin over Elfyn Evans in Argentina last year – one of the closest in WRC history. It was also his ninth and Hyundai Motorsport's 10 victory so far in the WRC.

5.3: Hyundai Motorsport has fans all around the world who follow its efforts in the WRC and Customer Racing through social media, with over 5.3 million likes on Facebook. The team also has 65,700 followers on Twitter and more than 145,200 on Instagram.

ABOUT N

- First announced in 2015, the N line-up showcases Hyundai's engineering expertise, offering high-performance models that are equally at home on the road, or out on a race circuit.
- N was born in Namyang, Korea in Hyundai's global R&D centre and honed at the famous Nürburgring circuit, home to the Hyundai Test Centre. The close working relationship between the engineers in Korea and Germany created the foundations for the development of the line-up. The N logo also symbolises a chicane, where the models carrying the badge are most at home.
- N is Hyundai's answer to emerging customer preferences, calling for uncompromising innovation and technology-driven performance. Designed to deliver the perfect combination of feedback, precision and predictable response, the models of the N line-up are made for driving enthusiasts, bringing a unique character to the road and further enhancing the image of the Hyundai brand.
- Inspired by Hyundai Motorsport competing at the highest possible level, the creation of N has drawn on our experience of testing the i30 N TCR, and racing on the tarmac, gravel and snow of the World Rally Championship. From the knowledge taken from the stages and the circuit Hyundai's engineers were able to identify further handling and performance refinements during the development of the N line-up. With all this experience, N delivers exhilarating driving pleasure for everyone – pure emotions.
- The i30 N was the first road-going model to be launched from the N line-up in July 2017. The car is based on the New Generation i30. However, it was developed from the ground up in order to deliver maximum driving pleasure for everyone. Under the theme 'Fun to Drive', the i30 N has been developed on the basis of three cornerstones: Corner Rascal, Everyday Sports Car and Race Track Capability. It offers segment-leading high-performance elements that can be selected individually by the driver in order to tailor the car for any scenario, from a comfortable daily commute to a day at the track.
- Like the i30 N TCR the road-going i30 N is powered by a two-litre, turbocharged engine. The i30 N develops up to 275 horsepower, with a maximum torque of 353 Nm, delivered through a six-speed gearbox to the front wheels. The road-going car can reach a maximum speed of 250km/h and accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in just over six seconds.



HYUNDAI I20 COUPE WRC UNCOVERED

Engine: Hyundai Motorsport turbocharged engine with direct injection 1,600cc and fitted with a mandatory 36mm air restrictor

Power: 380hp at 6,500RPM with a maximum torque of 450NM at 5,500RPM

Transmission: Six-speed sequential gearbox, four-wheel drive, mechanical front and rear differentials, electro-hydraulic centre differential

Suspension: MacPherson struts with adjustable dampers front and rear

Steering: Hydraulic power-assisted rack and pinion

Brakes: Ventilated Brembo disc brakes (370mm on asphalt, 300mm on gravel) and air-cooled, four-piston calipers, hydraulic handbrake

Tyres: Team partner Michelin will supply the LTX Force H4 hard compound tyre as its first choice for Rally Australia and the LTX Force M6 medium compound tyre as the alternative choice. The H4 is for warm and dry conditions, the M6 if it's damp or if temperatures drop. Teams can use a maximum of 28 tyres during the rally, not including those used for shakedown

Electronics: Magneti Marelli SRG Engine Control Unit and dash

Safety: Sabelt seats and multiple fixing points with adjustable straps

Chassis: Steel bodyshell with welded multi-point roll cage, steel and composite fibre bodywork components

Dimensions: length: 4,100mm, width: 1,875mm, track width: 1,665mm, wheel base: 2,570mm

Weight: 1,190kg (1,350kg with driver and co-driver on board)

Lubricants: Shell Helix-Ultra

Fuel: FIA approved



HYUNDAI HEROES

Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger

#4 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 012)



ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

Date of birth: June 22, 1989

Place of birth: Oslo, Norway

Nationality: Norwegian

WRC starts: 99

WRC wins: 3

Mikkelsen joined Hyundai Motorsport for three late-season events in 2017, passing his audition with flying colours by earning a long-term deal with the team. Having initially flown in skiing, he switched to rallying when injury curtailed his promising career on the slopes. Relocating to the UK for 2006, he was a winner shortly after getting his driving licence following his 17th birthday. Fifth on the 2008 Rally Sweden then made him the youngest driver to score a WRC point. Mikkelsen won back-to-back Intercontinental Rally Challenge titles in 2011-12. Having joined Volkswagen's WRC line-up, he took his maiden win on the 2015 Rally de España, and won in Poland and Australia in 2016. Mikkelsen also scored his first podium finish for Hyundai with third on this year's Rally Sweden.

RALLY AUSTRALIA RECORD:

Starts: 5, 2017 result: 13, Best result: 1



@AMikkelsenRally



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ANDERS JÆGER

Date of birth: July 29, 1989

Place of birth: Oslo, Norway

Nationality: Norwegian

WRC starts: 43

WRC wins: 2

A relative latecomer to co-driving, Jæger has enjoyed a rapid rise to the WRC ranks having started his career in 2014 in his native Norway alongside Bernt Kollevold. He made his world championship debut that year with Ole Christian Veiby in Spain before going on to contest a mix of mainly Junior WRC and European championship events the following season, scoring five podiums including a win in the former. Jæger's partnership with long-time friend Mikkelsen began in fine style in 2016 when they were second on Rallye Monte-Carlo, one of six podium visits that included two victories.

RALLY AUSTRALIA RECORD:

Starts: 2, 2017 result: 13, Best result: 1



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HYUNDAI HEROES

Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul

#5 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 008)



THIERRY NEUVILLE

Date of birth: June 16, 1988

Place of birth: Sankt Vith, Belgium

Nationality: Belgian

WRC starts: 97

WRC wins: 9

Neuville is a firm title contender for Hyundai Motorsport – following wins in Sweden, Portugal and Sardinia – having finished a close second in 2017. His successes last year included four victories – the most of any driver – and he finished with a win in Australia. Having enjoyed huge success at junior level before stepping up to the WRC in 2009, the Belgian finished second in the 2013 standings after a highly competitive season. Those performances caught the eye of Hyundai's fledgling WRC team and he was signed for its debut campaign. Alongside co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul, Neuville scored the team's debut podium in Mexico 2014 and led a memorable one-two (ahead of Dani Sordo) on Rallye Deutschland – the squad's maiden victory. Although German is Neuville's first language, French is used on events as the shorter words make communication more efficient.

RALLY AUSTRALIA RECORD:

Starts: 5, 2017 result: 1, Best result: 1



@thierryneuville



/thierryneuvilleofficial



NICOLAS GILSOUL

Date of birth: February 5, 1982

Place of birth: Chênée, Belgium

Nationality: Belgian

WRC starts: 92

WRC wins: 9

An experienced WRC campaigner, Gilsoul was awarded the prestigious WRC Co-driver of the Year accolade in 2016 after finishing second in that year's championship alongside Neuville. They joined forces in the spring of 2011 and the partnership quickly blossomed with victory on the Tour de Corse, then a round of the IRC, in only their second event together. Moving to Hyundai Motorsport for 2014, Gilsoul helped to secure the team's first victory on Rallye Deutschland that season, and Thierry is quick to praise his co-driver's precision and matching skillsets in the cockpit. Gilsoul's four wins with Neuville in 2017 was more than that scored by any other co-driver, confirming this Belgian's crew status as one of the most formidable in world rallying.

RALLY AUSTRALIA RECORD:

Starts: 5, 2017 result: 1, Best result: 1



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HYUNDAI HEROES

Hayden Paddon and Seb Marshall

#6 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 011)



HAYDEN PADDON

Date of birth: April 20, 1987

Place of birth: Timaru, NZ

Nationality: New Zealander

WRC starts: 78

WRC wins: 1

Passionate rally fan Paddon made his World Rally Championship debut in 2007 on his home event in New Zealand. Inspired by his father to try karting as a child, Hayden went on to become a five-time New Zealand Rally Champion and won the FIA Production Car World Championship in 2011. He scored his first WRC points in Argentina that same year – and went on to win the event for Hyundai Motorsport in 2016, his maiden success at world level. Paddon has been a regular podium visitor for Hyundai since joining the team in 2014 and helped it to a one-two finish in Poland last year – a reminder of the Kiwi's exciting potential. Down-to-earth Paddon will share the number six Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC with Dani Sordo on select events this season and scored his first podium finish of the year with third on Rally Turkey.

