

Windeward Bound Trust



To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that **Oliver Youngs** has been selected as a mentor participant in the 2025 East Coast Youth Leadership Challenge for young Australians, young refugees and disadvantaged youth, which is an initiative of the Windeward Bound Trust supported by Rotary and will be taking place this April.

The Youth Leadership Challenge is now in its eleventh year of successfully bringing together young people of diverse backgrounds aboard a traditional tall ship for a 10-day experience of cross-cultural sharing, personal challenges, team building, and leadership development. It is also the second year of the East Coast Voyage series, bringing the program to the Eastern states of Australia.

The goal of this voyage is to expose our young Australians to issues of the broader world, while at the same time providing a safe yet challenging space. Another goal of this is providing a safe yet challenging space for young Australians to develop confidence and leadership skills as well as provide opportunities to make connections with others away from screens. Youth development at sea programs have a profound impact on young people and our voyages have been described as "lifechanging".

This program has been made possible in part with generous support from various Rotary clubs across Australia as well as the support of the Windeward Bound Foundation.

Each mentor is required to fundraise \$3 540 to help support their voyage berth.

We are very grateful for your willingness to support Oliver in his participation in this fantastic program. We hope that you will like us on facebook.com/windewardbound or Instagram - Windward Bound where you can follow the program!

Kindest regards,

29/03/2025

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