



AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST DESERT RACE
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 9 – 12 JUNE 2017

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Prologue Cars 2017

TRAVIS ROBINSON PROLOGUES FASTEST AHEAD OF 2017 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE

West Australian Travis Robinson and Trent Anthony (#13 Jimco OBR Nissan 3500cc) has blitzed the 130 strong car field in Prologue to decide the start order tomorrow for the 2017 Tatts Finke Desert Race.

Robinson took 'pole' with a remarkable time of 4 minutes 50.1 seconds around the 8.3 kilometre prologue track as compared to last year's fastest lap of 5 minutes and 12 seconds achieved by Jack Rhodes.

Second fastest today was the son and father team of Victorians Shannon and Ian Rentsch (four time Tatts Finke Desert Race winners 2005, 2006, 2014, 2015) in their #33 Jimco Nissan 3500cc with a time of 4 minutes 53.4 seconds.

In third place it was South Australians Jack Rhodes and David Pullino (#1 Jimco Aussie Special Nissan 3500cc) who stopped the clock at 4 minutes 55.5 seconds ahead of the fourth fastest crew of Beau Robinson/Shane Hutt (#413 Geiser Bros Trophy Truck Chev 6000cc) with a time of 4 minutes 59.5 seconds. Beau Robinson was on the podium at the 2016 Tatts Finke Desert race coming home outright third.

Fifth fastest in today's prologue was the #410 Ford F150 5900cc machine of South Australian crew Greg Gartner and Jamie Jennings (2011 Tatts Finke Desert Race winner) with a time of five minutes 0.5 seconds with fellow South Australians Brad Gallard/Scott Modistach (#454 Geiser Trophy Truck 6000cc) in sixth with a time of 5 minutes 1.1 seconds

Dakar and Finke two-wheel champion Toby Price/Luke Henry who placed second last year in his inaugural Tatts Finke Desert Race four wheel campaign was seventh fastest today with a time of 5 minutes 2.6 seconds in the #487 Geiser 2015 Chev 6000cc machine recently imported from the USA.



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Rounding out the top ten fastest in Prologue were #88 Chris Coulthard/Robert Hawker (Jimco 2000 Chev 6000cc) in 8th, #135 Andrew Moles/Mathew Morgan (Razorback 2010 Nissan 3500cc) in ninth, and #21 Mark Burrows/Colin Hodge (Jimco 2012 Holden) tenth fastest.

Last year's Tatts Finke Desert Race winning car crew of Glenn Owen/Mathew Ryan prologued today in 11th position.

Tomorrow's (Sunday June 11, 2017) race for cars commences at 7.15am for leg 1 of the event that takes the field 226 kilometres from the Alice Springs start to the overnight stop at Finke before returning to Alice Springs on Monday June 12.

Full results on the event web site: www.finkedesertrace.com.au

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