RALLY AUSTRALIA RECORD:

Starts: 7, 2017 result: 3, Best result: 3



@HaydenPaddon



/haydenpaddonwrc



SEB MARSHALL

Date of birth: May 29, 1988

Place of birth: Tunbridge Wells, UK

Nationality: British

WRC starts: 46

WRC wins: 0

Highly respected Marshall will celebrate his 10th anniversary in the WRC this season, having made his debut on Rallye Deutschland in 2008. The Briton joined Hyundai Motorsport in 2015 as co-driver to Kevin Abbring, with the pair contributing significantly to the development of the team's WRC and R5 cars. On selected events, they scored stage wins and points for Hyundai in 2016, but it was all change the following year when Paddon's regular co-driver John Kennard retired and Marshall took his place on a permanent basis from Rallye Deutschland onwards. The pair have gelled well, with second place in Poland 2017 being a highlight of their partnership so far. Keen cyclist Marshall is renowned for his attention to detail when it comes to pace notes and often provides technical stage commentary for the media.

RALLY AUSTRALIA RECORD:

Starts: 1, 2017 result: 3, Best result: 3



@SebMarshall



/SebMarshallRally

Hyundai Motorsport **WHO'S WHO?**



Scott Noh – President

Having held global roles within the Hyundai family since 1993, Mr Noh joined Hyundai Motorsport as President in March 2018 to oversee all areas of the operation, coordinating on a daily basis with Hyundai Motor Company in Korea.



Michel Nandan – Team Principal

Vastly experienced, Nandan has built the Hyundai Motorsport team from scratch including establishing the squad's base in Alzenau, Germany and the recruitment of experienced staff.



Alain Penasse – Team Manager

With responsibility for logistics, organisation and operation, Penasse plays an integral role in the running of the team.



Bertrand Vallat – Chief Designer

A key early appointment to the Hyundai Motorsport fold, Vallat oversees the team's engineering and technical development.



Julien Moncet – Engine Department Manager

Moncet took over full management of the engine department in March of this year and now spearheads all engine programmes at the company's Alzenau facility, including WRC and Customer Racing.



Ernst Kopp – Workshop Manager

Kopp utilises his experience gained from working in Formula One, sportscar racing and the WRC in his role.



Stefan Ph. Henrich – Director of Marketing and PR

A Hyundai Motor Europe spokesperson for more than a decade, Henrich works closely with team boss Michel Nandan managing the PR and marketing plan.


HYUNDAI IS HERE.. IN AUSTRALIA



- Hyundai has thrived since entering the Australian market in 1986, growing to become one of the strongest import brands in the country. Hyundai Motor Company Australia (HMCA), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Hyundai Motor Company since 2003, achieved just over eight per cent of the market share in 2017 through sales of more than 97,000 vehicles, making it the third highest-selling automotive brand in the country.
- The Australian influence is far greater than at the retail level. At the core of the brand – at the very first step of the manufacturing process – Australian iron ore and coking coal is exported directly to South Korea for processing into the steel used in Hyundai's vehicle manufacturing. Hyundai is the first automotive manufacturer to boast fully integrated global operations, having commenced the production of steel at Hyundai Steel's own blast furnace in early 2010. Of the total raw materials imported by Hyundai Steel, 60 per cent of iron ore and 65 per cent of coking coal is expected to come from Australia, making this country Hyundai's biggest single supplier of raw materials.
- After more than 30 years in the Australian car market, Hyundai has been the first choice for over a million Australians, always striving to make the latest automotive technology accessible to all. Hyundai has built a tremendous reputation for delivering cars that are as fun to drive as they are economic to run, offering outstanding safety, value for money and reliability, with suspension tuned by Australian engineers for local conditions.
- The award-winning range of Hyundai vehicles continues to set segment and industry benchmarks and is designed to reduce the cost of ownership. Over 160 committed Hyundai dealers nationwide deliver outstanding levels of service, supported by industry-leading training programmes and computer-linked diagnostic systems.
- Hyundai in Australia has also been rewarded with numerous accolades, including multiple awards from Australia's Best Cars, as well as a host of highly respected global recognitions from industry experts and leading motoring media.
- For more information visit www.hyundai.com.au

