

Wambo Mines Rescue Team Represents Peabody in International Competition in Russia

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The Wambo team finished ninth at the international competition and was the highest-ranking non-Russian speaking team at the event, which was held Sept. 22-29. The team also earned honors in individual competition categories, ranking fourth in the mines rescue simulation, ninth in the first aid event, 10th in the firefighting event and 11th in the theory exam.



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To prepare for the event, the eight-member team, which took first place at the Australian National Mines Rescue Competition last October, trained vigorously, practicing general rescue exercises and firefighting. They also traveled to West Virginia to train at both West Virginia University's Academy for Mine Training and the Mine Safety and Health Authority's training facility, and they went to the Northparkes mine in New South Wales to train with the mines rescue team that has been four-time Victorian champions.

"We were really thrilled to be in a competition that put our skills to the test against the best teams around the world," said Warren Kirk, Captain of the Wambo Mines Rescue Team. "Not only did we get to compete in a field we are passionate about, we also got to meet our compatriots and hear stories, as well as explore a whole new country. It was such a great opportunity."