



Fiesta's back in action at Hawkes Bay.

After nearly a two month lay off, the New Zealand Fiesta Sporting Trophy will kick back into gear next weekend for round four, the Tomoana Warehousing Rally of Hawkes Bay.

Making a return to the series is Dermott Malley. Malley contested the inaugural series last year, finishing third. At the start of this season Malley handed over the Truth backed Fiesta to son Patrick, who currently sits second in the series.

For this event Malley will run the car that Glenn Inkster ran in the same event last year, however there have been significant changes within the event. The Hawkes Bay Rally will this year be contested over two days compared to last years one, meaning twice as many points are up for offer. It also means that the Fiesta's will be covering a lot of new stages including the treacherous Hereheretau and the spectator friendly Triple Bridges stage.

Other Fiesta Sporting Trophy competitors have been busy during the gap. Patrick Malley attended the Motorsport New Zealand Elite Academy, ending up second highest points scorer. Series leader Ben Jagger has also been busy, gaining himself some extra publicity at the Repco Rally New Zealand Media Day.

Day one of the event is based around the Wairoa region and includes six stages. Three stages will be run in the morning before service, followed by a repeat of the mornings three stages. Day two will see the teams competing around Napier including a service in Napier. The teams will return to Napier's Marine Parade for the finish just before 4 pm.

So far the series has been closely fought with both Ben Jagger and Patrick Malley taking round wins in their hunt to win the Fiesta Sporting Trophy and the subsequent entry into the Fiesta Sporting Trophy world Shootout.