

## Resolution of Council

**27 July 2020**

### **Item 11.9**

#### **Supporting Youth Employment**

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Scully -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, youth unemployment was double the national unemployment average;
- (ii) in recent weeks, youth unemployment has risen to 16.4 per cent, the highest rate in 23 years;
- (iii) the youth unemployment crisis is compounded by a shortfall in training and education opportunities;
- (iv) businesses forced to shut down disproportionately affected young people who rely on the casual employment system in sectors like hospitality and retail;
- (v) the City currently employs 30 young people through our development programs, paid internships, apprenticeships, cadetships and graduates;
- (vi) the City also provides traineeships through external trainee suppliers, a partnership with AFL SportsReady since 2013, and the ArtsReady program;
- (vii) the City has consistently supported young workers, however, the consequences of the pandemic require all avenues of employment to be investigated; and
- (viii) the Federal Government's recently announced \$2 billion JobTrainer package, \$1.5 billion of which is targeted towards keeping those already employed in apprenticeships and traineeships and the additional final \$500 million, which must be matched by the states and territories, aimed at school leavers and those currently looking for employment;

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate opportunities for the City to employ additional numbers of school leavers and unemployed young Australians in apprenticeships and traineeships; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian urging her to match the Federal governments funding to support young people and their employment.

Carried unanimously.

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