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2015 KIC iDIVERSITY Project

Fourteen local teenagers with special educational needs will soon get a leg-up into the jobs market.

The year 10 students will take part in a 5 day program – sponsored by the Palm Beach Rotary Club and run by the Kwinana Industries Council – show-casing career opportunities in industry.

Through workshops and other activities, including a day's work experience, they will get an insight into industry and what is expected of employees.

Palm Beach Rotarians are spending \$5000 this year and another \$5000 next year to help sponsor the Kwinana Industries Council's iDIVERSITY program.

Club vocational director Kevin McDonnell said it was part of the club's focus on partnerships with other bodies to get more bang for its bucks. It is offering grants, to be matched by community groups, local councils and governments, to accomplish more than it could on its own.

"The club has looked at a couple of activities and felt this particular group was very worthwhile," he said.

"The club is going into partnership with KIC because it is doing a lot of work getting young people into careers. We believe it is important that other groups help them." Palm Beach Rotarians decided to fund the iDIVERSITY program because these young people needed more help than others.

KIC Director Chris Oughton said it was great that the Rotary Club of Palm Beach was stepping up to the plate with this sponsorship. "When local organisations like Rotary and KIC can pool resources to run the iDIVERSITY program, everyone wins, but especially the kids", he said.



Photo caption- Ted Curr and Kevin McDonnell from the Rotary Club of Palm Beach with the 2015 KIC iDIVERSITY students