



2010 International Rally of Whangarei
Stage 6

Date: **3 July 2010**

Special Stage: 6

Weather: Fine and sunny

Flash No: 6

Road Conditions: More swept and hard-packed

Car 1 Katsuhiko Taguchi /Chris Murphy

(Lots of smoke) I think it is engine problem, I don't know if we stop or not, but we will try

Car 3 Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

Feeling reasonably comfortable, the car is feeling good and doing everything we want it to, just working on the driving now there are some places where I am not committing 100%

Car 4 Alister McRae/Bill Hayes

We went for a harder compound tyre and made a few suspension changes so the car is more to my liking now.

Car 5 Gaurav Gill/Glen Macneall

I think we had a wrong tyre choice, our tyres gave up less than midway, but never the less we have a comfortable lead in APRC which is important for the team.

Car 6 Brendan Reeves /Rhianon Smyth

I'm pushing hard but the results just aren't showing yet, should have grooved the tyres.

Car 7 Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon

Car has got a bit of a miss and we have to keep it up in the revs and it doesn't have the torque to drive out of the corners, it's just not our rally!

Car 8 Rifat Sungkar/Scott Beckwith

The brakes are ok now but we don't have first and second gear, we enjoyed the stage, it is wonderful

Car 9 Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox

A bit better than the first time but we have been off the pace all day so hopefully the time improved. It felt good in there, didn't have any moments except one little touch of a bank near the start.

Car 11 Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Good, very good

Car 12 Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

I thought we were going far faster this afternoon but it's only a few seconds! Thought we would have been a minute faster in that last one but it was only three seconds.

Car 14 Emma Gilmour/Ben Atkinson

We are happier, seconds per kilometre we are closer to Hayden, and Ben and I are starting to gel a bit better together.

Car 15 Chris West/Chris Cobham

Just struggling on the tight stuff for some reason, just can't get the speed, so we are sort of like a yo-yo backwards and forwards, but the car is good.

Car 16 Richard Mason/Sara Mason

The times are away, we are trying a few things with suspension and the like, but we just haven't been able to hit the nail on the head this weekend.

Car 17 Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

Isn't it amazing how close this championship is, 10 seconds can be the difference between 3rd and 6th?

Car 18 Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read

We had our sights set on Emma this afternoon but she has disappeared into the distance, so now we are aiming for third, so we will be doing everything humanly possible to keep Westy behind.

Car 19 Kieran Hall/James Kibble

I'm starting to drive the car a lot straighter and use the diff how I should, which makes a huge difference.

Car 20 Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden

Getting pretty good, road is pretty swept compared to this morning and it has dried out a lot too.

Car 21 Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward

We are really close to those guys up the front, we are back where we should be and I am a lot happier.

Car 22 Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

A lot better than the first run, we are on the right tyres for the job, so we are still trying to close up the time we lost this morning

Car 23 Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay

Found a bit of fun so the golf clubs are out the back of the shed and we will stick with the car for a while! Far more predictable this time around, driving with a lot more confidence and a lot of fun, dunno if the time was that flash but I don't do it for a living!!

Car 25 Jouni Arolainen/Matti-Jussi Partanen

A little bit better, but not what I expected, the roads are so difficult with those cambers.

Car 27 Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

We've got some confidence back this afternoon, took about 40 seconds off the last stage and we were flying in there.

Car 28 Phil Campbell/Venita Fabbro

It seems to be a lot better, getting a lot more confident and hopefully faster than we were this morning.

Car 29 Daniel Palau/Thierry Song

Very fast, good stage, very happy, good time. Driver has good feeling with the car now, it is a new car for us.

Car 30 Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley

Cool, that was a lovely stage, dried out a lot, a lot faster and a lot more committed,

Car 41 Geof Argyle/Phillip Deakin

No brakes at all, pedal to the floor, working the handbrake. Very exciting

Car 42 Alex Kelsey/Raymond Bennett

That was a good one, road is perfect, heaps and heaps of grip.

Car 43 Marcus van Klink/Matt Richards

That was one wild ride, man that was awesome! Don't know how we stayed on the road, but just fantastic

Car 44 Ian Wood/Heather Wise

Good, a lot drier this time, but still fast

Car 45 Piran Pigneguy/Ric Chalmers

Rolled in stage, reports of heavy damage

Car 46 Dylan Turner/Rob Scott

Pretty good, couple of scary crests though that bounce the car off a bit, bit rusty though, been a long time since I drove fast.

Car 47 Regan Ross/Darren Galbraith

Really good, road is a bit like a highway, hard and lots of grip

Car 48 Brendan Oakden/Natasha Oakden

(Damage to right rear) just came round a left hander and it tightened more than I thought, we were going a bit quick to try and make up some time and just collected a strainer post on the right rear

Car 49 Andrew Phillips/Michelle Mitchell

She's a little bit better but it is still a struggle, the car is feeling a lot better now but we are not doing quick times, that's for real

Car 50 Kirsty Nelson/Aaron Conaghan

Quite good, much faster which was exciting

Car 51 Nicola Burley/Joelle Eyre

A lot better, getting everything sorted

Car 53 Justin Glavish/Michele Brunt

Awesome is pretty much all I can say about that

Car 54 Matt Summerfield/Dave Neill

No front brakes

Car 57 Simon Bell/Warwick Martin

(Doing his best European accent) The suspension is not right, the team messed it up, it's not right. Just not happy eh? (laughing)