HYUNDAI'S WORLD TOUR

FIA World Rally Championship 2018 calendar

	Round 1	Rallye Monte-Carlo www.acm.mc	January 25-28
	Round 2	Rally Sweden www.rallysweden.com*	February 15-18
	Round 3	Rally Guanajuato México www.rallymexico.com*	March 08-11
	Round 4	Tour de Corse www.tourdecorse.com	April 05-08
	Round 5	YPF Rally Argentina www.rallyargentina.com	April 26-29
	Round 6	Vodafone Rally de Portugal www.rallydeportugal.pt*	May 17-20
	Round 7	Rally Italia Sardegna www.rallyitaliasardegna.com	June 07-10
	Round 8	Neste Rally Finland www.nesteoilrallyfinland.fi*	July 26-29
	Round 9	ADAC Rallye Deutschland www.adac-rallye-deutschland.de*	August 16-19
	Round 10	Marmaris Rally Turkey www.marmarisrallyturkey.com	September 13-16
	Round 11	Dayinsure Wales Rally GB www.walesrallygb.com*	October 04-07
	Round 12	RallyRACC Catalunya-Rally de España www.rallyracc.com*	October 25-28
	Round 13	Kennards Hire Rally Australia www.rallyaustralia.com.au	November 15-18

*Jari Huttunen to contest WRC2 class for Hyundai Motorsport.

THE SCORES ON THE BOARDS

Hyundai drivers 2018 season results:

Event	Mikkelsen	Neuville	Sordo	Paddon	Huttunen (WRC2)
Monte-Carlo	14	5	R	-	-
Sweden	3	1	-	5	6 (18 overall)
Mexico	4	6	2	-	6 (18 overall)
Corsica	7	3	4	-	-
Argentina	5	2	3	-	-
Portugal	16	1	5	-	12 (25 overall)
Sardinia	20	1	-	4	-
Finland	10	9	-	4	2 (12 overall)
Germany	6	2	R	-	12 (27 overall)
Turkey	5	16	-	3	-
Great Britain	6	5	-	7	4 (12 overall)
Spain	10	4	5	-	11 (23 overall)
Australia	-	-	-	-	-

FIA World Rally Championship 2018 standings (after round 12 of 13)

DRIVERS

1 Sébastien Ogier (FRA) 204pts; **2 Thierry Neuville (BEL) 201**; 3 Ott Tänak (EST) 181; 4 Esapekka Lappi (FIN) 110; 5 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) 102; **6 Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) 84**; **7 Dani Sordo (ESP) 71**; 8 Elfyn Evans (GBR) 70; 9 Craig Breen (IRL) 61; **10 Hayden Paddon (NZL) 55**; etc.

MANUFACTURERS

1 Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 331pts; **2 Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 319**; 3 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 306; 4 Citroën Total Abu Dhabi World Rally Team 216

