



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

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TOBY PRICE MAKES PERFECT START IN QUEST FOR FIVE TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE TITLES

Toby Price from Aberglasslyn in NSW has made the perfect start in his attempt to equal the most wins by a rider in the Tatts Finke Desert Race.

Already a four time Finke winner (2015, 2014, 2012, 2010) Price qualified fastest today on his #1 KTM 500 EXC with a time of 4 minutes and 58 seconds.

His lap of the 8.3 kilometres Prologue track gave him an eight second margin over Alice Springs (NT) rider Daymon Stokie on the #X99 Honda CRF 450R who took 5 minutes and 6 seconds to cover the distance.

It was another Honda that tied for third fastest, namely that of Jacob Smith from Condobolin in NSW on the #4 Honda CRF 450R who together with Tye Simmonds from Bourke in NSW on KTM 500 EXC bike #2 registered times of 5 minutes and 8 seconds.

Price, who is also the reigning Dakar bike champion, hopes to equal the record five wins achieved in the Finke Desert Race by Randall Gregory who took the chequered flag in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995.

Adding to the 'degree of difficulty' for Price is the fact that he is attempting the 'iron man double' by contesting both bike and car divisions in this year's race.

Before starting the bike event, Price will have hopefully finished the first leg of the car division in the #487 Geiser Brothers Trophy Truck Chev 6000cc requiring him to fly back from Finke to the start to prepare himself for the 2-wheel contest.

Tomorrow's (Sunday June 12, 2016) race for bikes commences at 11.30 am for leg 1 of the event that takes the field 226 kilometres from the Alice Springs start to the overnight stop at Finke before returning to Alice Springs on Monday June 13.

Full results on the event web site: www.finkedesertrace.com.au

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