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Health students go into the wild this weekend

Almost 70 University of Tasmania Faculty of Health Medicine and Paramedic students (including three French exchange students) will test their skills in a series of mock-emergencies at the annual Wilderness Trauma Skills Weekend (**Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 August**).

The students will be given intensive training over the two days on how to deal with medical emergencies in rural and bush settings.

The intensive weekend will see the students working closely together undertaking team-building exercises and emergency scenarios, including how to assist in a car accident on a rural back road.

Associate Professor Geoff Couser said the weekend teaches the students vital team-work skills as well as honing their medical and paramedic skills.

“The scenarios will be highly realistic and will take place in whatever weather the Tasmanian wilderness has to throw at us,” he said.

“Our research indicates these types of simulated emergency exercises have a real, positive impacts on students’ learning and their understanding of different roles in a real emergency.”

Media opportunity

Who: Medicine and Paramedic students.

What: Wilderness Trauma Skills Weekend.

When: Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 August 2015.

Where: Far South Wilderness Lodge, Strathblane (near Dover).

Visuals: Mock emergency scenarios, including car crash and injured bushwalker.

The MAIB Injury Prevention and Management Foundation is supporting the Weekend.

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