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VETERAN RALLY CAR BACK FOR ANOTHER CATLINS COAST RALLY

Winton rally driver Brendon Mitchell estimates his faithful Datsun 1600 rally car has competed in over forty rallies in the past twenty years. It is a great record and one made all the more impressive by the fact that both car and driver always perform exceptionally well. Last year Mitchell steered the car to a win in Class F although he is typically modest saying, "a lot of others had problems." However Mitchell is hoping for more of the same this year at a rally he rates highly. "Catlins is always a good event. You get to do a lot of kilometres and there is always a good atmosphere. It is close to home and there is such a different variety of roads. It is all based out of one area too so it is easy to do."

Reliability has always been good with the Datsun too. After more than forty rallies Mitchell says the number of finishes would be on the "high side" percentage wise. After a full club season after which he finished runner-up in the Eastern Southland Car Club Championship the Datsun has been given a freshen and a check over.

Mitchell's original co-driver Nigel Lawson rejoins him for this event.

The Datsun is sponsored by Placemakers, Devery Electrical, Flash Clad and Window Tint South.

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