



## 2010 International Rally of Whangarei Stage flash 16

Date: 4 July 2010  
Special Stage: 16  
Weather: Very heavy rain

Flash No: 16  
Road Conditions: Slippery.

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

We are pretty rapt to win, the car is the best it has ever been and things are looking good for us for the second half of the world championship. The team worked well, the Pirelli tyres worked well and everyone did well.

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

We lost it all when the windows fogged up the first time through here (ss12). Since then we have been driving with the windows down and that makes a difference. It is a good result that has been a long time coming for Proton; they have put in a lot of work and had a hell of a lot of bad luck, so they deserve the result.

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

Look at our windscreen, can't see much outside, it's crazy at these speeds. I had to take it easy in there, I had no other option

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

The tyres are absolutely worn out because they have been on all day, we beat Alister (McRae) by 0.5 of a second, it was a great race

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

It is a bit unbelievable, a few stages ago I was ready to hang up my helmet, we pushed pretty hard, I have never pushed so hard in such slippery conditions in my life, yet we are still here. I have never been in situations so dangerous, there are puddles and you hit them and aquaplane and you are all over the show.

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

We have a big problem with the diff so we cannot push hard in the car.

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

It was a tough weekend, today has been even harder with the wet weather but we are here. Didn't have the speed I wanted to have but we can look at what we can do for the next round

### **Car 10 Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins**

We made it to the end, that stage was terrible, so wet just skating all over the show. Really good to get to the finish.

### **Car 14 Emma Gilmour/Ben Atkinson**

The car isn't overly happy at the moment, it has an intermittent fault and it keeps feeling like the diff is going to fail, so I was pretty nervous and hoping the car would make it.

### **Car 16 Richard Mason/Sara Mason**

It is still beating us (the Whangarei event) however we are at the finish.

### **Car 18 Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read**

There is so much standing water on the road we just aquaplaned and went wide on a right hander we marked don't go wide and we were really lucky we didn't barrel roll

**Car 20 Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden**

It was a shocker in those four stages this afternoon, the rain is just terrible to drive in, water everywhere on the road, even the ruts have filled up. But it's good fun and that's the reason I came.

**Car 22 Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer**

It's been a pretty good day today, struggled a little bit in the afternoon but we are here and have learnt a lot, so we can take some thoughts away from that and see where we need to go.

**Car 23 Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay**

I have had a lot of fun in the slippery conditions. The damage on the car is not from me, it is from another car on touring. One of the locals took a disliking to the event and smashed into us twice.

**Car 24 Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie**

We are sorting the car out and the driver is getting there, I like these conditions, you can left-foot brake really well.

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

Yeahah, better than last year, never driven such a difficult combination of roads and weather

**Car 26 Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis**

Pretty rapt with today, it was unfortunate yesterday, we had the pace to get the job done but a little error cost us big time

**Car 27 Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn**

The last five or six stages were dodgy so Tony and I decided to back off, finish and score some points, so we just plodded along

**Car 28 Phil Campbell/Venita Fabbro**

We are stoked; this is the first rally we have finished this year so we are really happy, especially considering the conditions

**Car 29 Daniel Palau/Thierry Song**

We are very, very happy because the conditions are very bad and we wanted to finish

**Car 30 Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley**

A bit like ice skating really, I think I should take it up

**Car 42 Alex Kelsey/Raymond Bennett**

We are rapt, the car held together too which is nice. Very slippery out there though!