



AUSTRALIA'S ULTIMATE DESERT RACE
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 5 - 8 JUNE 2020

2020 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE

A GUIDE TO ROLES OF VOLUNTEERS

The Finke Desert Race has been run annually in Central Australia for more than 40 years. Throughout this time, this now internationally renowned event has been a community run event organized and operated by volunteers with support from only a handful part-time paid staff (specifically in the administration and information technology departments). 2019 saw 300+ registered volunteers. Many of these are Alice Springs residents, however, many come from other parts of Australia ... sometimes on an annual basis. Our volunteers bring a huge range of knowledge, skills and experience to the event... and we couldn't do it without them all!

Anyone can volunteer and there are no prerequisites required for many of the tasks. While some jobs require training and accreditation (e.g. becoming a scrutineer) there are many that don't (e.g. car park attendants, catering etc.). Team Leaders will make sure that volunteers are competent and comfortable to fill their roles and where necessary, training will be provided and briefings will be arranged.

Most of the following roles relate to tasks over Race Weekend (e.g. marshals) however, some cover the week prior to the race (e.g. registration and scrutineering), with others like track maintenance and marking extend over weeks or months prior to the race.

The following list is a snapshot to give potential volunteers a feel for the volunteer help that is needed. In practice, there is usually a lot of flexibility – e.g. a volunteer flag marshal does not have to be there all three race days - providing the Volunteer Co-ordinator or Team Leader knows who is expected when. Some volunteers may have two or more roles – e.g. one in registration week and another on race days.

The Finke Desert Race Club welcomes everyone – motorsport enthusiasts or not – to come and immerse themselves in the “behind the scenes” aspects of our event and join the “Finke Family”.

When days are referenced below, please use the following dates for 2020 as follows:

Race Week

- Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 June 2020 – Competitor & Volunteer Sign On 11am-6pm
 - Thursday 4 June 2020 – Finke Street Party and Night Markets
 - Friday 5 June 2020 - Scrutineering
 - Saturday 6 June 2020 – Prologue
 - Sunday 7 June 2020 – Race Day 1 (Alice Springs to Finke)
 - Monday 8 June 2020 – Race Day 2 (Finke to Alice Springs) & Presentation Night
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ALICE SPRINGS

Finke Street Party and Night Markets (lawns of the Alice Springs Town Council – in town)

- Assist with signage, sponsor fencing & drivers/riders signing table
 - Assist with light tower/scissor lift movements
 - Assist Site Manager/Event Organisers with any other duties as required
 - Required for Bump In from 1pm Thursday – Bump Out at 9pm (shifts available throughout time period).
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START/FINISH LINE (Alice Springs)

Catering:

- Assist in preparation and cooking of food for the volunteers at the S/F line
- Required: Friday evening BBQ, Saturday, Sunday and Monday breakfast, lunch and evening meal
- 4 Volunteers

Event Information (CRO)

- Assist with enquiries regarding competitor information during the event
- Lost property
- Sign off competitors with return of transponders
- Required: Saturday, Sunday and Monday all day
- 4 Volunteers

Flag Marshals

- Saturday Prologue track 4 teams of two at designated positions
- Sunday Race Day 1 2 teams of two in start loop
- Monday Race Day 2 1 team of two in finish loop
- Required Saturday all day
- Required Sunday 0730-1430
- Required Monday 0930-1630
- 8 Volunteers

Line Up Marshalls

- Direct car and bike competitors to start line in correct starting order
- Required Saturday all day
- Required Sunday 0730-1400
- 12 Volunteers

Finish Line Marshalls

- Hand out water bottles to competitors
- Remove transponders from vehicles and bikes
- Required Monday 0930-1630
- 12 volunteers

Scorers

- Saturday Start and finish line for Prologue
- Sunday Start line
- Monday Finish line
- Required Saturday all day
- Required Sunday 0730-1400
- Required Monday 0930-1630
- 4 Volunteers

Bar

- Set up bar with ice and drinks
- Sell drinks handle money
- Pack down bar
- RSA preferable but not essential
- Required Friday 1500-2000
- Required Saturday, Sunday and Monday 1000-1600
- 6 Volunteers

Car Parking Attendants

- Direct spectator vehicles into car park
- Required Friday 1500-1800
- 4 Volunteers

