



*2010 International Rally of Whangarei*  
**Stage flash 12**

Date: 4 July 2010  
Special Stage: 12  
Weather: Worsening rain.

Flash No: 12  
Road Conditions: Slippery.

**Car 1 Katsuhiko Taguchi/Chris Murphy**

Not quite full speed, the engine is still misfiring but it is better than yesterday, maybe we just keep driving. The conditions are a little bit slippery; there is a lot of water.

**Car 2 Chris Atkinson/Stephane Prevot**

It's fogged up so we can't see the road, it really started pouring in there so I took it easy, we couldn't see the road.

**Car 3 Hayden Paddon/John Kennard**

There was a bit of rain in the end of this stage so it was getting wet and will deteriorate with more cars.

**Car 4 Alister McRae/Bill Hayes**

Not good, the window was misting up all the time so I couldn't see where I was going.

**Car 5 Gaurav Gill/Glen Macneall**

Big problems, lost all gears we are just stuck with second, just trying to get back. Top speed is about 75 kph.

**Car 6 Brendan Reeves/Rhianon Smyth**

Every time I put it in fifth gear it jumps straight out, so on the tarmac I got Rhianon to hold it in gear for me so it is a bit of a major problem but we got through there pretty good.

**Car 7 Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon**

Everyone else started and it was fine then just before we started it started just pouring down. Not our rally.

**Car 8 Rifat Sungkar/Scott Beckwith**

Amazing amazing stage, perhaps the toughest one of the whole rally and then the weather on top of it. We had one moment in there on the bridge, suddenly it was slippery like ice and we saw a few tyre marks and two cars stopped after that.

**Car 9 Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox**

This one was really hard, the car was fogging up but it didn't feel too bad.

**Car 10 Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins**

That stage went pretty well, the old classic Ruarangi road rallysprint at the end so it was heaps of fun. Real real slippery.

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

Good but we slipped on a bridge and hit the bank. We lost some time because we had to back up.

**Car 12 Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen**

Had a puncture, it was my fault, I cut a corner and I shouldn't of.

**Car 14 Emma Gilmour/Ben Atkinson**

Off an on really, struggled in the first stages with the grip, getting a feel for it.

**Car 15 Chris West/Chris Cobham**

Definitely a lot better performance than yesterday, but happy with this morning. I can't believe how much it (the weather) has deteriorated in the last five minutes, the rain has really come down. Visibility is pretty poor.

**Car 16 Richard Mason/Sara Mason**

Conditions were quite interesting that's for sure, its more or less the same for everyone in the rain, it does get harder as the stage go on, the times do tend to get a bit slower but hey that's the way it is.

**Car 17 Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring**

Stopped in stage.

**Car 18 Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read**

Not going good, you are on the right hand side of the car, if you were on the left hand side you would see we are going terrible. We hit a strainer post or something in the second stage. Definitely had better days, its wet and slippery, we're not getting quite the amount of traction we want, but we've got something in mind for the afternoon so we will see if it works.

**Car 19 Kieran Hall/James Kibble**

Stopped in stage.

**Car 20 Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden**

Pretty atrocious in there, couple of moments, a couple of the boys are in there, its real slippery, there is water all over the road. It's entertaining.

**Car 21 Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward**

Stopped in stage.

**Car 22 Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer**

Horrendus in the stage, had the wipers on full and still couldn't see a thing. Looks like the stage has claimed a few already so we just need to be very careful with it because it is really slippery in there.

**Car 23 Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay**

The bank came and bit me, someone else had been in there before me, as soon as we hit that bridge it just took off, we picked up speed it's the fastest I've been all day on that bridge!! If the whole rally was made up of that bridge I'd be winning! Unbelievably slippery, but it suits my loose style.

**Car 24 Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie**

Its good, good fun, I've never had grip like this.

**Car 25 Jouni Arolainen/Matti-Jussi Partanen**

I don't know if we have a back trunk anymore, check it. Told it was there, responded: Ok, good!

**Car 26 Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis**

It actually wasn't too bad; it looks like a few people were struggling. We had one big moment on a slippery bridge and there was a whole heap of marks going off the road. I love Ruarangi road, it was one of the old rallysprint roads I used when I was growing up.

**Car 27 Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn**

Cars going off everywhere in there, it is bloody slippery and we snotted the bank after the bridge. Not good, I think we bent a steering arm or something.

**Car 28 Phil Campbell/Venita Fabbro**

It is so slippery in there, but we are just taking it easy and we got here so I'm pretty happy with that.

**Car 29 Daniel Palau/Thierry Song**

Very bad conditions, but its ok, we made mistakes in the two stages before so we want to finish.

**Car 30 Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley**

A bit slippy, a bit like driving on ice.

**Car 32 Motoharu Kaseya/Kosuke Takashimo**

No English.

**Car 41 Geof Argyle/Phillip Deakin**

Stopped in stage.

**Car 42 Alex Kelsey/Raymond Bennett**

Don't know what is wrong with the engine but the gear lever has snapped off for some reason, bloody slippery, its alright, you just have to drive to the conditions.

**Car 43 Marcus van Klink/Matt Richards**

Limped out of stage, damage to front of car.

**Car 46 Dylan Turner/Rob Scott**

Oh my god that is scary in there, welcome back to rallying eh? That is frightening; I have never seen so many zetkas in the space of two kilometres.

**Car 47 Regan Ross/Darren Galbraith**

Broken the Panhard rod on the diff in the first stage this morning, strapped it up and will change it at service. Second stage the main power feed to the starter motor fell off and we lost 14 minutes so we are well down.

**Car 50 Kirsty Nelson/Aaron Conaghan**

Pretty wet and it is pretty much dumping down which is not very cool, but it is exciting, that's for sure.

**Car 54 Matt Summerfield/Dave Neill**

Definitely when the rain comes down it's a different game when the rain comes down. The road is staying pretty consistent but we have no front brakes.

**Car 57 Simon Bell/Warwick Martin**

I think the team back in India put on the hard tyres and I think we just drove like wimps.

**Car 59 Reg Cook/Mark Ballantyne**

No brakes, no reverse.