

Chris O’Hora

Founder, owner and Managing Director of Calamunnda Camel Farm, Western Australia

Chris O’Hora has a “hands-on” role in day to day operations and management of the farm. Chris has had a long relationship and interest in camels, he was first exposed to the dromedary in 1959 in the isolated country town of Finley, NSW, Australia; an area not too far removed from the travels of Australia’s famous explorers (*Robert O’Hara Burke*) “Burke and Wills,” who used camels in their expedition. Chris has a full time association with camels for 30 years, owning herds in excess of 130. He has traveled and trained extensively worldwide, giving training and presentations in Indonesia, Singapore, the UAE and Australia. Chris holds a Certificate IV (4) in workplace training and assessing, Chris has a wide connection with the international camel community. He established Australia’s first commercial camel dairy, which continues to operate today. He is a colorful, friendly character and a respected motivational speaker and trainer, he is intuitive and grounded.

Abstract

STAFF TRAINING, CAMEL HUSBANDRY AND CAMEL CONDITIONING

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This talk will cover three important factors that need to be addressed if you want to successfully operate a camel milk dairy: 1) staff training; 2) camel husbandry; and 3) camel conditioning. In terms of staff training, the ability to find and educate the “right” people is crucial. Constant performance assessment is vital to ensure the maintenance of high standards. Of course, there are also a number of legislative and compliance matters that must be adhered to. Proper record keeping is essential to meet these requirements, but records also provide important information on quality assurance and assist ‘learning’. Lastly, when it comes to camel husbandry there are many factors to consider if you are to ensure staff and camel wellbeing. I will discuss these factors in detail.