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## St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland to upskill local jobseekers

Jobseekers in Roma will be better prepared to enter the workforce thanks to St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland.

A total of 10 people will take part in the Vocational Pathways Program which St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland will deliver alongside Orion Training from 4 June.

The course will provide participants with supported access to complete a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways, which includes a range of training with a focus on retail and hospitality.

Executive Officer for St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's Toowoomba Diocese, Kathie Brosnan, said the program is an example of Vinnies motto of giving people a hand-up, not a hand out.

"This training will allow us to support unemployed members of the community in Roma to build their confidence and be more job ready," she said.

The jobseekers will receive training in digital technology, occupational health and safety, customer service, workplace communications, teamwork and literacy and numeracy in the workplace as part of the program.

The participants will also have the opportunity to gain on the job experience with a local retail or hospitality industry employer during a week-long work placement.

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland are also keen to hear from local employers who have the capacity to assist with the placement of participants in their business.

This training is proudly funded and supported by the Queensland Government through its Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's Toowoomba Diocese, which includes Roma, supported 24,731 Queenslanders in need in 2017.

In 2017 St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland assisted 306,831 Queenslanders and provided \$191 million in services and support to people in need.

For more information on the Vocational Pathways Program in Roma contact St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's Community Education Coordinator Brooke Laidlaw on (07) 3010 1083.

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