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100 days to go and at full capacity for the 2022 Tatts Finke Desert Race

With 100 days to go, 2022 Tatts Finke Desert Race marked a major milestone seeing 165 car competitors filling up the entry list yesterday.

This year's event will see the introduction of a level of driver competency after entry changes were announced in December 2021. Drivers will need to have competed in past Finke Desert Races or, have either completed a minimum of two AORC rounds within the last 24 months, scored outright AORC points in a round of the previous season or meet 100 points on a checklist.

Tatts Finke Race Desert Race President Antony Yoffa said the 46th running of the event over 452kms is set to be one of the most competitive yet.

"It's fantastic to once again see interest peak in the car category with all 165 spots quickly filling up on Tuesday ahead of the race in June."

"With last years event impacted by COVID restrictions on some interstate competitors, this year will see an unrestricted car field in Round 3 of the expanded Australian Off Road Championship,

"We are delighted to welcome back eight of our past nine King of the Desert's, including Toby Price who will be looking to go back-to-back in the cars but will face stiff competition from six-time winner Shannon Rentsch, who returns to Finke after a three-year hiatus," said Mr Yoffa.

Kings of the Desert whose entry is confirmed include six-time bike winner and 2021 Car King of the Desert Toby Price, six-time winner Shannon Rentsch (2005, 2006, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018) five-time winners David Fellows (2001, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010) and Mark Burrows (1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003), Hayden Bentley (2007 and 2013), Greg Gartner (2011), Glenn Owen (2016) and Brad Gallard (2012).

Entries will be accepted and if necessary, placed onto the waitlist until Sunday 24 April, 2022.

The 2022 Tatts Finke Desert Race will be held in Alice Springs on the Queen's Birthday weekend from 10-13 June, 2022.

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