



## FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

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### Running Wild: Australia's Camels

On June 29, Friday Environment Forum will screen the **documentary "Running Wild"** which investigates the issues surrounding Australia's wild camel herds. Meet Andrew Harper a modern day cameleer who conducts treks through some of the most remote parts of inland Australia. With his camel train and intrepid clients he is described as a "modern day explorer" who has walked all of Australia's deserts many times. He leads scientists, artists and hardy tourists through stunning scenery in search of the remains of everything from mega fauna to early human habitation.

Early Australian Camel Train



It is estimated that currently **750,000 camels roam wild in Australia's desert regions.** Introduced in the nineteenth century from Arabia, India and Afghanistan camels transported the materials needed during construction of the overland telegraph and the railway line from Adelaide to Darwin now known as the Ghan. With

the arrival of trucks, camels became redundant and were released into the wild where, with no natural predators, they have flourished. The impact of wild herds on the environment and upon communities and remote properties is enormous.

Learn about the damage caused in the outback by wild camels and what is being done to combat the problems. Ultimately solutions must be found.

Join the audience at the **Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville** for an armchair ride through the picturesque scenery of Australia's red centre. Coffee and a chat are available from 10am and **the forum commences at 10.30am.**

Meet Valda in the car park at 8.30am to participate in Interpretive Birding. All welcome.

Feral camels roam Australia's outback.

