

# RACECARD

2018 MICHELIN

WRC  
FIA WORLD RALLY  
CHAMPIONSHIP

## KENNARDS HIRE 2018 RALLY AUSTRALIA

COFFS HARBOUR  
(NEW SOUTH WALES)

**NOVEMBER  
15»18**

**27<sup>th</sup> RUNNING**

ROUND 13, 2018 FIA WORLD  
RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

**29 ENTRIES**

TOTAL DISTANCE:

**1017.07KM**

including 318.64km divided  
into 24 stages

TIME TABLE

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00am		Shakedown	5.07km
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### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:15am		Service/Tyre Change, Coffs Harbour	15 minutes
8:03am	SS1	Orara East I	8.77km
8:43am	SS2	Coldwater I	14.12km
9:41am	SS3	Sherwood I	26.68km
11:14am		Service/Tyre Change, Coffs Harbour	30 minutes
12:32pm	SS4	Orara East II	8.77km
1:12pm	SS5	Coldwater II	14.12km
2:10pm	SS6	Sherwood II	26.68km
4:37pm	SS7	Destination NSW I	1.27km
4:47pm	SS8	Destination NSW II	1.27km
5:17pm		Service, Coffs Harbour	45 minutes

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:50am		Service/Tyre Change, Coffs Harbour	15 minutes
7:08am	SS9	Argents Hill Reverse I	13.13km
7:51am	SS10	Welshs Creek Reverse I	28.83km
8:59am	SS11	Urunga I	21.28km
9:47am	SS12	Raleigh I	1.99km
10:35am		Service/Tyre Change, Coffs Harbour	30 minutes
12:08pm	SS13	Argents Hill Reverse II	13.13km
1:02pm	SS14	Welshs Creek Reverse II	28.83km
2:10pm	SS15	Urunga II	21.28km
2:58	SS16	Raleigh II	1.99km
4:37pm	SS17	Destination NSW III	1.27km
4:47pm	SS18	Destination NSW IV	1.27km
5:32pm		Service, Coffs Harbour	45 minutes

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:00am		Service/Tyre Change, Coffs Harbour	15 minutes
6:53am	SS19	Coramba I	15.55km
7:36am	SS20	Sapphire I	19.27km
8:38am	SS21	Wedding Bells18 I	7.16km
9:53am		Service/Tyre Change, Coffs Harbour	30 minutes
11:01am	SS22	Coramba II	15.55km
11:44am	SS23	Sapphire II	19.27km
1:18pm	SS24	Wedding Bells18 II	7.16km
2:20pm		Podium Ceremony	

LOCAL TIME - SOURCE: WRC.COM - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE





## **ARNAUD RÉMY,**

**Manager, WRC programme, Michelin Motorsport**

"The 2018 Drivers' and Manufacturers' world titles will both be settled in Australia. The phenomenon of 'road sweeping' can play a big role on the rally's fast, narrow and technical stages if the weather is dry, while hanging

dust can hamper visibility. It will no doubt be a thrilling week and how nice it would be to see the Drivers' crown decided on the Power Stage!"



## **MICHELIN AND RALLY AUSTRALIA**

**Michelin has won Rally Australia  
18 times, half of them with  
Finnish drivers**

**Volkswagen and Michelin won  
the event four times in a row**

**Michelin has failed to win just  
one of the 129 Rally Australia  
stages contested since 2011!**

### **MICHELIN TYRES FOR RALLY AUSTRALIA**



**H4  
(HARD)**

**M6  
(MEDIUM)**

**Nominated  
choice**

**MICHELIN  
LTX FORCE**

✓ **QUOTA: 28 TYRES**  
**FROM AN ALLOCATION**  
**OF 28 H4s**  
**AND 16 M6s**



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# 2018 FORMAT

Start ceremony to be held near Coffs Harbour Pier

Service Park again based in Coffs Harbour International Stadium

16 of the 24 stages are either new, modified or run in the opposite direction

The longest stage (Welshs Creek Reverse, 28.84km) uses more than half of the former Nambucca stage

