



Good Morning Members,

The Annual General Meeting for Finke Desert Race Inc 2018 will be held **on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5.45pm for a 6pm start. The venue will be the CADO - Central Australian Development Office (Old Marrons Newsagency) 55 Todd Mall.**

### AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Previous Minutes**
4. **President's Report**
5. **Financial Report**
6. **Nominations for Committee Positions**

Chairperson (President), Secretary, Committee Member (2 positions)

7. **General Business**

Nominations for committee positions are required in writing to the Secretary by noon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December via email: [admin@finkedesertrace.com.au](mailto:admin@finkedesertrace.com.au). (Nomination Form attached)

Please RSVP via the office [admin@finkedesertrace.com.au](mailto:admin@finkedesertrace.com.au) and give me a call if you have any queries prior.

\*\*\*\*Note that memberships will **NOT** be available for purchase on the night. All current members included in this email are financial, and are not due for renewal until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 when reminders will be sent out. Any new memberships can be purchased online via our website <https://shop.finkedesertrace.com.au/>

The 2017 AGM Minutes are attached FYI

Kind Regards,

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2019 COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY (1) NOMINATOR, (2) SECONDER AND THE NOMINEE (Please PRINT)

I, being a current financial Member of Finke Desert Race Inc., hereby nominate:

(Given Names) (Family Name)

As a candidate for election to the Management Committee of Finke Desert Race Inc as:
(Please tick the appropriate available position below):

- Y Chairperson (President) [ ]
Y Secretary [ ]
Y Committee Member (2 positions) [ ]

Table with 2 columns: AGM Details, Rules of Nomination. AGM Details: Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 6pm, CADO (Central Aust Development Office), 55 Todd Mall, Alice Springs NT. Rules of Nomination: 1. All members of the committee must be financial members of Finke Desert Race Inc. 2. A committee member must be a member who is 18 years or over. 3. All nominations must be signed by the nominator & seconder, and the nominee must signify their willingness to stand for election. 4. A member may propose or second themselves and vote for themselves. 5. If a committee member is a competitor, they must express their intention to compete at the time of standing. 6. All nominations must be received by noon via email, Monday 10th December 2018 to: admin@finkedesertrace.com.au

(1) (Name of Nominator) (Signature of Nominator)

Date

I, being a current Member of Finke Desert Race Inc. hereby second the nomination.

(2) (Name of Seconder) (Signature of Seconder)

Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE (Please PRINT)

I, (Given Names) (Family Name)

being a current member of Finke Desert Race Inc. hereby consent to the nomination.

Date (Signature of Nominee)



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**Finke Desert Race Incorporated | 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Held:** Central Australian Development Office (CADO), Todd Mall  
Tuesday, 28 November 2017

**Meeting Opened:** 6:05pm

**Present:** Antony Yoffa, Damien Ryan, Claire Ryan, Daniel Sawyer, Deidre White, Glen Auricht, Rick Schembri, Tina Schembri, Josh Clarke & Sally Preece

**Apologies:** Kelsey Branford, Chris Devonport, Phillip Preece

**Previous AGM Minutes**

**Moved:** Claire Ryan  
**Seconded:** Damien Ryan  
**Accepted:** **Unanimously**

**President's Report**

*Report Tabled by Antony Yoffa, 2017 Finke Desert Race President.*

The 2017 Tatts Finke Desert Race was one that as organisers we were stumped. Why did so many competitors register for this year's event; only 42 fewer than the record of 875 competitors in the 40th Finke of 2015? Perhaps after all years of working to put this race in the forefront of peoples minds, it had finally paid off. To once again have a sell-out of bike places early on and then have an unprecedented number of car enquiries meant we were going to be busier than we ever could have imagined.

Once again a lot of talk was about our defending bike champion Toby Price. Would he have recovered well enough after a badly broken leg that put him out of Dakar 2017 just 5 months earlier? Would he do the double again as he had been suggesting? And could he go one better on four wheels than his shock second in 2016 when competing in the iron man category? This certainly kept plenty people guessing right up until race weekend.

In the car section, the Tatts Finke Desert Race was again a round of the Australian Off Road Championship (AORC); the 15th time out of 16 years. The championship included 4 rounds in 2017 after only three rounds in 2016. The reigning AORC champions were Jack Rhodes and David Pulino and the defending Kings of the Desert were Glenn Owen and Mathew Ryan.

The Kings of the Desert in the Car section were the father and son combination of Ian and Shannon Rentsch. This was the fifth time that Shannon has piloted to victory; each time with Ian as his navigator. Runners up were Beau Robinson teamed with Shane Hutt (Beau's highest placing after recording four 3rd place finishes) and in third place was the team of Jack Rhodes and David Pulino.

