



**AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST DESERT RACE  
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**TOBY PRICE – CHAOTIC BUILD-UP TO 2017 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE**

With just a few days to go before the start of the 2017 Tatts Finke Desert Race reigning bike 'King of the Desert' Toby Price concedes that the build up to this year's has been less than ideal.

Price, who remains tied with record holder Randall Gregory with five Finke wins in the motorcycle division, is not competing on two wheels this year as a result of not being fully recovered from injuries suffered at this year's Dakar event.

However, he will be at the iconic Finke event with this year's aim being an overall win and Extreme 2WD class win in a Geiser Brothers built Trophy Truck.

Following the challenges of sourcing a Trophy Truck on Australian shores, Price and his team have been able to air freight a Trophy Truck from the United States of America just in time for the event.

Talking today Price reflected on his chaotic build up to the event:

'There's been a lot of chaos around the Finke Desert Race. The original plan was to ride the bike and drive the truck again, but unfortunately my leg isn't quite ready for the strain on the bike. I didn't want to miss racing at Finke so we got our hands on a Trophy Truck out of the United States. It's been a long process but we've put the pieces together. Owlpine Group has managed to pull it all together for us and fortunately we will get to the start line for Finke on 4-wheels. I would like to give a massive thank you to all the sponsors that have come on board to make this happen for me'.

Price, who 'did the double' at last year's Tatts Finke Desert Race won on his KTM in the bike division and finished second outright in his inaugural 4 wheel drive Trophy Truck drive.

The Tatts Finke Desert Race will be held from 9-12 June 2017.

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