Scrutineering Cars

- Check vehicles and competitor clothing to meet CAMS specifications and record details
- Check all competitor paperwork is correct
- Required Wednesday evening prior to event 1700-2100
- Required Friday prior to event 1500-2100
- 30-40 volunteers

Scrutineering Bikes

- Check bikes and rider clothing
- Check rider paperwork is correct
- Required Friday prior to event 1500-2100
- 40 volunteers

Competitor Registration

- Register all entrants (Bike and Car competitors) using computer program
- Hand out their competitor packs with all necessary information
- Sell any additional items if required
- Training in the software will be conducted immediately prior to opening registration
- Required Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 0900-1730
- 8-10 volunteers

Volunteer Registration

- Register all volunteers using computer program
- Hand out volunteer packs
- Supply and register volunteer vests to all
- Required Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 0900-1730
- 2-3 volunteers

Set up Start/Finish line

- Assist with signage and sponsor fencing
- Set up Media centre
- Assist with competitor and volunteer registration set up
- Assist Site Manager with any other duties as required
- Required from Tuesday prior to event
- 4 volunteers

Race Control

- Assist with various duties in Race control, may need CAMS or MA licences, if interested contact volunteer coordinator for more information
- Saturday, Sunday and Monday 0700-1800

Administration Assistants

- Prior to event assist with photocopying
 - Distribution of programs
 - Distribution of Sponsors packs
 - Assist with any other duties as required
 - Required approx 2-3 weeks prior to event as necessary
 - 2 volunteers
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DOWN THE TRACK

Finke Checkpoint

- Travel to Finke Friday recommended
- Must be available to camp out over weekend
- Attend Checkpoint briefing/training prior to event
- Empty container and set up checkpoint, phones, computer, printers etc
- Set up sponsors signage and area for officials
- Open showers and ensure catering arrangements are organised
- Meet planes on arrival from Alice Springs with Officials and Media
- Mark Start/Finish line with appropriate temporary fencing, supplied, ensure flag marshals are in position
- Organise water distribution for competitors
- Record all competitors through the checkpoint
- Work with St John personnel and Sweep vehicles in your location
- Line competitors up for start on Monday morning
- Pack down checkpoint prior to departure
- Fuel vouchers will be supplied
- 20-30 volunteers

Deep Well, Rodinga and Bundooma Checkpoints

- Must be available to camp out from Saturday to the Monday
- Attend Checkpoint briefing/ training prior to event
- On arrival set up checkpoint with necessary equipment and signage supplied
- During race record all competitor numbers through checkpoint
- Communicate by phone, UHF radio or computer any race related incidents
- Work with St John personnel and Sweep vehicles in your location

- Fuel vouchers will be supplied
- 6 volunteers

Deep Well and Rodinga Road Closures

- Manage road closure
- Set up signage in correct position
- Traffic Management qualification essential
- 4-6 volunteers

Fuel Stops

- Three Fuel stops located at 68kms, 116kms and 172kms
- Must be available to camp out from Saturday to the Monday
- Fuel is transported to all fuel stops by organisers as per entry requirements
- Open container and set up as instructed
- All necessary paperwork is supplied
- Refuel cars and bikes as instructed
- Pack up site after event as instructed
- Fuel vouchers will be supplied
- 6-8 volunteers per location

Sweep Vehicles

- Must be available to camp out from Saturday to the Monday for most locations
- Length of each section is approx 40kms
- Two people per vehicle over 16 years
- Traverse racetrack following last vehicle or bike
- Ensure racetrack is clear and report any areas of interest to Race control
- May need to clear track of debris and transport competitor to next checkpoint
- Ensure all incidents are logged and communicate with Recovery team if a bike requires pick up
- Attend briefing/training prior to event
- Fuel vouchers will be supplied
- 20 volunteers

Recovery Vehicles

- Must be available to camp out from Saturday to the Monday
- Recovery vehicles traverse approx 120 kms of access road and collect bikes and or competitors as required
- Two people per vehicle over 16 years
- Communicate with sweep team to ensure no bike is left on track
- Attend briefing/training prior to event
- Fuel vouchers will be supplied
- 6 volunteers

Track Marking

- Prior to event approx. 2 months
- Repair and mark sections as required instructions from Track Manager
- All necessary equipment is supplied
- Fuel vouchers supplied
- 6 volunteers