A portrait of Andrew Champion, a middle-aged man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue tie with a crest. He is smiling slightly. The background is a blurred beach scene with blue sky and ocean.

Andrew Div 3 CHAMPION

Why we need a change - NOW!

"My name is Andrew Champion and I am seeking your support to be your Councillor for Division 3 on the Sunshine Coast Council.

The core business of council is the residents and ratepayers. Our community is our life blood.

Council used to listen; we worked together for our community and built a strong and prosperous business community.

The feedback I am getting is that residents and small business have been ignored and that no one talks or listens to them.

I am asking for your vote on Saturday, the 19th of March so that I can be your voice on council. We live in uncertain times and our community needs strong experienced leaders who are not afraid to question the politically correct mantra and the bureaucracy."

Andrew's plan for the future

- ▶ Oppose the expansion of parking meters across the region.
- ▶ Restore services like kerb side clean ups, free green waste disposal.
- ▶ Support container deposit legislation to reduce litter in our waterways, let's recycle more and waste less.
- ▶ Push the State and Federal government hard for major upgrades to rail and highways to the coast.
- ▶ Review and reduce delegated authority, too many town planning applications are not reviewed by Councillors.
- ▶ Reduce the % of ratepayers funds spent on admin and operational overheads.
- ▶ Industry should fund the upgrades at the Sunshine Coast Airport, not ratepayers.
- ▶ Industry should fund Council's Maroochydore Sun Central redevelopment, not ratepayers.
- ▶ Increase weed removal on the dunes and centre medians.
- ▶ Support small business with improved traffic and parking design, sign policies and support business associations more.
- ▶ A council that listens to the community more and adds to this plan based on what you tell me.
- ▶ Remove suspended sediment (silt) to reduce smothering aquatic plants and crustaceans.
- ▶ Increased support for local non-political conservation groups.
- ▶ Developers to increase environmental rehabilitation and establish long term sanctuaries in public tenure.

Andrew's previous success for the community

- ▶ The Kawana Police Station, Community Hall, library and coastal pathway, Aquatic Centre and regional sports complex, 4 lane and safety upgrades for The Nicklin Way.
- ▶ Oversaw the Kawana Waters Master Plan (vision for better urban development).
- ▶ Andrew's vision put strategic planning in place for the coastal regional hospital.
- ▶ Formed the 'Hospital for Kawana Committee', which lobbied the state to buy land and build it.
- ▶ Supported kerb side clean ups, tree protection bylaws and environment levy.
- ▶ Helped fight to remove road tolls, Tollbusters formation meeting.
- ▶ Forced major upgrades, emergency back up and safety strategies at Kawana Sewage Plant.
- ▶ Exposed the dumping of raw sewage at Moffatt Beach & forced major upgrades to infrastructure and public reporting standards.



Our Small Business Champion

There are too many businesses doing it tough on the Sunshine Coast. Too many vacant commercial properties/for lease signs, too many family owned businesses struggling to survive. Andrew wants to; increase business certainty, reduce red tape, meet with and represent you. Andrew stands up for small business.

- ▶ Formed the Kawana Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Andrew initiated a monthly chamber newsletter and secured funding to employ a part time management team.
- ▶ Formed and Chaired the Kawana Events Group, bringing together major business to work together to attract signature events, including the Old Rally being launched from Kawana (now Caloundra).
- ▶ Andrew's vision and determination, resulted in the most significant new infrastructure in the Sunshine Coast history, the \$1.8 billion Sunshine Coast University Public Hospital. He successfully lobbied Council to have the Kawana Hospital included in council strategic planning documents in the early 90's.
- ▶ Andrew also started the Hospital for Kawana Committee which put pressure on the state government to commit to and subsequently, build the hospital. This major hospital has stimulated many other major building and investment projects in the health hub, new jobs, new businesses and ongoing sustainable industry success, worth an estimated \$5 billion.

