



John and Julie Hanel try to revive a very dead dummy during a St John Ambulance training session. Photo by Tammie Reid

Busman's holiday

A FAMILY camping trip turned into a busman's holiday when Dwellingup's Lane Poole reserve ranger John Hanel and his wife Julie headed off on a tour around the south coast recently.

Their work and first aid skills were soon to be put to the test while they camped at a mobile ranger pad in Cape Le Grand National Park.

First, a busload of international tourists took a wrong turn while on a bush walk, so John helped out with the radio communications until all the walkers were accounted for and found to be none the worse for their adventure.

The following afternoon, a young man burst into their camp, calling for help to rescue his brother who had been

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washed off the rocks.

Once more, John joined the rescue party and the young man's brother was eventually snatched from the seas without injury.

On the third day, Cape Le Grand mobile ranger Geoff Passmore called for help to control a deliberately lit wildfire 2 km out of reach of vehicle access.

All pumps, hoses and gear had to be carried in by volunteers, the task being co-ordinated by John.

The couple was also involved in a 'sea rescue' when a young man with more enthusiasm than know-how, hurled himself — minus adequate footwear — into the task of helping fight the fire.

The only access to the

area that had been burned was via the ocean, so he had to be carried to a dinghy that took him out to sea rescue boat which in turn landed him further along the coast.

John and Julie decided not to stick around for more thrills, so they quickly packed and slipped away the next day to seek quieter camping at Stokes National Park.

Soon after their return the couple signed up for first aid refresher courses with CALM Dwellingup's head mechanic Stuart Hunter, who doubles as St John's Ambulance officer and registered instructor in his off-duty hours. (See story above right.)

John and Julie recently returned from a trip to the Gunbarrel Highway where, we hear, absolutely nothing happened.



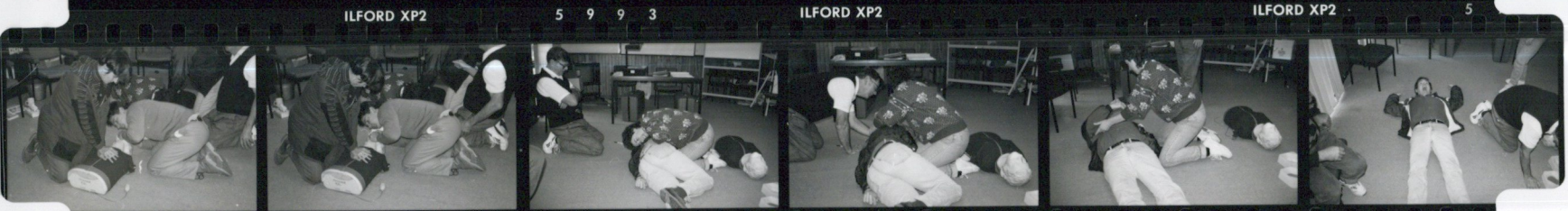
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