

**Monday 15 January, 2024**

## **2024 Tatts Finke Desert Race Bike Entry Date Confirmed**

The Finke Desert Race today announced the bike competitor entry opening date for the 2024 edition of Australia's Ultimate desert race.

Bike entries open on Tuesday 30 January 2024, with the 2024 Tatts Finke Desert Race set to run from June 7 to 10 in Alice Springs, coinciding with the Kings Birthday weekend.

There will once again be a maximum number of 650 entries available for the bikes category with additional registrants placed on a waitlist in order of receipt.

2024 also marks the 25<sup>th</sup> year of Tatts being the major partner of the event, a huge milestone in a period that has seen the event grow considerably across Australia.

2023 winner and four-time consecutive King of the Desert David Walsh has confirmed he will once again be competing in this year's bike category.

Walsh is eager to defend his crown at this year's event, where he will seek to win his fifth consecutive Finke title.

"I'm pumped at the thought of racing Finke again, it's always an amazing weekend for the competitors and the spectators who all love the event so much.

"Being able to win four in a row last year was an amazing feeling, so hopefully I can go again this year and make it five on the trot".

If Walsh was able to complete the unbelievable feat, it would equal CR500 legend Randall Gregory's record of five consecutive Finke victories in the bikes category from 1991 to 1995.

Four-time King of the Desert Ben Grabham and 2006 King of the Desert Ryan Branford have also confirmed they will be racing again, along with 2023 runner up Callum Norton who will be looking to go one step further in 2024.

Long serving Finke Desert Race Committee President, Antony Yoffa says he is looking forward to welcoming the bikes for this year's event and predicts it to be a tough field once again in 2024.

"It's exciting to already have such big names in David Walsh, Ben Grabham, Ryan Branford and Callum Norton confirmed for the bikes category this year.

"It's an incredible feat that David has been able to achieve in winning the last four King of the Desert crowns, but there will be plenty of competition hot on his heels this year to take the coveted title. It will be a great watch".

Bike entries will open on Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 9.30am Australian Central Standard Time through the website, [finkedesertrace.com.au](http://finkedesertrace.com.au) .

The 2024 Tatts Finke Desert Race will be held in Alice Springs from 7-10 June, 2024.

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