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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Rentsch duo wrangles 4<sup>th</sup> Tatts Finke Desert Race Title in 2015**

The Victorian son and father duo of Shannon and Ian Rentsch in the #1 JIMCO Buggy Nissan 3500cc machine have taken victory in the 2015 Tatts Finke Desert Race to claim their 4<sup>th</sup> "King of the Desert" title.

Their previous victories were in 2005, 2006 and last year, 2014.

The Rentsch's were second yesterday into the overnight stop at Finke, but stormed into the lead today when the Jack Rhodes/David Pullino #91 JIMCO Aussie Special Nissan 3500cc suffered a flat tyre at the 110 kilometre mark today.

The winning Rentsch team time for the total 452 kilometre race distance was 3 hours 42 minutes 20 seconds. Last year (2014) their winning time was 3 hours 37 minutes and 2 seconds.

In second place the Rhodes/Pullino time was 3 hours 49 minutes 1 second.

Coming home in third position was the #3 Geiser Brothers Trophy Truck of West Australian Beau Robinson and Matt Hanson in a time of 4 hours 2 minutes 33 seconds.

The Robinson drive was impressive given that he had prologued in 16<sup>th</sup> place and Matt Hanson had substituted as co- driver when his regular team mate Ken Skinner was forced to withdraw with back problems.

Hanson had become available for the stand-in role when his #7 PRO Buggy Jimco Nissan 3500cc blew an engine in prologue.

Third into Finke last night the Alice Springs crew of Chris Coulthard/Robert Hawker in the #88 PRO Jimco 2000 Chev 6000cc. finished today in 10<sup>th</sup> position.

Full results on the event web site: [www.finkedesertrace.com.au](http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au)

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