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STATE DEVELOPMENT MINISTER LAUNCHES REPCO RALLY

Minister for State Development Ian Macdonald will officially start the Australian round of the World Rally Championship in the Northern Rivers region of NSW today.

Minister Macdonald will welcome the drivers, co-drivers, officials and spectators to the Northern Rivers region at the Repco Rally welcome show in Murwillumbah.

Mr Macdonald said the rally could generate up to \$100 million in direct economic benefit for the Northern Rivers over the ten year life-span of the event.

“The Rally organisers estimate the event will generate job opportunities equivalent to between 30 and 40 new permanent positions or 1,500 to 2,000 part-time and casual jobs,” Minister Macdonald said.

“This is an exciting international event which will put the Northern Rivers, front and centre on the world rally racing map.

“This popular sport attracts significant local and international media coverage,” he said.

“The Northern Rivers region will be seen by a global television audience of more than 51 million viewers in over 180 countries.”

Minister Macdonald said the rally will run for three days and nights and roads will be closed on a rolling basis when the event is in a specific area.

Details of daily road closures are available on the Rally Australia website, www.rallyaustralia.com, or the RTA website,

Mr Macdonald said the Chairman of the Githabul Nation, Mr Doug Williams, had welcomed the Repco Rally to Githabul Land.

“The NSW Government has provided some financial support to the Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce to assist the local community to take advantage of the business opportunities and visitor numbers that the event will bring, as well as supporting the event through Events NSW,” he said.

“I look forward to an ongoing relationship with the community and local councils to make this event a highlight for the Northern Rivers region,” he said.
