



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

JACK RHODES RACES TO HIS THIRD "POLE" IN 2016 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE

The South Australian crew of Jack Rhodes and David Pullino aboard their Jimco Aussie Special Nissan 3500cc #91 have set the fastest time in Prologue ahead of tomorrow's start of the 2016 Tatts Finke Desert Race.

It is the third time that Rhodes has been fastest around the 8.3 kilometre Prologue track having also achieved the feat in 2015 (again with David Pullino) and in 2012 with navigator Craig Mattingly.

The time set by Rhodes/Pullino this year was 5 minutes and 12 seconds as compared to a time of 5 minutes 3 seconds.

Second fastest today was last year's Tatts Finke Desert Race winners, the son and father duo of Shannon and Ian Rentsch from Victoria in the #1 Jimco Buggy Nissan 3500cc with a time of 5 minutes and 16 seconds.

Shannon and Ian Rentsch are four time Tatts Finke Desert race winners having also won the classic desert race in 2005, 2006, and 2014.

Placing third in today's Prologue were West Australians Beau Robinson and Stephen Ketteridge-Hall in their Geiser Brothers Trophy truck Chev 6000cc #413 with a time of 5 minutes and 19 seconds.

Dakar winner and four time Tatts Finke Desert Race bike winner Toby Price and Kyle Pfitzner in the #487 Geiser Brothers Trophy Truck Chev 6000cc were 18th fastest in today's Prologue with a time of 5 minutes and 36 seconds.

Price, who is attempting the 'iron man' double in the year's event by racing in both the bike and car divisions, had a less than desirable start to the event when he rolled the vehicle yesterday in pre-running as a result of a suspected suspension failure.

During the car section of the Prologue at the Tatts Finke Desert Race, Car 94 with Tanner James and Adrian Lucey on board was involved in an accident. One of the team was injured and was transferred to Alice Springs Hospital by St John Ambulance in a serious but stable condition. No further details will be released.

Tomorrow's (Sunday June 11, 2016) race for cars commences at 7.15am 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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