

Toby Price Tops Finke Prologue

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Red Bull racer, Toby Price, has made the perfect start to his quest for his first ever King of the Desert title in the car category by recording the fastest time in Prologue today at the 2019 Tatts Finke Desert Race.

The six-time winner of the bike category has restricted himself to a cars-only tilt of the 2019 race, as he nurses his wrist back from injury sustained during his win of the Dakar Rally earlier this year.



Alongside Navigator, Jason Duncan, Price secured top spot in tomorrow's starting order for the

2019 Tatts Finke Desert Race with a blistering time of 4 minutes 41.5 seconds around the 8.3 kilometre Prologue track.

Price's time – set aboard the #487 Geiser Brothers Trophy Truck – was nearly three seconds quicker than last year's pole position time set by 2018 Kings of the Desert Shannon and Ian Rentsch, who were second fastest during today's session.

The Rentsch's were 3.8 seconds adrift of the pole setters, and will be gunning for a record seventh Tatts Finke Desert Race title.

Josh Howells and Eric Hume rounded out the top three in Prologue and will start tomorrow's 226 kilometre journey to Finke (Apatula) from third position.

Mirroring the events of Prologue last year, Jack Rhodes and David Pullino interrupted the session when they rolled their Jimco Aussie Special Nissan 3500cc.

The #91 entry caught alight but the flames were quickly extinguished by fellow competitors Ally Howells and Sean Marsden, who were near the scene after their car had broken down.



Rhodes and Pullino were podium finishers at last year's Tatts Finke Desert Race, taking the chequered flag in third.

Beau Robinson and Shane Hutt will start Race Day 1 from fourth position, alongside fellow Geiser Brothers Trophy Truck entry Brad Gallard and Scott Modistach in fifth.

[Full results for the 139-strong car field can be viewed here.](#)

The 2019 Tatts Finke Desert Race will begin when the lights go out for leg one of the car race tomorrow at 7.45am.

The 2019 Kings of the Desert for the car category will be crowned when the field completes their return journey from Finke to Alice Springs on Monday.

The 2019 Tatts Finke Desert Race will be held in Alice Springs on the Queen's Birthday weekend from 6-10 June 2019.

2019 is the 20th year of Tatts' naming-rights partnership of the Finke Desert Race.