

2009 NAC Insurance International Rally of Whangarei
Stage quotes

Special Stage 13
Waipu Gorge

Date: 7 June 2009
Road conditions: Damp
Weather: Cloudy

Car 3 - Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

Much nicer when there's not a lot of loose gravel on the road. Still a bit slippery when you get off the line. It's a bit damp in the actual gorge. It will be hard to catch him (Mason) but if we can pull some time on him we can put the pressure on so that's the goal. I see we were 11 seconds faster than the first time, a second a k so a good start.

Car 1 - Cody Crocker/Ben Atkinson

The car sounded a bit funny but I don't know if it's just me or not. We'll have to wait and see, seems to be going alright. We've got him at the moment (Reeves) so will have to wait and see. Will try to hold on.

Car 2 - Katsu Taguchi/Mark Stacey

Good stage, smooth and quite fast so I enjoy driving. Much more grip than this morning. Very difficult to catch Cody.

Car 5 - Emma Gilmour/Rhianon Smyth

Q: There's definitely a battle between you and Westy?

A: Yeah, it's a bit hard we never see his times. So we are concentrating on beating the ones in front of us. A turbo change at service has made a difference.

Car 4 - Gaurav Gill/Glenn Macneall

Not happy with position, and we have a wrong tyre choice so its not the best choice

Car 6 - Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

I will try for a top 10 finish

Car 7 - Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

The teddy bear rumour is confirmed! He has been on a great ride all the way to the finish, that's the goal.

Car 8 – Richard Mason/Sara Mason

[Retired, blown turbo]

Car 9 – Brendan Reeves/Glen Watson

Mason looks like he has blown a turbo smoke everywhere. Stage grip better than this morning but lost a lot of time in the smoke. Won't catch Cody now.

Car 11 – Chris West/Chris Cobham

[Retired, rear differential failure]

Car 12 – Kieran Hall/Peter Hart

Don't know if it was Richard or Chris that's blown an engine or turbo but zero visibility with the smoke for about 2 km

Car 15 – Kingsley Thompson/Richard Ellis

Bit of carnage in there. We got caught up in a little bit of smoke so that slowed us down at the start. Good stage, flowed really nice. A lot more swept than this morning.

Car 16 – Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

A lot better than this morning. Been a fantastic day so just need to keep doing it for the afternoon. I see Richard and Westy stopped so shame for them but more points for us.

Car 14 – Sloan Cox/David Calder

Felt like I started off to slow, bit to sideways at the start but finished off well so im happy. Two less people to take points from me.

Car 18 – Josh Marston/Raymond Bennnet

The boys seem to have worked some magic with the head gasket so we are okay at the moment, keep topping it up with water hopefully it goes alright.

Car 19 – Kirsty Nelson/Malcolm Peden

Much better, Richard's car looks pretty broken.

Car 20 – Jouni Arolainen/Tapio Suominen

Mason blown engine in there; lots of smoke; very difficult.

Car 21 – Patrick Malley/Linzi Malley

Boys fixed gearbox but same problem again so stuck third for the rest of the day now.

Car 22 – Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins

Not much different to the first run through. Just going to cruise home now.

Car 24 – Ben Hunt/Jeff Cress

Definite improvement from this morning. That had a few victims.

Car 25 – Dominick Unterberger/Warwick Martin

Better than the first time, a bit smoother and carried more speed through the corners. The car feels quite good so we're happy.