

I first met Mrs Muriel Dawkins when John and I went to visit her at Armidale. WA and see Inis O'Hara and 2 colts by Inis O'Hara who were for sale, this was in 1979.

We had morning tea with Mrs Dawkins and her mother Lady Steere and then we looked at the ponies.

Mrs Dawkins called the ponies and ran up the hill to Inis O'Hara and put his halter on and led him down to the stables.

We both liked him very much but in the end we bought the 2 colts, Coomel Brendan and Coomel Kestral.

On a trip to Ireland with Dr Dawkins was when Mrs Dawkins bought the mares Clonkeehan Charm and Little Lark of Abbeyleix from Lady de Vesci, Co. Ladis, Ireland. The mares arrived in Australia in late 1971 and this was the beginning of the Coomel Connemara Stud at Forrestdale, Western Australia.

Inis O'Hara joined the Stud in 1974 and he was bred in Connemara, Ireland.

Mrs Dawkins has spent a great deal of her life with Connemara ponies and breeding them and her knowledge of the breed and her contribution to the Society and breeders has been of a great benefit to us all.