Coldwater is a new stage

Sherwood is identical to 2017

The Raleigh and Destination NSW super-specials are dirt and asphalt

The finish ceremony will take place at the end of the Power Stage (Wedding Bells, run in the opposite direction)

## FLASHBACK TO 2017

### WINNERS:

**Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul**  
(Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC/Michelin)



### STAGE WINNERS:

**Neuville (8), Mikkelsen (5), Tänak (3), Latvala, Breen, Paddon, Ogier and Evans (1)**

### LEADERS:

**Mikkelsen (SS1-SS9), Neuville (SS10-SS21)**

- ✓ Rally dominated by Hyundai/Michelin
- ✓ Thierry Neuville becomes the 2017 Drivers' runner-up
- ✓ Latvala crashes out from second place on the final stage
- ✓ All three Citroën Racing cars retire
- ✓ Maiden WRC2 win for Kalle Rovanperä

## RALLY AUSTRALIA

Rally Australia was a WRC round for the first time in 1989

The event was originally based in Perth, Western Australia

Rally Australia has been held in New South Wales since 2009

Rally Australia did not count towards the WRC from 2006 to 2009

Rally Australia's organisers 'invented' the so-called super-special concept with Perth's Langley Park stage. They were also the first to introduce timing to one-tenth of a second

Juha Kankkunen holds the record for the highest number of Rally Australia wins (4), ahead of Ogier, Grönholm and Hirvonen (3)

Toyota secured its last WRC Manufacturers' title in Australia in 1999

## RALLY AUSTRALIA TRIVIA

Coffs Harbour was founded in 1847 after Captain John Korff sought shelter from a storm there

Coffs Harbour is famous for its surfing and banana plantations

Solitary Islands Marine Park, which stretches 75km from the coast, is a magnet for divers and New South Wales' third-biggest protected marine park

Coffs Harbour International Stadium was the scene for FIFA international soccer's biggest winning margin after Australia beat American Samoa 31-0!

Australia is the season's second southern-hemisphere round after Argentina

The WRC's annual gala dinner will be held on the Monday evening after the rally at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### 1988: Michelin's first Rally Australia win



Thirty years ago, Rally Australia was based in Freemantle, near Perth, West Australia. It was a WRC candidate round and was won by Sweden's Ingvar Carlsson (Mazda 323 4WD).

Although the 1988 Commonwealth Bank Rally Australia 'only' counted towards the Asia-Pacific Championship, its organisers had their sights set on WRC status which they earned the following year.

The 60 or so-strong entry included Mazda Rally Team Europe's Ingvar Carlsson. He was the only top European driver and his chief opponents were New Zealander Possum Bourne (Subaru RX Turbo) and Japan's Kenjiro Shinozuka (Mitsubishi Galant VR-4).

Ingvar and Per Carlsson's first international success in their Mazda 323 4WD/Michelin made up for a tough WRC campaign which included DNFs on the Monte Carlo and in Portugal. The following season, Carlsson went on to claim WRC wins in Sweden and New Zealand.

