

Arentz enjoying success

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MOTOR RACING: Mackay's Clinton Arentz has had a year to remember on the roads, winning his second showroom class 2014 Australian Tarmac Rally Championship crown.

Despite narrowly missing out on the outright title, Arentz was upbeat about the year and said he hoped to return to defend his crown in 2015, but admitted his professional life would prove an obstacle.

Arentz, with co-driver Dale Moscott, won the season-ending Snowy River series on Sunday, capping the 2014 Showroom class.

"Everything went to plan," he said. "I changed my co-driver this year and we have had tremendous luck."

Adding to his "luck" was a strict work ethic and mechanical nous.

"We tuned-down the car to



NEED FOR SPEED: Clinton Arentz's 2009 Mitsubishi EVO X competing at the Australian Tarmac Rally Championship Snowy River race.

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go for reliability and that seemed to have worked," Arentz said.

The duo performed well over the weekend, hitting speeds of up to 220kmh on the tight, winding and hilly roads.

"It was raced on bitumen roads but it was tough racing with heavy rain throughout," Arentz said. "Some cars crashed out and others had mechanical issues."

Professional co-driver Mos-

catt is as much a coach as he is a colleague to Arentz, who by his own admission is relatively new to the sport.

"I've been very fortunate to have Dale this year. He's been a great support," Arentz said.

As for their 2015 schedule, Arentz said his business pursuits in Mackay would take centre stage but didn't rule out further racing.

"I'll certainly be racing in some capacity."