Our Planning and Environment Champion

- ▶ Andrew was a member of the Caloundra Council's Environment committee. He successfully introduced policy to be more inclusive of environmental conditions in land subdivision, including esplanade parks and waterside walkways.
- ▶ Andrew was the only Councillor to vote with the residents lobbying to stop a major intensification of existing rural residential land at Little Mountain. The residents challenged the council approval in court. The judge over turned the council approval and the residents won. The judge's ruling included many of the same reasons Andrew argued with councillors about why they should refuse the application.
- ▶ Andrew was a vocal member of the Beach Protection Authority and the Coastal Protection Advisory Council. His role included assessing and awarding major environmental grants to scientific coastal research, marine habitat restoration and conservation projects and turtle conservation projects. Andrew successfully lobbied for funding of projects involving sea grass habitat protection and research, weed reduction, storm water pollution reduction, restoration of local salt water creeks and marine habitats.

What have we lost in the 8 years since amalgamation in 2008?

- ▶ Our water supply - lost to the state.
- ▶ Our Sewage treatment plants - lost to the state.
- ▶ Tourist information centre at Jessica Park - removed.
- ▶ The shark proof swimming net for children and elderly at La Balsa Park - removed.
- ▶ Council works and maintenance depot at Warana - closed.
- ▶ The Transport Link for emergency vehicles and public transport between our new hospital and the University - removed.
- ▶ Planning control of Caloundra South development area - lost to the state, the rehabilitation/conservation area, since 2008, has been reduced from 70% to 50% (rumoured to now be only 33%).
- ▶ Planning control of Palmview development area - lost to the state, the rehabilitation/conservation area reduced from 70% to 50% (rumoured to now be only 33%).
- ▶ Maintenance budget (coastal dunes, parks, kerb and gutters, footpaths) - so low almost non-existent, where are our rates being spent?
- ▶ Millions of dollars in General Rate revenue collected from Caloundra and Kawana ratepayers is going north to prop up Maroochydore area at the expense of Caloundra and Kawana.
- ▶ Too many town planning applications decided by delegation to staff, community denied a say.

Where's the money?

- ▶ The old Caloundra Council area (divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4) raise \$64 million each year through the levying of general rates.
- ▶ The rule of thumb is that about 30% of the general rates are allocated for council overheads, like insurance, council works depots, community centres, libraries, administration etc, which, at 30%, should be about \$20m of the \$64m. That should leave about \$44 million each year for maintenance, road reseals, capital works projects etc in the old Caloundra Council area. Are we seeing this money spent here? No.
- ▶ Multiply these figures by the eight years since amalgamation and we are talking some serious ratepayer's dollars, your dollars. I suspect this overhead cost (and %) has blown out.
- ▶ If we want our fair share spent south of the river, we need to elect strong and experienced representatives who will stand up and be counted and who will refuse to take no for an answer.
- ▶ Andrew asks the hard questions without fear or favour, he roll the sleeves up and gets stuck in on our behalf.

A bit about Andrew

There are a lot of new residents that may not have heard of Andrew Champion but they will have heard of the projects he successfully lobbied for, such as the hospital which has contributed \$1.8 billion and thousands of jobs for local tradies and businesses. *"Having a vision that improves our collective quality of life and prosperity takes passion, energy, experience and a never give up attitude, which is what Andrew brings to the council table."*

Before he first got elected in '85, he lived at Aroona, married Jeanie and they built a small one bedroom house at Wurtulla. He was elected at 24 years of age as the youngest Councillor in the state. For the next 9 years, Andrew represented the residents of Division 3 including Kawana, Little Mountain, Meridan Plains, Mooloolah, Glenview and Palmview. The boundaries and name of the division have changed several times.



Married with two children, he's been a volunteer in local service organisations like Surf Lifesaving and Scouts for many years.

Andrew was elected to council from 1985 to 1994 and from 1997 to 2008. Andrew was also elected for 2 terms as President of the Kawana Chamber of Commerce. He also established a Caravan Hire Business.

During the 8 years since being a Councillor, Andrew continued his volunteer roles in Scouting and Surf Life Saving (for some of that period) and re-established a career in the housing industry as a housing and building consultant.

As a Councillor on the Caloundra City Council, Andrew fought hard to keep rates low and project delivery high. Andrew's 6 terms on council, well and truly qualifies him for the job.

