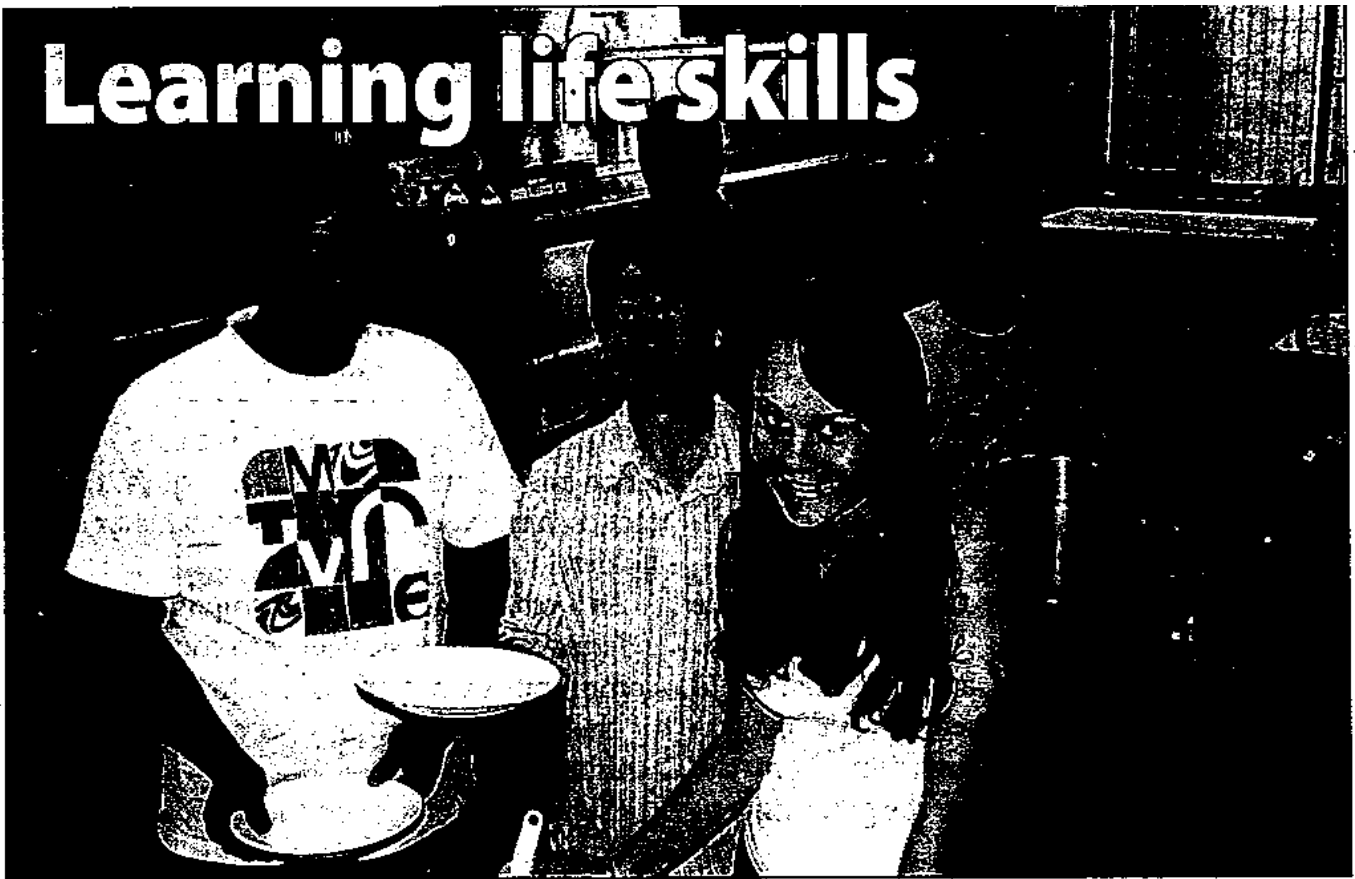


Learning life skills



Links to Learning program co-ordinator Glenn Keir (centre) and participants from Tweed Heads (left-to-right) Mika Scowcroft, 18, Grayson Allison, 16, Chloe Bancroft, 17, and Matt Renwood, 15, learn a few basic kitchen skills in the kitchen at the Coolangatta Senior Citizens Club recently.

Early school leavers in the Tweed have a chance to learn some handy self defence skills, cooking tips or even speech and drama as part of a ten-week program which kicks off this week.

Links to Learning is aimed at early secondary school leavers aged between 15 and 24 who have been unable to operate inside the education system and have either left school by their own choice or asked to leave.

Program co-ordinator Glenn Keir said that as a result, many of these young participants were at risk of 'disengaging' from the community with all the associated problems that come with that.

The three-day-a-week program, beginning May 6, is be-

ing run by Nortec Youth Services in partnership with Tweed PCYC and St Joseph's Youth Services and Coolangatta Senior Citizens Club.

Referrals to the program can be made by families, youth, or agencies involved in supporting youth, or by contacting Glenn on 0400 260 299.

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