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PRICE ON TRACK FOR SIXTH TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE TITLE

Five-time King of the Desert, **Toby Price** (#295 - *KTM 500 EXC-F*), has set the fastest lap time on the 8.3km Prologue track today putting him on course for a record-breaking sixth Tatts Finke Desert Race title.

The 2016 Dakar champion will attempt the Iron Man Finke Double at this year's event, aiming to make history by winning both car and bike categories. He will start fourth in the car division.

Price edged out 2017 runner-up **Ivan Long** (#2 - *Husqvarna FE 450*) by just four tenths of a second, with both riders setting a remarkable sub-five minute lap of the track.

Crowd-favourite **Jacob Smith** (#298 - *Honda CRF480R*) came in third in his tenth Finke campaign with Alice Springs local **Luke Hayes** (#3 - *KTM 500 EXC-F*) just 1.9 seconds behind him in fourth position.

Sam Davie (#5 - *Husqvarna FE 501*) prologued in fifth position followed by fellow-Victorian **Nathan Trigg** (#6 - *Sherco 450 SEF*) in sixth place, while South Australians **Kent Collins** (#4 - *KTM 500 EXC-F*) and **Danny Leane** (#13 - *Husqvarna FE 450*) finished in seventh and eighth respectively.

Four-time Finke winner, **Ben Grabham** (#698 - *Beta RR 480*) was a surprise inclusion in the top ten, setting the ninth fastest time. The Bathurst local is back to compete in this year's event after a three-year hiatus.

Victoria's **Callum Norton** (#X98 - *Honda CRF 450R*) rounded out the top ten with a lap time of 5 minutes, 14.6 seconds.

Local favourite **David Walsh** (#299 - *KTM 500 EXC-F*) had a disappointing run prologuing in 28th position ahead of tomorrow's highly-anticipated 2018 edition of the iconic event.

AFL legend and regular Tatts Finke Desert Race competitor, **Tony 'Plugger' Lockett** (#894 - *KTM 500 EXC-F*) prologued in 397th position out of the 583 bikes that started today.

Full results for the bikes Prologue can be found via finkedesertrace.com.au





AUSTRALIA'S ULTIMATE DESERT RACE **JUNE 8-11, 2018**

The lights will go out for leg one of the bikes event at the 2018 Tatts Finke Desert Race at 11.45am tomorrow. The field will travel 226km to Finke before returning on Monday to crown the 2018 King of the Desert.

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