AUSTRALIA MEANS

- Australia continues as the WRC's curtain-closer with world titles for drivers and manufacturers up for grabs in New South Wales.
- Rally Australia joined the WRC roster in 1989, setting up base in the western city of Perth until 2006. After years in the wilderness, it found its current home on the east coast in Coffs Harbour, a one-hour flight north of Sydney.
- Since 2011, the high-speed forest and rural roads around the coastal town have offered a tough but exciting challenge for crews, with Hyundai pair Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul the winners in 2017 ahead of third-placed Hayden Paddon and Seb Marshall.
- While chunks of this year's route will be familiar to WRC regulars, organisers have made several changes to spice up the action, including what they describe as a "higher, longer jump" on the Wedding Bells Power Stage finale. Meanwhile, just six of the 24 scheduled stages will be repeated, with 16 featuring revised sections or run in an opposite direction to 2017.
- Although the once-fearsome 48.89-kilometre Nambucca stage is no more, parts of it live on courtesy of the Argents Hill Reverse and Welshs Creek Reverse tests, which are run twice on day two.
- At 28.83kms, Welshs Creek Reverse is the rally's longest stage. Conversely, Destination NSW – the Coffs Harbour-based superspecial run on days one and two – is just 1.27kms.
- Early starts will be a feature of the 26th Rally Australia to count for WRC points: Argents Hill Reverse I is scheduled to get underway by 07h08 local time on day two, while Coramba goes live even earlier at 06h53 on the final day.
- Away from the competitive action, the finishing podium gets a new home, moving from the centre of Coffs Harbour to the NSW Forest Rally Village, close to where the Wedding Bells Power Stage concludes.

Recent winners

2017	Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
2016	Andreas Mikkelsen/Anders Jæger	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2015	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
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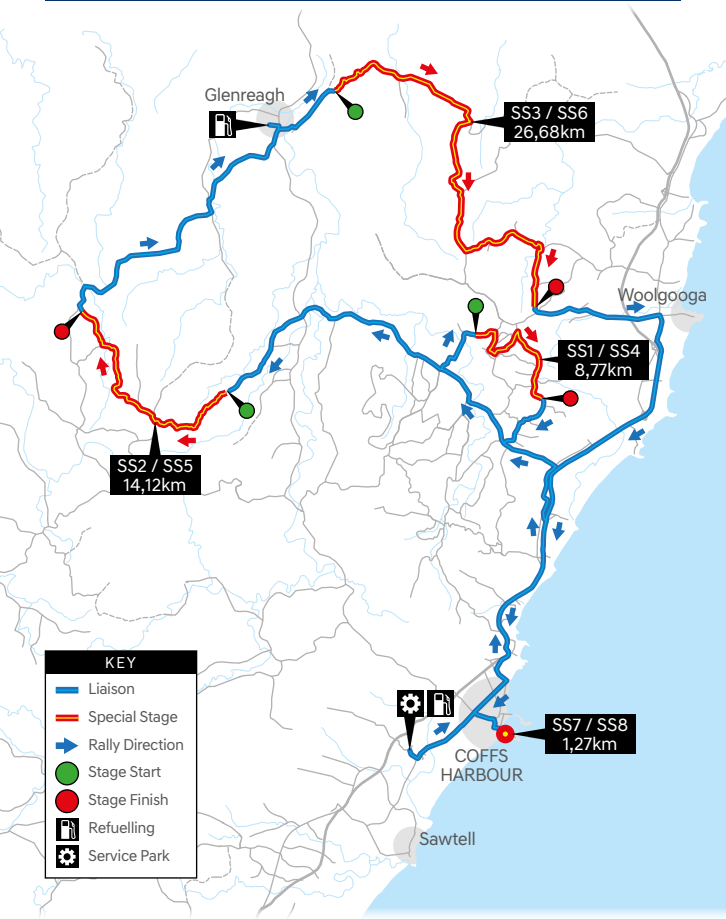
DAY ONE: Friday November 16, 2018

Start - Coffs Service Park			07h15
SS1	Orara East 1	8,77km	08h03
SS2	Coldwater 1	14,12km	08h43
SS3	Sherwood 1	26,68km	09h41
Regroup and Technical Zone Coffs Harbour In			00h18 10h56
Service A - Coffs Harbour In			0h30 11h14
SS4	Orara East 2	8,77km	12h32
SS5	Coldwater 2	14,12km	13h12
SS6	Sherwood 2	26,68km	14h10
Regroup Coffs Harbour In			0h57 15h25
SS7	Destination NSW SSS18 1	1,27km	16h37
SS8	Destination NSW SSS18 2	1,27km	16h47
Technical Zone Coffs Harbour In			0h10 17h07
Flexi-Service B - Coffs Harbour			0h45 17h17
Parc Fermé - Coffs Harbour In			23h00

DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	101,68km
Liaison distance:	248,63km
Total distance:	350,31km

