



**AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST DESERT RACE
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 9 – 12 JUNE 2017**

Entries Set to Open for Finke 2017

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Just one week until bike entries open and there is already a buzz in the Finke camp.

In the car section, this year's event is the 30th for the four wheelers. They entered the Finke in 1988 after 12 years as a bike only event. The engineering, horsepower and driving professionalism are the hallmarks of their participation and they are a critical part of this event.

"After his break through win in the 2016 event, we highly anticipate the return of Glen Owen to defend his King of the Desert crown," said Antony Yoffa, Finke President.

Along with his navigator Mathew Ryan, Glen was a winner by more than 8 minutes with second and third place separated by just 19 seconds. As Glen said at presentation night last year, "...this win was redemption for coming second by only six seconds in 1995."

After an accident ended his campaign in the Dakar Rally, Toby Price is looking to return to a track that he has dominated over the past seven years.

"Toby has won five titles and should he compete this year, he will attempt an unprecedented six wins. Only the great desert racer Randall Gregory who won five titles in a row (1991-95) is in the same league", said Mr Yoffa.

Last year's Finke saw three riders who finished in the top 20 (Price, Todd Smith and Rod Faggotter) compete in Dakar 2017.

The Tatts Finke Desert Race is Australia's Greatest Desert Race. It has a worldwide following on the web and attracts 15,000 spectators who line the 225km track on race weekend.

Great support from the NT Government, strong sponsor backing and a volunteer army who support the operation, make this a fabulous weekend.

"Take the opportunity to witness the very best in this sport".

Will Toby Price be fit to compete and if so will he attempt the double? Will we see a defending champion in either category take back to back victories or will we see the dawning of a new champion?

So many questions and only 19 weeks till race week...

Online entries for bikes open on Tuesday 31st January at www.finkedesertrace.com.au

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