

## Super Smith Secures ARB Class 4 Championship

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From their breakthrough second place finish in 2017, John Smith and navigator Grant Manion #445 have gone one better in 2018, claiming the ARB Australian Off Road Racing Class 4 Championship at the seasons final round. From their South Australian base, Smith Racing have been a model of consistency throughout 2018, campaigning their JS MK1 Trophy Truck to a 100% record of class podiums.



With a full ARB season under their belts in 2017, Smith and Manion knew what they were in for as they set off for the ARB Town and Country Tyres Stackpole 400 at Griffith in March, excited and quietly confident of their 2018 title chances. Unfortunately for Smith, a gearbox drama

ended their Stackpoole 400 campaign early, though a second in class behind close rival Paul Grant kick-started the season long battle.

The Mildura Rural City Council ARB Sunraysia 400 was up next, held on Keera Station 50km out of Mildura, the endurance event once again proved to be one of the harshest on the calendar. Smith went trouble free, ploughing the home made machine through the sandy terrain to a third in class and 17th outright; a great reward after a disappointing debut in 2017.



With the season well and truly underway, Smith was poised and ready to continue the championship battle at the Haeusler's Mallee Rally ARB 400 over the June long weekend. Straight out of the box Smith prologued the #445 second in class, some achievement considering it was the largest class contingent of the season. Sunday was just as smooth, after four clean laps of the fast, damp Sea Lake circuit. Smith and Manion earned themselves a Class 4 win and a 13th outright, the season was shaping up nicely.

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