The King for the Desert for the Bike section was Daymon Stokie whose preparation was overshadowed by the expectation that followed David Walsh; the man most likely. Daymon became the first local rider



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to win Finke since 2006. He set off nearly six minutes behind overnight leader David Walsh only to pass him a short distance out of Finke. He was now race leader and held on for a comfortable victory. In second place was Ivan Long whose only podium finish previously was a 3rd in 2014. After a disastrous Day 1 where he rode on a flat tyre for 60kms and finished 5 minutes behind 3rd place, he produced the fastest return leg of all competitors to take second place by just 31 seconds. Third place and his first podium finish was Luke Hayes, son of Billy Hayes who had only passed away 11 months earlier. This was a great finish for Luke.

With Scrutineering again at the start line, and a record number of exhibitors, live entertainment proved not to be needed; the crowd of almost 6500 had enough to entertain themselves. With so many people wanting food and drinks and lights, power availability was tested to the limit and purpose built catering sites with own power and water is an improvement that will be factored into any start line changes. Additional lighting was installed and whilst it helped, there was still a need for more. The second big screen tv was a hit however we are constantly asked for more toilets and seating. Seating is a priority ahead of 2018.

**Competitors**

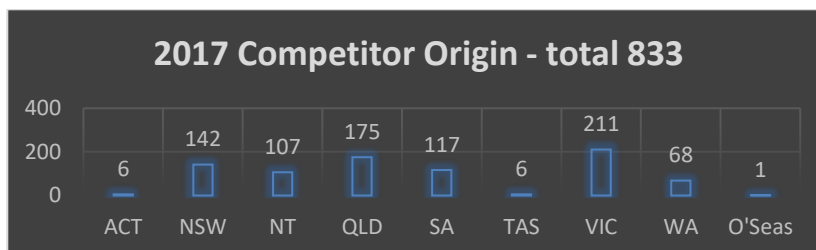
Total bike competitors this year was 557, up from 409 of 2016 and only slightly lower than the record of 593 in 2015. Of the 557, 298 were first time riders (54%) which is the highest percentage of first timers to date.

The car field for 2017 numbering 138 was the highest ever eclipsing 2015 by 4 and 11 more than in 2016. The UTV numbers were forecast to see significant growth and they certainly did with 57 vehicles (41%) the total of the two UTV classes. The Pro Class had 24 entries and the Extreme 2 wheel drive 19 entries. It was a great weekend for the 30th running of the car section.

Total competitor numbers for both sections was 833 and increase of 164 over 2016.

Total competitor numbers for the past 9 years.

2009	626	2013	624
2010	665	2014	593
2011	696	2015	875
2012	688	2016	669
2017	833		



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**Volunteers**

This year we again had Judi Hoare undertake the role of Volunteer Coordinator throughout the year and as a paid employee for a period leading up to and post event. This role takes a considerable workload off Giselle Greenfield our admin officer and Judi has agreed to continue in the role in 2018. Job descriptions is something that Judi will be working on ahead of next years event.

Despite having 300 volunteers this year, unfortunately we came in for some criticism for the long time it took for bike scrutineering. Training of additional scrutineers for 2018 has been identified as a priority.

The Finke Hero for 2017 was Monte Erickson who along with his family spanning four generations has worked at Bundooma Checkpoint for years. The oasis that is 140kms down the track is in the shadows of the magnificent water tower that used to fill up the Ghan train on its regular journey between Port Augusta and Alice Springs.

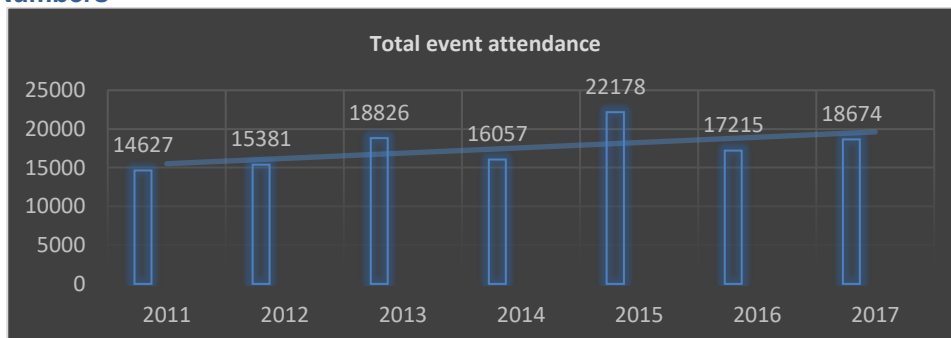
The annual community bbq was held at Finke School in December 2016 as a thank you for all the community support provided.  
 Spectators

Gate revenue was the highest it had ever been since we started counting properly. Once again the Girl Guide parents collected the gate fees with a percentage donated to the Alice Springs Guides. Paying spectators in total were the second highest we achieved as outlined in the graph below.

Gate takings over the last 7 years;

2011	\$50,000
2012	\$51,000
2013	\$55,600
2014	\$58,700
2015	\$75,750
2016	\$60,000
2017	\$76,000

**Spectator Numbers**



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Individual numbers at each function were as follows;

Scrut.6446      Prologue 4448      Race Day 1 2306      Race Day 2 3174      Pres 2300

A conservative estimate of 15,000 spectators camped along the track this year.

