

Reeves will once again drive his highly modified Datsun 1600 in his opening event of the year, and after further improvements to the car in the off season, he is raring to go.

The event, in the far north east of Victoria, has attracted a quality field of 60 entrants from multiple Australian states with Reeves's and Catford's main competition in the Clubman class likely to come from Nathan Quinn/Alex Eadie (Mazda RX2) and Luke Sytema/Tracey Dewhurst (Ford Escort RS1800).

This year's Mitta Mountain Rally is the opening round of the 2022 Victorian Rally Championship and will consist of six forestry stages covering a total competitive distance of 146 kilometres.

Just one stage from last year's rally will be contested, with some others to be run in reverse and some new stages added.

Despite heavy rain falling along much of Australia's east coast this past week, Mitta Mitta has remained relatively dry. Rain has been forecast for the afternoon stages of the event which could prove a challenge to competitors.

Reeves and his team have spent a considerable amount of time refining the car over the past 12 months and are hoping to reap the rewards this weekend.

The first car will leave the start line of the 2022 Mitta Mountain Rally at 9am on Saturday, 5 March and is expected to finish the event at 3.30pm.