



## 2010 International Rally of Whangarei Service quotes

**Service B**  
**Whangarei town basin**

Date: 3 July 2010  
Weather: Fine and mild.

### **Car 1 Katsuhiko Taguchi/Chris Murphy**

Everything is no good. There is a problem with both the engine and turbo, but we are lucky, we had spare oil in the car to get us back here. Because we have leg points for the APRC so we are safe overall. But a big day tomorrow – hopefully!

### **Car 2 Chris Atkinson/Stephane Prevot**

Retired with mechanical failure (alternator drive belt broke).

### **Car 3 Hayden Paddon/John Kennard**

There's a fine line in our tyre choice for this afternoon. If we went back out on a soft it would have been too soft and the medium perhaps a little bit too hard. So it took about half of the first stages to get some heat into them but it's just a matter of some compromise really. We'd like to find a bit more speed again tomorrow. This is the first time on these style tyres for us so were getting an idea of how they operate, especially if some wet weather comes that will probably help us a bit.

### **Car 4 Alister McRae/Bill Hayes**

Yes the car is good; we did a few small changes in the setup, we're driving quietly but not taking any risks. We will keep an eye on what the other APRC guys are doing as far as points go, but it's important to try and get it to the end without any problems - so that's the main objective this weekend.

### **Car 5 Gaurav Gill/Glen Macneall**

It's been a good day so far. We did make a decent tyre choice in the morning but we made some extra cuts for the afternoon because we thought it might rain. But it didn't and the tyres were getting overheated and it wasn't very easy to keep the car on the road. Anyway our priority was to get back here for the team and it's a big championship. We did some good times in the short stages – we could do well because the tyres worked very well.

### **Car 6 Brendan Reeves/Rhianon Smyth**

We're a little bit slower than I would have liked to be but that's what tomorrow can be about – just improving over the day. The first stage this afternoon was quite swept. I went for a medium tyre and didn't cut it – so the tyres got a bit hot. Then in the last (long) stage was very similar to earlier where I was one second slower, but the super special stage was cut-up. A good day really.

### **Car 7 Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon**

We thought we'd been going really slow this afternoon – and don't know why. So we're really unhappy – we've had no pace at all. I don't know if we're still leading the championship.

### **Car 8 Rifat Sungkar/Scott Beckwith**

We only have three gears still, third, fourth and fifth. Actually we spend about 15-20 seconds at the start getting going but the first stage we were 40 seconds better then in the second we were over a minute better. Tomorrow we will have another gearbox and looking forward to it – definitely. With this rally we never know what's going on – we see the leading APRC driver has problems with the engine and Chris, one of the Proton guys. We'll see, we still have a big fight in the middle section so we are looking forward to a good result tomorrow.

### **Car 9 Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox**

That was better; my driving felt better but I'm still off the pace where I want to be and where I thought I would be, so were unsure why that is now. We're not sure how to approach tomorrow to make it quicker so we have to sit down and work it out, why we're a bit off pace.

**Car 10 Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins**

Retired in the first stage.

**Car 11 Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy**

Yes – a very good day. The car is perfect – very happy.

**Car 12 Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen**

I felt we were going really fast. Our times were slightly quicker that is all. But the times are the important thing really – but we've had a good day really. Tomorrow – we will just keep going as fast as we possibly can – that's for sure.

**Car 14 Emma Gilmour/Ben Atkinson**

The tyres were working a lot better this afternoon and the stages have definitely cleaned up a little bit. So we had an enjoyable afternoon and Ben and I are working better together too. It all just flowed and was a good afternoon. I don't know if the weather forecast is the same for tomorrow with the rain, but we will wait and see. So we probably do have a favourable road position.

**Car 15 Chris West/Chris Cobham**

I think this afternoon has been pretty good for us; there was only really one sort of reasonable stage time, which is difficult to take. But it's been a mixed day to be fair. This afternoon has definitely been a lot better; we just want to be consistently like that. I think tyres have played a lot in today, especially this afternoon. Overall I think it was close at the end, it would be nice to get third but I don't think it's good enough.

**Car 16 Richard Mason/Sara Mason**

We made some changes at lunchtime – it is a little bit better but we've still got some more ground to make up. Maybe we can do that during the day tomorrow.

**Car 17 Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring**

A very good afternoon. We have a new differential computer in the car today so this morning was fast learning and this afternoon was grouse. Clearly I've had good days rallying but not at this level – battling so close to so many people – it's been awesome. Really really tight – really really fast – everyone is going super-quick I'll give you the tip. It's quite scary at times – but I'm full of adrenaline.

**Car 18 Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read**

We think we've got Westy by 0.4 seconds. I think that was possibly the worst way I could have done a super special stage – it really was not very nice. We thought we had lost it completely – done a really bad stage and hopefully we've clawed it and stayed in there. Full credit to Emma – we could catch her. But tomorrow is a new day, we're going to do some fiddling tonight and try figure out why we haven't got the speed that we are supposed to have. We need to push as hard as possible whilst still keeping it on the road. The second-to-last stage we had...moments isn't quite the right word...other words come to mind!

**Car 19 Kieran Hall/James Kibble**

I've learned to drive the car a lot better. I got some advice at the last service of driving the car a lot straighter in to the turns and letting the differentials do what it should – and it has definitely paid off. Unfortunately our tyres on the rear aren't too good and it caused us a bit of a mishap in that last stage nine kilometre stage – we lost a bit of time but at the end of the day we are here. Now we've secured some much needed points for the championship.

**Car 20 Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden**

DLUCY (the car's name) is going quite well – she's quite happy. The stages dried out this afternoon so it's all flowed along quite nicely. Tomorrow I think it'll be a different story – we're predicting rain but the roads I think are a little more hard-packed so I think they will hold up.

**Car 21 Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward**

Yes it's been a good day for us; we've sort of struggled in this car from when I first started getting back into Group N (production) and we've done some pretty radical changes to the car. I'm finally starting to feel comfortable in it. It's just so hard to get used to a Group N car with so much less power, you really have to commit to the corners. It's feeling better and better all the time though. We'll just keep trying to go faster and faster. We're a lot happier than we were.

**Car 22 Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer**

A clean day for us. Not quite as fast as we would have liked to have been. We made a bit of a wrong tyre choice in the morning that hampered us a bit. But we're fairly confident now; the car is still straight so we can get on with tomorrow. We need to up it tomorrow; we haven't got a lot of points this year for the NZRC so really need to move one.

**Car 27 Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn**

We started off a bit slow in the first two stages, but we got some rhythm back later in the afternoon so it was good. Tomorrow the roads are nice – pretty swept, so we will go out and push hard from the start.

**Car 28 Phil Campbell/Venita Fabbro**

We had a good day today – no moments or anything and didn't take any risks that we didn't need to – so will do the same again tomorrow.

**Car 29 Daniel Palau/Thierry Song**

We are very happy – a good day. It is a first time for us (here). We are liking the roads – they are marvellous and we are enjoying them very much.