### Media

This year there were 108 accredited media who covered the event across all media platforms. Of this total, 46 came from interstate.

### Sponsorship

The Finke Desert Race Club (the club) has had Tatts as the naming rights sponsor for the past seventeen years. This year was the final year in the sponsor agreement although just recently we had advice that Tatts have re-signed for another 3 years. This is great news. Eight Platinum sponsors were unchanged from 2016; Northern Territory Major Events Company, Lasseters Hotel Casino, Imparja Television, Lion, Central Comms, Alice Spring Town Council; Community Support Program and UBET as was Radio 8HA as our official media partner. Along with several smaller sponsors, this years total sponsor revenue was \$136,000.

### Financial Position

For the fourth year, the club continued to operate without a Treasurer in place. Once again Chris Devonport has continued to assist the club with this work and I again thank him for his contribution. With thanks to him and Giselle, this year we actually have audited financials to present; the first time we've managed to have them completed and returned in time for passing at an AGM for many years.

Our Profit & Loss (audited) for the year just completed (30 September) records a surplus of \$174,000 which is the highest recorded surplus the club has attained. Three good years have the club in a strong financial position.

The club continues to engage an IT consultant and employs both a part time administrator (Giselle Greenfield) and a casual employee at event time.

In closing I would like to thank my fellow committee Damien Ryan, Claire Ryan, Daniel Sawyer, Deidre White and Glen Auricht and for their efforts throughout the last year. I'm pleased to say they are all seeking to remain on the committee. My thanks also to Giselle Greenfield for her continuing support to the whole committee. This has indeed been a big year.

As this calendar year comes to an end, we are about to prepare our budget for 2018 and try to get some feel for numbers in 2018. There will be additional infrastructure build over the next 18 months to improve the safety and amenity for those at the start line which will keep us very busy.

My thanks to all who support Australia's ultimate desert race.



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Moved: Antony Yoffa  
Seconded: Claire Ryan  
**Accepted: Unanimously**

**Financial Report**

In the absence of a club Treasurer, President Antony Yoffa tabled the 2017 Audited Financials for acceptance (*please find attached*)

2017 Audited Financials

Moved: Antony Yoffa  
Seconded: Glen Auricht  
**Accepted: Unanimously**

**Northern Territory Major Events Company Report**

*Please find attached*

Report was tabled (by email prior to the Annual General Meeting) by Craig Markham of the Northern Territory Major Events Company.

**Nominations for the Finke Desert Race Committee**

The following positions were available to be filled for a 2-year term on the Finke Desert Race Organising Committee (2018 + 2019)

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Members x six (6)

**President**

*One (1) Nomination was received for this position.*

Antony Yoffa was nominated.

Antony accepted the position.

Antony was awarded the position of President of the Finke Desert Race Committee for a 2 Year term.

**Vice President**

*One (1) Nomination was received for this position.*

Claire Ryan was nominated.

Claire accepted the position.

Claire was awarded the position of Vice President of the Finke Desert Race Committee for a 2 Year term.



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**Secretary**

*No Nominations were received for this position.*

**Treasurer**

*One (1) Nomination was received for this position.*

Kelsey Branford was nominated.

Kelsey accepted the position.

Kelsey was awarded the position of Treasurer of the Finke Desert Race Committee for a 2 Year term.

**General Committee**

Damien Ryan was nominated.

Damien accepted the position.

Damien was awarded the position of committee member of the Finke Desert Race Committee for a 2 Year term.

**General Committee**

Daniel Sawyer was nominated.

Daniel accepted the position.

Daniel was awarded the position of committee member of the Finke Desert Race Committee for a 2 Year term.

**General Committee**

Deidre White was nominated.

Deidre accepted the position.

Deidre was awarded the position of committee member of the Finke Desert Race Committee for a 2 Year term.

**General Committee**

Glen Auricht was nominated.

Glen accepted the position.

Glen was awarded the position of committee member of the Finke Desert Race Committee for a 2 Year term.

This left the Finke Desert Race Club with two (2) vacancies on the committee and the position of Secretary vacant.

**General Business**

**Nomination of Josh Clarke for a General Committee Position**

Given the number of vacancies on the committee exceeded the number of nominations received, Sally Preece nominated from the floor, Josh Clarke, as a general committee member for a 2-year term.

Josh accepted the position.



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Josh was awarded the position of committee member of the Finke Desert Race Committee for a 2 Year term.

This then left the Finke Desert Race Club with just one (1) vacancy on the general committee and the position of Secretary still vacant.

**Meeting Closed:** 6:34pm

*Antony thanked the Department of the Chief Minister for allowing the Finke Desert Race Club to host the meeting in their Central Australian Development Office (CADO), Todd Mall.*



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