DAY ONE: Friday November 16, 2018



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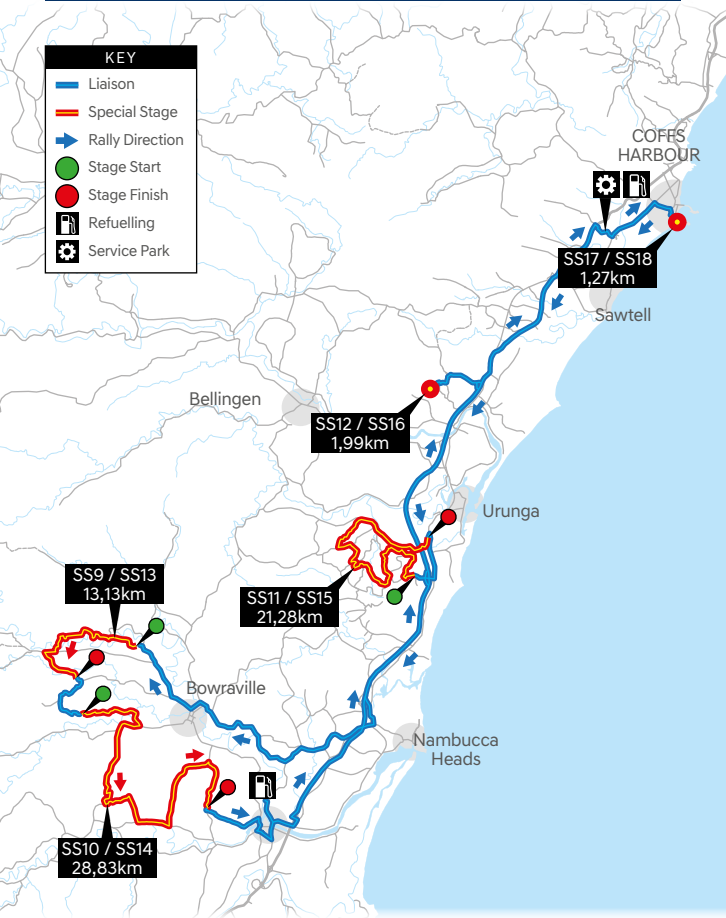
DAY TWO: Saturday November 17, 2018

Service C – Coffs Harbour		0h15	05h50
SS9	Argents Hill Reverse 1 (Live TV)	13,13km	07h08
SS10	Welshs Creek Reverse 1	28,83km	07h51
SS11	Urunga 1	21,28km	08h59
SS12	Raleigh 1	1,99km	09h47
Regroup and Technical Zone Coffs Harbour In		0h13	10h22
Service D – Coffs Harbour In		0h30	10h35
SS13	Argents Hill Reverse 2 (Live TV)	13,13km	12h08
SS14	Welshs Creek Reverse 2	28,83km	13h02
SS15	Urunga 2	21,28km	14h10
SS16	Raleigh 2	1,99km	14h58
Regroup Coffs Harbour In		0h49	15h33
SS17	Destination NSW SSS18 3	1,27km	16h37
SS18	Destination NSW SSS18 4	1,27km	16h47
Technical Zone Coffs Harbour In		0h10	17h07
Flexi-Service E – Coffs Harbour		0h45	17h17
Parc Fermé – Coffs Harbour			23h00

DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	133,00km
Liaison distance:	311,37km
Total distance:	444,37km

DAY TWO: Saturday November 17, 2018



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DAY THREE: Sunday November 18, 2018

Service F – Coffs Harbour	0h15	06h00
SS19 Coramba 1	15,55km	06h53
SS20 Sapphire 1	19,27km	07h36
Regroup Wedding Bells 1 In	0h17	08h11
SS21 Wedding Bells18 1 (Live TV)	7,16km	08h38
Regroup and Technical Zone Coffs Harbour In	0h20	09h33
Service G – Coffs Harbour In	0h30	09h53
SS22 Coramba 2	15,55km	11h01
SS23 Sapphire 2	19,27km	11h44
Regroup Wedding Bells 2 In	0h49	12h19
SS24 Wedding Bells18 2 (Power Stage)	7,16km	13h18
Podium Holding In	1h00	13h28
Technical Zone and Finish Time Control In		15h15