# ENTRY LIST

## M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM WRC

# 1 **OGIER Sébastien / INGRASSIA Julien** FRA / FRA   
FORD FIESTA WRC

## M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM WRC

# 2 **EVANS Elfyn / BARRITT Daniel** GBR / GBR   
FORD FIESTA WRC

## M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM WRC

# 3 **SUNINEN Teemu / MARKKULA Mikko** FIN / FIN   
FORD FIESTA WRC

## HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT WRC

# 4 **MIKKELSEN Andreas / JAEGER Anders** NOR / NOR   
HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC

## HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT WRC

# 5 **NEUVILLE Thierry / GILSOUL Nicolas** BEL / BEL   
HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC

## HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT WRC

# 6 **PADDON Hayden / MARSHALL Sebastian** NZL / GBR   
HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC

## TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT WRC

# 7 **LATVALA Jari-Matti / ANTTILA Miikka** FIN / FIN   
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

## TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT WRC

# 8 **TÄNAK Ott / JÄRVEOJA Martin** EST / EST   
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

## TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRC WRC

# 9 **LAPPI Esapekka / FERM Janne** FIN / FIN   
TOYOTA YARIS WRC

## CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT WRC

# 10 **ØSTBERG Mads / ERIKSEN Torstein** NOR / NOR   
CITROEN C3 WRC

## CITROEN TOTAL ABU DHABI WRT WRC

# 11 **BREEN Craig / MARTIN Scott** IRL / GBR   
CITROEN C3 WRC

## SERDERIDIS JOURDAN WRC

# 21 **SERDERIDIS Jourdan / MICLOTTE Frederic** GRC / BEL   
FORD FIESTA WRC



 **THE COMPLETE  
ENTRY LIST  
HERE**




## DRIVERS' STANDINGS

		 Monte-Carlo 25/01 > 28/01	 Sweden 15/02 > 18/02	 Mexico 8/03 > 11/03	 France 5/04 > 8/04	 Argentina 26/04 > 29/04	 Portugal 17/05 > 20/05	 Italy 7/06 > 10/06	 Finland 26/07 > 29/07	 Germany 16/08 > 19/08	 Turkey 13/09 > 16/09	 Britain 4/10 > 7/10	 Spain 25/10 > 28/10	 Australia 15/11 > 18/11	TOTAL
1	SÉBASTIEN OGIER	 25+1 (1.)	 1+4 (10.)	 25+0 (1.)	 25+3 (1.)	 12+4 (4.)	 - (R.)	 18+4 (2.)	 10 (5.)	12 + 5 (4.)	1 + 4 (10.)	25 + 3 (1.)	18 + 4 (2.)		204
2	THIERRY NEUVILLE	 10+4 (5.)	 25+2 (1.)	 8+3 (6.)	 15 (3.)	 18+5 (2.)	 25+4 (1.)	 25+5 (1.)	 2 + 2 (9.)	18 + 1 (2.)	0 + 5 (16.)	10 + 2 (5.)	12 (4.)		201
3	OTT TÄNAK	 18+0 (2.)	 2+1 (9.)	 0+5 (14.)	 18+1 (2.)	 25+2 (1.)	 0 (R.)	 2+3 (9.)	 25 + 5 (1.)	25 + 4 (1.)	25 + 3 (1.)	0 + 4 (19.)	8 + 5 (6.)		181
4	ESAPEKKA LAPPI	 6+0 (7.)	 12+5 (4.)	 0 (11.)	 8+5 (6.)	 4 (8.)	 10+5 (5.)	 15 (3.)	 R (R.)	15 + 3 (3.)	0 (R.)	15 + 1 (3.)	6 (7.)		110
5	JARI-MATTI LATVALA	 15+2 (3.)	 6+0 (7.)	 4+4 (8.)	 0 (R.)	 0 (R.)	 0 (24.)	 6 (7.)	 15 + 3 (3.)	0 (R.)	18 + 2 (2.)	18 + 5 (2.)	4 (8.)		102
6	ANDREAS MIKKELSEN	 0+3 (13.)	 15+3 (3.)	 12+2 (4.)	 6 (7.)	 10+3 (5.)	 0 (16.)	 2 (18.)	 1 (10.)	8 (6.)	10 (5.)	8 (6.)	1 (10.)		84
7	DANI SORDO	 - (R.)	 - (-.)	 18+0 (2.)	 12 (4.)	 15 (3.)	 12+3 (4.)	 - (-.)	 - (-.)	0 (R.)	- (-.)	- (-.)	10 + 1 (5.)		71
8	ELFYN EVANS	 8+0 (6.)	 0 (14.)	 0 (R.)	 10 (5.)	 8 (6.)	 18+1 (2.)	 0+1 (14.)	 6 (7.)	0 (25.)	0 + 1 (12.)	0 (20.)	15 + 2 (3.)		70
9	CRAIG BREEN	 2+0 (9.)	 18+0 (2.)	 - (-.)	 - (-.)	 - (R.)	 6 (7.)	 8 (6.)	 4 + 1 (8.)	6 + 2 (7.)	0 (R.)	12 (4.)	2 (9.)		61
10	HAYDEN PADDON	 - (-.)	 10+0 (5.)	 - (-.)	 - (-.)	 - (-.)	 0 (R.)	 12 (4.)	 12 (4.)	- (-.)	15 (3.)	6 (7.)	- (-.)		55
11	TEEMU SUNINEN	 0 (18.)	 4+0 (8.)	 0 (12.)	 - (-.)	 2 (9.)	 15+2 (3.)	 1 (10.)	 8 (6.)	10 (5.)	12 (4.)	0 (R.)	0 (11.)		54
12	MADS OSTBERG	 - (-.)	 8+0 (6.)	 - (-.)	 - (-.)	 - (-.)	 8 (6.)	 10 (5.)	 18 + 4 (2.)	0 (R.)	0 (23.)	4 (8.)	- (-.)		52

