

2009 NAC Insurance International Rally of Whangarei
Stage quotes

Special Stage 9
Waipu Gorge

Date: 7 June 2009
Road conditions: Damp road, possible glare
Weather: Bright sun

Car 3 - Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

It's fairly loose being first on the road, quite a bit of gravel there, struggling to get the car into some of the corners sideways and losing lots of time, not the fastest way of doing it but just the way it is.

Car 1 - Cody Crocker/Ben Atkinson

A lot better than yesterday, we have tweaked the setup a little bit so car feels much more comfortable to drive now. Paddon pushing at a pretty good pace.

Car 2 - Katsu Taguchi/Mark Stacey

A few mistakes in the corners but don't think we have a very good time then.

Car 5 - Emma Gilmour/Rhianon Smyth

Yeah it was okay. I enjoyed it but it was pretty loose in there and wasted a bit of time going wide early on.

Car 4 - Gaurav Gill/Glenn Macneall

Not bad, it's good I enjoyed the way the car is reacting now, we did a few changes yesterday and it all looks good. These EVO X bumpers keep falling apart, we didn't touch anything. It's an expensive thing

Car 6 - Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Very slippery but it was okay.

Car 7 - Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

Very slippery this morning that's for sure

Car 8 - Richard Mason/Sara Mason

Yeah that felt really good, a few changes made during the stages with the center diff, but comfortable.

Car 9 - Brendan Reeves/Glen Watson

That was a bit loose, staying on the line using it to our advantage.

Car 11 - Chris West/Chris Cobham

It was ok, good morning. Let's see what the rest of the day brings

Car 12 - Kieran Hall/Peter Hart

Got off to a really comfortable start there, roads looking really good

Car 15 - Kingsley Thompson/Richard Ellis

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Car 16 - Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

Not too bad, there was a little bit of fog in there but nothing the earlier guys wouldn't have to cope with, so hopefully we are on the pace.

Car 14 - Sloan Cox/David Calder

Felt pretty good, happy with my stage, hopefully we can pick up a bit on the early twisty stuff next time.

Car 18 – Josh Marston/Raymond Bennnet
Engine didn't overheat so that's a start, but just getting into it.

Car 19 – Kirsty Nelson/Malcolm Peden
Better than yesterday, our intercom is working today.

Car 20 – Jouni Arolainen/Tapio Suominen
It was good.

Car 21 – Patrick Malley/Linzi Malley
We are still here, I think it's still straight. Stage didn't feel right, but better than the first one yesterday. With that hopefully we can keep getting better and better.

Car 22 – Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins
Yeah that stage felt alright, very good way to start off the morning so hopefully we can keep it up for the rest of the day

Car 24 – Ben Hunt/Jeff Cress
Yeah, that was an alright opening stage, not sure how quick it will be but it felt alright. Push a bit harder later on.

Car 25 – Dominick Unterberger/Warwick Martin
Nice start compared to yesterday (crashed on ss1) We're just cruising along trying to get as many points as possible.

Car 26 – Tomoyuki Nakagawa/Jamie Kibble
We've picked up the pace a little today so not too bad for his [driver's] first rally. Some of the 4 lefts and 4 rights we were a bit wide, maybe just pushing a bit hard.

Car 17 – Brad Ayling/Brett Wright
We broke something (drive train) off the start line and just cruised through. Withdrawn; hoping to rejoin for afternoon.