



Crew's intrepid tall-ship trip

Sailing | Linh Ly

SIX young people from the western suburbs have returned to land after a five-day voyage in Port Philip Bay.

They were some of the 27 participants who boarded the tall ship as part of a development program.

The development program was organised by One & All, who offer young people a chance not only to learn the skills of tall-ship sailing but also to prove themselves in an unfamiliar experience.

Youth development manager

Laura Myer said the voyage gave participants the chance to develop leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

"They discover by the end of the journey that they do have it in them," she said.

The six participants from the West are graduates of Open Family's Youth Leadership program, an initiative developed alongside the Redskin Basketball Club.

Club operations manager Jim Markovski said the club welcomed people of all walks of life and would

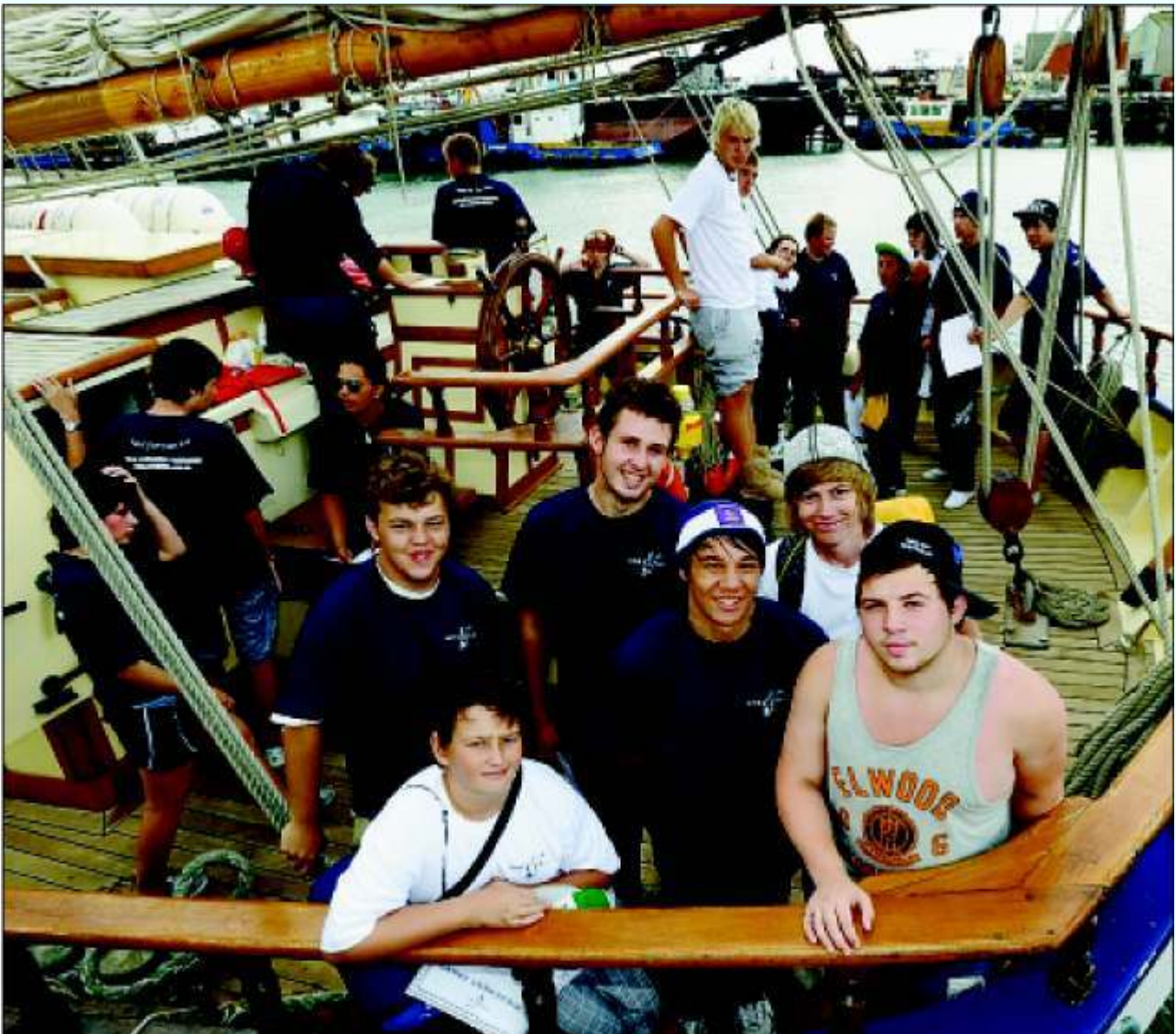
help them gain respect with the view of reaching their potential.

"Everybody has a skill and unfortunately some people haven't unearthed it," he said.

The club, which had about 40 members when it first started in 1995, now boasts over 450.

Mr Markovski said it had gone from "strength to strength" thanks to benefactors such as Clive Smith, the Late Edward Wilson Trust as well as the Ian Potter Foundation.

Due to its success, the program has drawn sponsorship from Motor One.



The six young western suburbs residents who enjoyed five days at sea.

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