



**AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST DESERT RACE
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 8 – 11 JUNE 2018**

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Record Numbers in Record Time

The first race milestone has been met for this year's Tatts Finke Desert Race, with bike entries declared full within five hours of them being open.

"While there's always a lot of anticipation around how many you'll get in the first few hours, to be full before 2pm was definitely a welcomed surprise" said Race President Antony Yoffa.

Riders still entering need not despair, as in previous years the official waitlist for the event is still taking entries.

"Any competitor who enters after entries are full will go on to the event's waitlist, so when someone pulls out, the next person comes in".

Victoria has strong representation with 23% of total competitors followed by Queensland and South Australia each with 18%. Local competitors make up 10% of competitors now entered.

There are two previous Kings of the Desert competing this year.

Toby Price is making a return to the bike section after breaking his femur in Dakar 2017 saw him confined to only competing in the car section of the event last year.

Four time winner Ben Grabham is making a return after three years away, having not competed in the event since 2014.

Entries will continue to be accepted onto the waitlist until Friday 27th April.

Car and buggy entries are set to open in March.

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