2019 FINKE HERO ANNOUNCED

Devoted Volunteer Darren White has been honoured with the Finke Hero award at the 2019 Tatts Finke Desert Race tonight.

An Alice Springs local, Mr White has served as a volunteer at the event for the past eight years and also competed in the event himself in the bike category previously.

Over his volunteering tenure, Mr White has been responsible for managing the fuel for the four club fuel stops at the event, including the fuel stop at Mt Squires checkpoint where White cooks for the volunteers, supports the St John recovery team and scoring crew and assists with transponder checks.

Tatts Finke Desert Race Club President Antony Yoffa awarded Mr White with the Finke Hero this evening at Scrutineering Night and said Mr White was a deserving recipient of the event's highest honour.

"There are more than 300 volunteers assisting across a range of roles at the Tatts Finke Desert Race and the event wouldn't be what it is without them," he said.

"Darren is an integral member of the volunteering group and Finke Family, and we thank him for the enormous contributions he has made to the event for nearly a decade."

Mr White's contributions to the event also goes beyond his role on race weekend, with Mr White completing multiple trips to deliver the fuel drums to all fuel stops along the 226 kilometre track in the week leading up to the race.

He has also been instrumental in the development and implementation of the traffic management plan for the 2019 event.

2019 is the 15th year of the Finke Hero Award, with the award being introduced in 2005.

Mr White is the 18th winner of the prestigious award, with some years attracting dual recipients.

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.

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