



**AUSTRALIA'S ULTIMATE DESERT RACE  
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 6 - 9 JUNE 2025**

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**2025 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE  
A GUIDE FOR VOLUNTEERS**

“The Finke” as it is commonly called has been run annually in Central Australia for 48 years. This an internationally renowned event has been community run organized and operated by volunteers with support from a handful of paid part-time staff (specifically in the administration and information technology departments). 2024 saw 325 registered volunteers. The majority of these are Alice Springs residents, however, a significant number come from other parts of Australia – sometimes on an annual basis. Our volunteers bring a vast range of knowledge, skills, and experience to the event... and we couldn't do it without them!

Anyone can volunteer and there are no prerequisites required for many of the roles. While some require training and accreditation (e.g. scrutineering) there are many that don't (e.g. car park attendants, catering etc.). Team Leaders will ensure that volunteers are competent and comfortable in their roles and where necessary, training will be provided, and briefings arranged.

Most of the roles relate to tasks over race weekend however, some cover the week prior to the race, with others like track maintenance and marking which extend over the months and weeks prior.

The following list is intended to give potential volunteers a feel for the help that is required. There is usually a lot of flexibility – e.g. the Flag Marshal is not required to volunteer for all three race days – providing the Volunteer Co-ordinator or Team Leader is aware of who is expected where and when. Some volunteers may have two or more roles – e.g. one in registration week and another on the race days.

The Finke Desert Race 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”.

**Race Week 2025**

- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2025 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 (10.30am to 6.00pm)**  
Competitor & Volunteer Sign-on
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
Scrutineering
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
Prologue
- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
Race Day 1 (Alice Springs to Finke)
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
Race Day 2 (Finke to Alice Springs) & Presentation Night

**Bar (6 volunteers required)**

Friday 6th June, 2025 (3.00pm – 8.00pm)

Saturday 7th June, 2025 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

Sunday 8th June, 2025 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

Monday 9th June, 2025 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

- Set up and pack down bar
- RSA essential (proof to be provided)
- Selling of drinks and money handling

**Bike Scrutineering (20 volunteers required)**

Friday 6th June, 2025 (3.00pm – 9.00pm)

- Check bikes and rider clothing
- Check rider paperwork is correct

**Car Parking Attendants (4 volunteers required)**

Friday 6th June, 2025 (3.00pm – 6.00pm)

- Direct spectator vehicles into car park

**Car Scrutineering (20 volunteers required)**

Friday 6th June, 2025 (3.00pm – 9.00pm)

- Check vehicles and competitor clothing to meet CAMS specifications and record details
- Check all competitor paperwork is correct

**Catering (up to 10 volunteers required)**

Friday 6th June, 2025 (3.00pm – 8.00pm)

Saturday 7th June, 2025 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

Sunday 8th June, 2025 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

Monday 9th June, 2025 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

- Assist in preparation and cooking of food for the volunteers at the Start / Finish line
- Required for Friday evening BBQ, Saturday, Sunday and Monday breakfast, lunch and evening meal (shifts available)

**Competitor Registration (10 volunteers required)**

Tuesday 3rd June, 2025 (9.00am – 5.30pm)

Wednesday 4th June, 2025 (9.00am – 5.30pm)

Thursday 5th June, 2025 (9.00am – 5.30pm)

- Register all entrants (Bike and Car competitors) using computer program
- Hand out their competitor packs with all necessary information
- Sell additional items as required
- Training in the software will be conducted immediately before registration opening

**Deep Well, Rodinga and Bundooma, Mt Squires Checkpoints (6 volunteers required)**

Saturday 7th June, 2025 to Monday 9th June, 2025

- Must be available to camp
- 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

**Event Information (6 volunteers required)**

Friday 6th June, 2025 (3.00pm – 8.00pm)

Saturday 7th June, 2025 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

Sunday 8th June, 2025 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

Monday 9th June, 2025 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

- 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

**Finish Line Marshals (12 volunteers required)**

Monday 9th June, 2025 (9.30am – 4.30pm)

- Hand out water bottles to finishing competitors
- Remove transponders from vehicles and bikes

**Finke Checkpoint (20 – 30 volunteers required)**

Friday 6th June, 2025 to Monday 9th June, 2025

- Travel to Finke Friday
- 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

**Flag Marshals (15 volunteers required)**

Saturday 7th June, 2025 (all day – shifts available)

Sunday 8th June, 2025 (7.30am – 2.30pm)

Monday 9th June, 2025 (9.30am – 4.30pm)

- Wave different coloured flags to communicate and direct competitors

**Fuel Stops (6 – 8 volunteers required per location)**

Saturday 7th June, 2025 to Monday 9th June, 2025

- The three fuel stops are located at 62kms, 115kms and 169kms
- Must be available to camp
- 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

**Gate Attendants (10 required)**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June: 3.00pm – 9.00pm

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June: 6.30am – 2.30pm

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June: 6.30am – 12.30pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June: 6.30am – 12.30pm

(Various Shifts Available)

- Process payments for people entering the spectator zone
- Sell all weekend passes and event programs
- Validate prepaid tickets
- Provide advice to visitors on the event as required

**Line Up Marshals (12 volunteers required)**

Saturday 7th June, 2025 (all day – shifts available)

Sunday 8th June, 2025 (7.30am – 2.30pm)

- Direct car and bike competitors to start line in correct starting order

**Scorers (10 volunteers required)**

Saturday 7th June, 2025 (all day – shifts available)

Sunday 8th June, 2025 (7.30am – 2.30pm)

Monday 9th June, 2025 (9.30am – 4.30pm)

- Carry out manual scoring for cars and bikes

**Set up at Start / Finish Line (4 volunteers required)**

Tuesday 5th June, 2025 (9.00am – 5.30pm)

- 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

**Sweep Vehicles / Recovery Vehicles (20-30 volunteers required)**

Saturday 7th June, 2025 to Monday 9th June, 2025

- Must be available to camp
- Must be available to camp out from Saturday to the Monday for most locations
- Recovery vehicles traverse approx. 120 kms of access road and collect bikes and or competitors as required
- 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 communicated with Recovery Team if a bike requires pick up
- Attend briefing/training prior to event
- Fuel vouchers will be supplied

**Track Marking (6 volunteers required)**

Approximately two months prior to the event

- Repair and mark sections as required instructions from Track Manager
- All necessary equipment is supplied
- Fuel vouchers supplied

**Volunteer Registration (4 volunteers required)**

Tuesday 3rd June, 2025 (9.00am – 5.30pm)

Wednesday 4th June, 2025 (9.00am – 5.30pm)

Thursday 5th June, 2025 (9.00am – 5.30pm)

- Register volunteers
- Hand out volunteer packs
- Supply and register volunteer vests to all volunteers

***Information is correct at time of publication and may be subject to change without notice.***