

Leg infection hits Tassie adventurer

A TASMANIAN teacher on a solo sea kayaking expedition around Papua New Guinea has been hospitalised with a leg infection.

Andrew Hughes was just 18 days into his trip from Port Moresby to Vanimo when he became ill on Thursday.

Remote villagers in Isidiu-di cared for him until a boat arrived to take him to hospital in Alotau where he has spent the past few days.

He has been diagnosed with cellulitis and is being treated with intravenous antibiotics.

The 35-year-old, who teaches at Campbell Street Primary School, has been relaying his journey — and the gory details of his wound — to students via website



ILLNESS: Andrew Hughes

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He had been attempting the 4000km sea kayak journey to raise awareness about climate change.

Mr Hughes is no stranger to outdoor adventure. In 2002 he and his brother James walked the length of Tasmania in 50 days. In 2006 he paddled nearly 5000km from Hobart to Thursday Island.