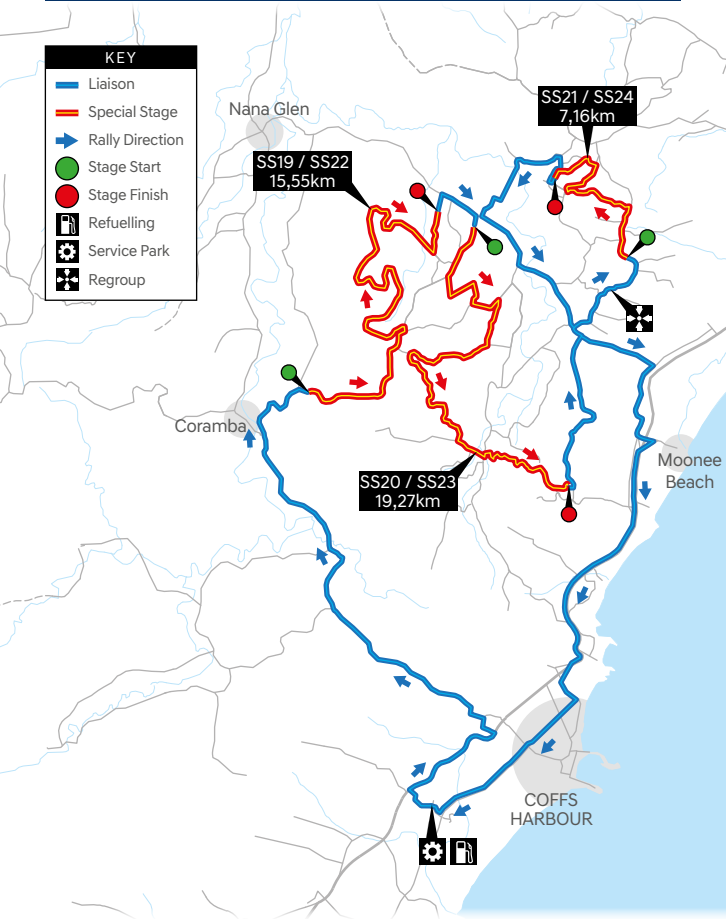
DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	83,96km
Liaison distance:	138,43km
Total distance:	222,39km

RALLY AUSTRALIA TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	318,64km
Liaison distance:	698,43km
Total distance:	1017,07km

DAY THREE: Sunday November 18, 2018



LEADING ENTRIES*

1	Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA)	Ford Fiesta WRC
2	Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Daniel Barritt (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
3	Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Mikko Markkula (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
4	Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) / Anders Jæger (NOR)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
5	Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
6	Hayden Paddon (NZL) / Sebastian Marshall (GBR)	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
7	Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) / Miikka Anttila (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
8	Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST)	Toyota Yaris WRC
9	Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
10	Mads Østberg (NOR) / Torstein Eriksen (NOR)	Citroën C3 WRC
11	Craig Breen (IRL) / Scott Martin (GBR)	Citroën C3 WRC
21	Jourdan Serderidis (GRC) / Lara Vaneste (BEL)	Ford Fiesta WRC

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TEAM MEDIA FUNCTIONS DURING RALLY AUSTRALIA:

Media Lounge:

17h30-18h15, Wednesday November 14, Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team Hospitality Unit, Rally Central Service Park, C-Ex Sports Stadium, Coffs Harbour

OTHER EVENTS DURING RALLY AUSTRALIA:

Shakedown:

08h00-13h30, Thursday November 15, Wedding Bells State Forest (5,07km)

Pre-event FIA press conference:

13h00, Thursday November 15, Media Centre, Coffs Harbour Education Campus

Rally show/Ceremonial start:

16h00-18h30, Thursday November 15, Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore

Podium ceremony and prize-giving:

14h20, Sunday November 18, Wedding Bells Podium

Post-event FIA press conference:

16h00, Sunday November 18, Media Centre, Coffs Harbour Education Campus

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