

2009 NAC Insurance International Rally of Whangarei

Stage quotes

**Special Stage 1
Mangapai Caves**

Date: 6 June 2009
Road Conditions: Thick gravel
Weather: Fine

Car 1 - Cody Crocker/Ben Atkinson

Interesting start to the morning. Nice fast cresty one to start with.

Fantastic fun but so so slippery out there. Feels like everything is happening in slow motion, just sort of gracefully drifting between corners. It might just look like we are putting down the road a little bit, it felt like it in the car.

Car 2 - Katsu Taguchi/Mark Stacey

Very slippery but nice roads to drive

Car 3 - Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

A lot of gravel on the road and it is very, very slippery. That's the way it is.

Car 4 - Gaurav Gill/Glenn Macneall

That was good, the first time I've been out here. It's very tricky, it's very fast. Good fun.

Car 5 - Emma Gilmour/Rhianon Smyth

Loose, really loose, feels like its happening a bit too easy. It's odd. Very loose.

Car 6 - Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Good start to the morning.

Car 7 - Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

Happy with my start, considering the slippery roads.

Car 8 – Richard Mason/Sara Mason

Quiet warm up didn't want to get to carried away, looking after the tyres on the tarmac section.

Car 9 – Brendan Reeves/Glen Watson

Really slippery, trying to keep on that smooth line, keeping it up a gear to keep the traction.

Car 11 – Chris West/Chris Cobham

Pretty fast for a start but happy

Car 12 – Kieran Hall/Peter Hart

Not too bad was surprised that the car felt good, was expecting to be a lot more tail happy, but aiming to keep it on the hard stuff

Car 14 – Sloan Cox/David Calder

Yeah, pretty good out there, quite scary for a first stage.

Car 15 – Kingsley Thompson/Richard Ellis

Yea it's good. Pretty skatey in there, lots of marbles, but fun.

Car 16 – Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

Not too bad. She's pretty slippery in there, just need to make a couple of changes to the car.

Car 17 – Brad Ayling/Brett Wright

We're a bit rusty through there, but we made it to the finish of the first stage so that was our first goal

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Car 18 – Josh Marston/Raymond Bennet

Not too bad, still quite loose in the back and I'm really not totally comfortable with it.

Car 19 – Kirsty Nelson/Malcolm Peden

It was quite good but our intercom keeps cutting in and out.

Car 20 – Jouni Arolainen/Tapio Suominen

Good stage.

Car 25 – Dominick Unterberger/Warwick Martin

Off in junction.