Brendo has had his first drive of Emma Gilmour's Subaru that he will drive in this weekend's Rally Whangarei. A test session just south of Auckland yesterday went very well, with the mechanics altering the set up of the car to suit Brendo's driving style.

As Glen Weston doesn't arrive in New Zealand until tomorrow (Tuesday), Rhianon co-drove for Brendo, before Glenn Macneall hopped into the passenger seat.

"The test road was only short but was in awesome condition considering the rain we had yesterday," Brendo said.

"We used old Pirelli's all day and they were very impressive even by the last run of the day."

Today the team will make some final adjustments to the car before heading north to Whangarei on Tuesday morning.

Visit Brendo's Gallery to see photos of the test day.