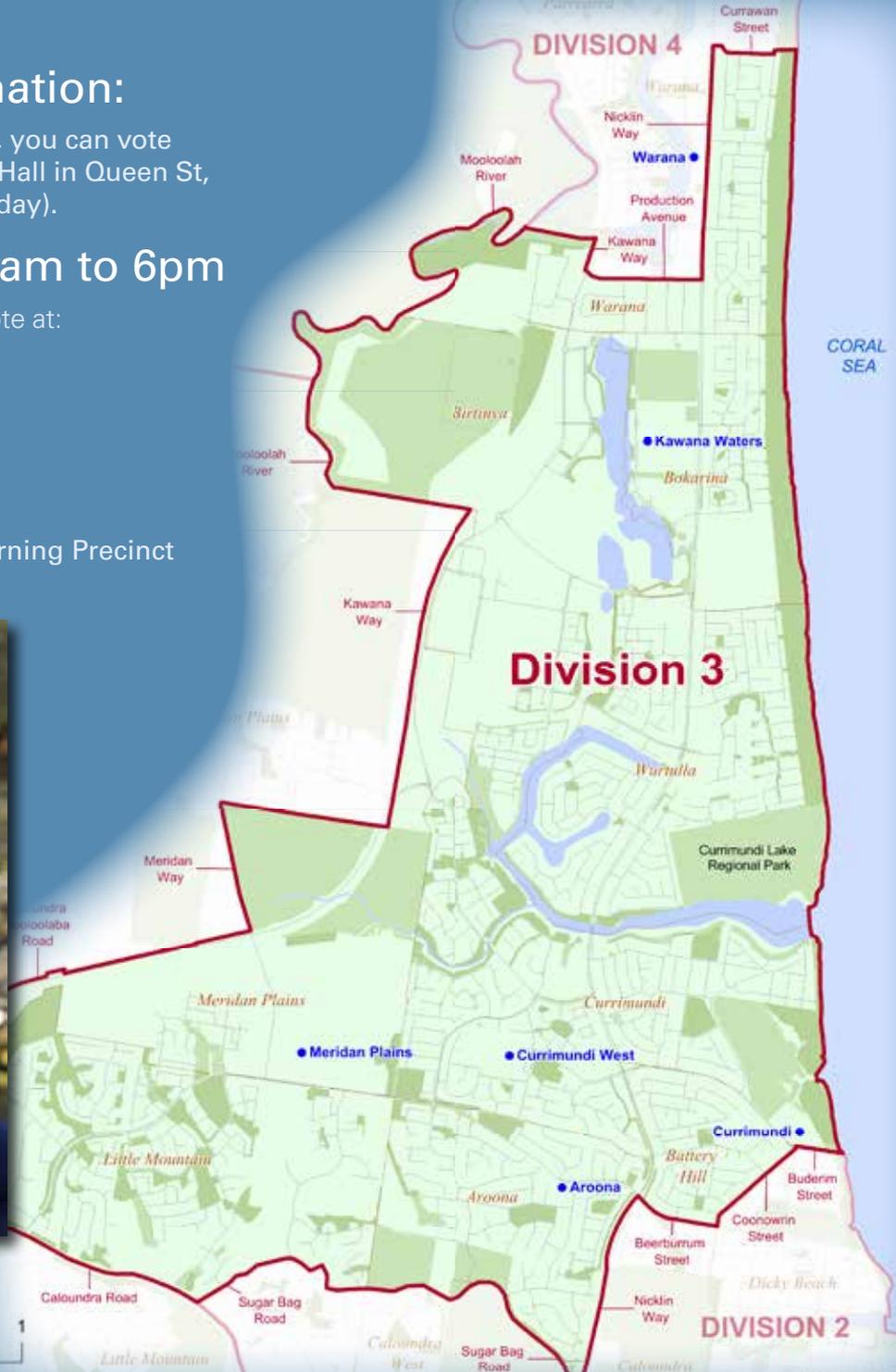
Council Election Information:

If you want to vote before election day, you can vote from the 7th March at the Community Hall in Queen St, Caloundra (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday).

Saturday 19th March, 8am to 6pm

On election day in the division you can vote at:

- ▶ Aroona Childcare Centre
- ▶ Currimundi Primary School
- ▶ Talara Primary College
- ▶ Kawana Waters State College
- ▶ Meridan State College - Senior Learning Precinct



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Our Community & Business Champion

- ▶ Experience Matters - 20 years on the Caloundra Council
- ▶ Vision Matters - Initiated the regional Hospital at Kawana
- ▶ Business Matters - Founded Kawana Chamber of Commerce

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