



Mayor Paddi Creevey

Mayor's Message

Awards, Awards and more Awards...

The City of Mandurah has really had a winning streak in the past month attracting awards at international, national and state levels. At the international level, the City has been selected as a finalist in the 2006 International Awards for Liveable Communities - the LivCom Awards – which is the world's only competition for local communities focusing on environmental management and the creation of vibrant liveable communities that can improve the quality of life for people worldwide.

More than 50 countries have been invited to the final presentations and awards in the host city of Hangzhou, China, from November 9-13, including many cities from within different countries. Other finalists competing against Mandurah in the Whole Cites category (pop: 20,001 to 75,000) are Baden in Austria, Brasschaat in Belgium, and the Meilynycun Community and Tonglu in China. While Mandurah is the only Australian finalist in its category, three other Australian cities, Randwick, Whittlesea, and Willoughby, will be competing against each other and cities from Norway, the United States and England.

This is a tremendous achievement for our community as it provides some exciting opportunities for the City to promote itself internationally as a sustainable community and to profile our achievements in best practice environmental management. Our delegation will also use its time in China to profile Mandurah and the Peel Region to a global audience and give us the chance to network with other countries to exchange information and experiences.

Now to our other awards. The Sustainable Mandurah Home in Meadow Springs is the smartest house and best project home in Australia after becoming a dual award winner in the Smart Housing and Project Home of the Year categories at the Housing Industry Association's National GreenSmart Awards in Sydney on August 31. It was also runner-up in the awards for Water Efficiency and Building of the Year.

The City has also achieved excellence in health promotion at the 2006 Healthway Excellence in Health Promotion Awards for its "Drug Aware" workshop, which it ran as part of its summer state series in partnership with Healthway and Mirvac Fini, and we were runner-up in the 2006 Environs Australia Local Leadership in Sustainability Awards in Sydney a fortnight ago for our Bushland Protection Strategy in the category Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability.

Last but not least, the City's work with developers to achieve the best we can for the environment and our people – that is, liveable communities - has again contributed to award wins in the UDIA 2006 Awards for Excellence with Peet & Company winning the Sustainable Urban Development Award for Lakelands Private Estate and LandCorp winning the best Masterplanned Development for the Mandurah Ocean Marina.

To be recognised at these levels for our community and environmental achievements just strengthens my belief that we are heading in the right direction and I have to congratulate the City's dedicated staff in their drive to accomplish the best they can for our people.

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