Hunter is off-duty healer

CALM staff can be found in their off-duty hours occupied in a wide variety of sports, hobbies and community activities.

CALM Dwellingup's head mechanic Stuart Hunter is a St John Ambulance officer and a registered instructor; he is also a first aid trainer for the Swan Region.

Stuart recently ran 15 people through refresher and senior first aid sessions as part of the Health and Safety Accreditation Program at CALM Dwellingup.

It was at a similar session that Lane Poole Reserve ranger John Hanel and wife Julie acquired the expertise that was to be called upon while on a touring and camping holiday around the south coast. (See 'Busman's holiday'

story this page.)

Stuart advocates a firm and gentle manner and an approach to each situation, much like a detective 'sleuthing' for the symptoms that tell the story and help the first aider decide on how best to handle the situation.

"I try to give people the skills and confidence to tackle situations that buy time for the one who is hurt, until professional medical help becomes available, either at the scene of the accident or at a hospital or medical centre," he says.

Stuart is seen (below right) with CALM mechanic John Downey, also a volunteer ambulance officer, outside the nearly completed St John Ambulance Australia's Dwellingup premises. Story and photo by Tammie Reid



Stuart Hunter (right) with John Downey. Both are volunteer ambulance officers and CALM mechanics and are seen outside the new St John Ambulance building in Dwellingup. Photo by Tammie Reid



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