



**AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST DESERT RACE**  
**QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 10-13 JUNE 2016**

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**NO STOPPING TOBY PRICE AND KTM ON DAY ONE OF TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE**

Toby Price from Aberglasslyn in NSW has again dominated the bikes on Day 1 of the 2016 Tatts Finke Desert Race by blitzing the field in the 226 kilometre run down to Finke from the Alice Springs start.

Price, who had just flown back to the start line after completing the course in a Trophy Truck (placing 5th) started in the bike division from pole after setting the fastest time in prologue yesterday.

His time today on the bike (#1 KTM 500 EXC) was a super quick 1 hour 53 minutes and 19 seconds as compared to his Day 1 run last year when he recorded a time of 1 hour 54 minutes 45 seconds.

Second into Finke 2 minutes and 34 seconds behind the time set by Price was Tye Simmonds (#2 KTM 500 EXC) from Bourke in NSW with a time of 1 hour 55 minutes and 53 seconds.

Making for a day of total KTM domination, Alice Springs rider David Walsh (#299 KTM 500 EXC) was third in with a time of 1 hour 57 minutes and 7 seconds.

Price was never headed during his run on the track today while into the first checkpoint (Deep Well 68 kilometres from the start) it was Price, David Walsh and Tye Simmonds.

At the second checkpoint (Rodinga 98 kilometres from the start) and the third check point Bundooma (140 kilometres from the start) the order remained the same.

But at the Mt Squires checkpoint (172 kilometres from the start) Simmonds had overtaken Walsh into the second spot holding that position until the Finke finish.

Coming home in fourth was Alice Springs rider Daymon Stokie (#X99 Honda CRF 450 R) in a time of 1 hour 57 minutes and 25 seconds.

Fifth was Ivan Long from Murray Bridge, South Australia (#6 KTM 500 EXC) in a time of 2 hours and 53 seconds.

Sixth place was filled by Jacob Smith from Condobolin in NSW (#4 Honda CRF 450 R) in a time of 2 hours 1 minute and 26 seconds.

After camping overnight the bike field will leave Finke tomorrow (Monday June 13) at (11.30 am CST) for the run home to Alice Springs with the first bikes expected to arrive at approx. 1.45 pm CST.

Full results on the event web site: [www.finkedesertrace.com.au](http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au)

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