

2018 Eureka Rally ARC/VRC

ARC Eureka back in 2018! Four events have just been confirmed as part of the 2018 Australian Rally Championship calendar with more rounds to be announced at Rally Australia. The Eureka Rally, promoted by the Ballarat Light Car Club, will be round 1, as well as also being round 1 of the VRC. The Eureka will be run on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of March, two weeks earlier than the successful inaugural event this year, swapping dates with the Ballarat White Night Festival that has shifted from the week before the Begonia Festival to the following week.

Can Eureka get any better? The organisers think so. Recce is planned to be on Friday, reducing days off for Victorian competitors down to one weekday. Only minor adjustments are intended to the route that was enjoyed so much by competitors this year, with Saturday's stages based in the western parts of the Wombat Forest, a short trip down the freeway from Ballarat, while Sunday's stages will again be concentrated south of Ballarat, with an exciting new stage on shire and private roads featuring a bit of everything: fords, old mines, lanes, tarmac, a farmyard and great spectator viewing. The organisers are examining a range of options for a super special spectator stage in or close to the City of Ballarat to start the event with on Friday night, and while Victoria Park this year provided a spacious and convenient service park, some all weather alternatives are under consideration. Stay tuned for developments.

While the BLCC is the event promoter, to make Eureka happen, they have to draw on the broader Victorian rally community, and have brought in personnel from other clubs to fill key roles:

- Andrew Roseman, Clerk of the Course,
- Ross Runnalls, Road Director
- David McKenzie, Event Secretary.
- Scott Spedding

Many others will be relied upon to operate stage start and finish controls and most importantly secure stages. Arron Secombe will again coordinate the recruiting and deployment of the large number of required officials. Media Director James Nixon will be asking for competitors help to ensure their sponsors get the best value from their rallying investment in Eureka 2018. Recapping: 2nd March Recce / Possible Start
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