## WRC2 DRIVERS

1. Jan KOPECKY  143 pts
2. Pontus TIDEMAND  111 pts
3. Kalle ROVANPERÄ  90 pts
4. Gus GREENSMITH  70 pts
5. Lukasz PIENIAZEK  56 pts

## MANUFACTURERS

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





# MICHELIN WRC RANGE 2018 SEASON

## ASPHALT TYRES: MICHELIN PILOT SPORT



**H5 (HARD COMPOUND)**

Size: 20/65-18  
Conditions: dry stages



**S6 (SOFT COMPOUND)**

Size: 20/65-18  
Conditions: wet, cold conditions



**SS6 (SUPER SOFT COMPOUND)**

Size: 20/65-18  
Conditions: icy, frosty, damp, cold conditions



**FW3 (FULL WET)**

Size: 18/65-18  
Conditions: showers, standing water or heavy rain

## WINTRY ASPHALT: MICHELIN PILOT ALPIN A4



**NON-STUDED**



**STUDED**

Size: 18/65-18  
Conditions: ice and/or snow

## GRAVEL TYRES: MICHELIN LTX FORCE



**H4 (HARD)**

Size: 17/65-15  
Conditions: rough, rocky, abrasive surfaces

**M6 (MEDIUM)**

Size: 17/65-15  
Conditions: smooth, loose surfaces, mud

**S6 (SOFT)**

Size: 17/65-15  
Conditions: wet, muddy, cold conditions

## SNOW/ICE TYRE: MICHELIN X-ICE NORTH



**X-ICE NORTH 3**

Size: 15/65-15  
Conditions: ice and/or snow

## WRC TYRE-RELATED REGULATIONS

- ✓ The FIA has registered three different tyre manufacturers for the 2018 WRC: Michelin, DMack and Pirelli
- ✓ Car manufacturers must register the tyre brand they have chosen with the FIA
- ✓ Only moulded tyres are authorised
- ✓ Tyres must be identifiable by a barcode and RFID chip
- ✓ Re-cutting or otherwise modifying the tread pattern is not permitted
- ✓ Only marked tyres are allowed to be used on stages
- ✓ Tyre pre-heating systems are prohibited
- ✓ Cars may carry up to two spares
- ✓ Tyres may only be inflated using air
- ✓ Only one type of dry-weather asphalt tyre (same construction and pattern) and two compound options are authorised for the season (a third compound option is allowed for the Rallye Monte-Carlo)
- ✓ Just one type of asphalt rain tyre is authorised
- ✓ Only one type of gravel tyre (same construction and pattern) and three compound options (from Rally Finland onwards) are authorised for the season (two compounds to be nominated prior to each event)
- ✓ A single type of snow/ice tyre (one compound only) to be fitted to 7x15-inch rims
- ✓ A single 'joker' change is allowed per manufacturer in the course of the season
- ✓ Tyre quotas per event for priority drivers are calculated on the basis of four tyres per tyre-change opportunity (plus four tyres for shakedown)