

MEDIA SAFETY BRIEFING NOTES

ROUND 2 – EROAD AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

22 – 24 MAY 2026

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These notes are to be read in conjunction with the 2025-27 ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations Article 27 Media Broadcast Policy copyright, and any Media Instructions issued for the Event.

MSA, ARC, and Event Media Team

MSA ARC Safety Delegate	Michael Wallace, 0425 840 843
MSA ARC Competition Checker	Chris Atkinson, 0413 704 603
ARC Media Manager	Michael Stratus, 0435 015 045
Event Media Manager	Oliva Herridge, 0477 791 726

General

- **Michael Wallace and Chris Atkinson** will be in the Motorsport Australia (MSA) Safety Car, normally between 000 and 00. Michael is the ARC Safety Delegate, the role has a focus on people safety which include the officials, spectators, **and the Media**. Chris is the ARC Competition Checker, the role has a focus on reviewing the course, road conditions and safety for competition crews.
- Chris and Michael work as a team to make sure, as far as practicable that the course and all spectator and Media zones are fit for purpose.
- The ARC Promotor and Organiser understand and value the work that the media do and how important your role is in terms of exposing our sport to others.
- If the **MSA Safety Car** stops and ask you to move it is because you are in an unsafe location. You may think that location is fine and you were in a similar location on another stage but when you are in a vehicle travelling along the route there are differences between stages in terms of speed and corner profile that may mean this point is unsuitable. **The MSA Safety Team has extensive experience with regard to the location of spectator and media locations.**
- **DO NOT** take up a position lying down next to the road, this is extremely unsafe as you do not have an escape route. Anyone found doing this will be reported as a breach of instructions.
- The MSA Safety Team are here to protect **you**.
- You may not agree or like that you have been asked to move. Please respect the direction given by not only the MSA Safety Team but any Rally Official. The direction is given for your safety. Media locations are reviewed throughout the event, any Media found returning to a location they have removed from will be reported as a breach of instructions
- If you do have questions related to directions given by Rally Officials you may seek clarification from the MSA Safety Team.
- If you are near/at a spectator point we request Media not to located themselves in areas that are marked as no-go areas for spectators.
- All media **MUST** be wearing their MEDIA tabards while on Competition Stages.
- Media **MUST NOT** take friends, family, or any non-accredited persons into media areas, this includes driving on stages, these people are not covered by any insurance.
- Safety is everyone's responsibility. The ARC Promotor, Event Organiser and MSA Safety Team will work with you, the Media, to present the Championship in the safest manner possible.
- If any member of the Media is found in breach of any Regulations or Instructions they may be reported to Motorsport Australia, the ARC Promotor or the Event Organisers. That person may then be asked to explain their actions. Failure to provide an acceptable reason for non-adherence to Regulations or Instructions issued may result in the removal of accreditation.

Event Specific

1. All media must be signed on for the with the Event and ARC Media manager.
2. Banned Areas
 - Corner of Ewarts Rd and Ridge Rd in the Ferndale and Brumby Stages – Private Property, fenced off
 - Corner of Ridge Rd and Glacier Rd in the Ellis Stages – Private Property
 - Nursery Road into the Helium Stage – Private Property
3. ARC Media WhatsApp Group
4. Questions