

# Media Release

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## The Queen of the Desert is on her way - Solar Cruiser 98

**After a successful testing period, Priscilla is well on her way to Adelaide from Darwin competing in the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge.**

As the hot sun rose in Darwin on Saturday, the Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN) Solar Car team was putting on the final touches to 'Priscilla', a cruiser class solar car built over the past year in collaboration with five universities. Priscilla showcases what can be done as a team working towards one goal, despite the massive geographical distances between the students that built her.

After successfully passing the static scrutineering earlier in the week, now was the time to show off exactly what Priscilla was made to do. Priscilla was announced as the 15th car to take part in the dynamic scrutineering and excitement built as she was driven out to the starting line followed by the team holding a giant pink banner proclaiming 'Team Priscilla'. 'It's amazing to see a dream envisioned almost two years ago become a reality today' said ATN Executive Director Luke Sheehy.

Owing to her bright livery and eye catching promotional material, Bridgestone Ambassador Shane Jacobson even singled out our cruiser on Instagram. Priscilla shot off from the starting line completing the 2.87km track in an amazing 2 minutes, 13 seconds elevating her as the fastest cruiser in the competition.

Once the other vehicles had completed their circuit of the track, Priscilla scored the number 10 starting position for Sunday's official launch of the race.

Yesterday, teams gathered at State Square, Parliament House in preparation for their journey down to Adelaide. Chris Selwood AM introduced the vehicles as they made their way to the starting line through hundreds of well-wishers and curious tourists.

As Priscilla made her way closer to the giant inflatable arch, a huge applause erupted when her name was announced 'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert' and with that, she had started her incredible journey down the centre of Australia. Over the coming days, Priscilla will make her way down to Adelaide in a journey that's over 3000km. You can track her progress at [www.worldsolarchallenge.org](http://www.worldsolarchallenge.org)

Priscilla's drivers are Maria Kapsis, Andrew Carr, Matt Miller and Michael Tran

- *Priscilla is the lightest cruiser in the competition*
- *She was the fastest cruiser in dynamic scrutineering*
- *The journey from Darwin to Adelaide is over 3000km*
- *There are 9 control stops on the way*
- *At 5PM each day, teams will camp where they are*

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Priscilla prepares for her dynamic srutineering







Priscilla is off on her 3000km journey to Adelaide.  
Michael Tran is her first driver

