

Hyundai Motor Company Australia (HMCA) is preparing to play in the dirt next month by entering the opening round of the 2022 Australian Rally Championship, the Netier National Capital Rally, to be held 2-3 April in Canberra.

Former WRC Academy driver Brendan Reeves will pilot a Hyundai i20 N R5 in the traditional ARC curtain raiser, alongside regular co-driver, two-time Targa champion Kate Catford.

The car “to be branded with Hyundai N’s striking “Let’s Play” livery” will mark HMCA’s return to top-level rallying competition in Australia for the first time since Reeves’ giant-killing performance in the 2019 Targa Tasmania road rally, where he finished sixth in the GT2 class and 15th outright in a showroom-specification i30 N hatchback.

It will also be the 33-year-old Victorian’s first appearance in the Australian Rally Championship since taking victory in this event in 2016.

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