



## MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2024 CANDIDATE GUIDE

Many thanks for agreeing to participate in the OSCAR Mayoral Candidate forum. Our aim is to conduct a lively and informative evening where you will have the opportunity to present your credentials to the local community. In this way we hope to get a good understanding about each candidate so that informed voting can take place.

1. Would you please come to the venue at RSL Maroochydore by 6:30pm so we can meet and greet and run through the proposed program. We would welcome you bringing two of your corflutes to display to add colour to the evening.
2. The forum will commence at 7:00pm sharp and will be chaired by Tony Wellington.
3. Your speaking order will be rotated through the evening so that everyone has an opportunity in turn to lead off.
4. Your speaking opportunities will begin with you presenting a **3 minute** background about yourself, work history, where you live, general life experience and why you want to be the Mayor.
5. Question time will then begin at about 7:30pm and your answers to all questions will be limited to **2 minutes** by a timekeeper. Please conform to these limits so everybody gets a fair go.
6. Questions will then continue at around 15 minute intervals until last question at about 9:15pm.
7. You will then be given a final response time to finish – again 2 minutes limit
8. We are aiming to conclude the evening by about 9:45pm.

There are eight questions you will be asked during the evening. Three of the questions have been redacted in this copy but a full list will be given to you on arrival at the RSL. This will allow you to demonstrate your ability to answer questions “on the hop”.

## MAYORAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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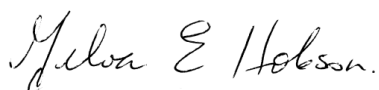
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1. Do you think Sunshine Coast Council rates and/or expenditures are too high? If so, what would you propose to do to remedy the situation?
2. *Will be given to candidates at 6.30 pm on Wednesday evening.*
3. Please outline your approach to flood plain management across the Sunshine Coast.
4. The State has projected that our population will grow by 150 thousand by about 2040. Do you favour proposals that would locate the majority of them in the corridor from Caloundra to Maroochydore and West?
5. What proposals do you have for Council to deal with the housing and homelessness crisis?
6. What would you propose Council should do to improve public transport and active transport availability on the Sunshine Coast?
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**Finisher question:** What Mayoral style would you propose to follow?

Time permitting there may be other questions from the floor.

We offer our sincere thanks for your participation in this event.



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