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Students test their emergency response skills this weekend

University of Tasmania Medicine and Paramedic students will test their skills in a series of mock-emergencies at the Wilderness Trauma Skills Weekend (**Saturday 2 and Sunday 3**).

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

Associate Professor Geoff Couser said the weekend will be filled with “team-building activities, outdoor events and fascinating scenarios with both the Paramedic and Medical students working close together.”

“This kind of hands-on training is an excellent educational experience for our students.

“Working in the elements offers a valuable opportunity to get out to the wilds of Tasmania and find out what it would really be like to come across a car accident on a rural back road, or an injured bushwalker,” Prof Couser said.

“The skills the students will learn and apply this weekend test their communication, problem solving and team management skills, which are of course critically important in any situation within the healthcare system.”

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

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