

Winner of the Criteria Award for Arts, Culture and Heritage:

Nanjing, China

“This community has an ancient culture dating back more than 2,000 years. As a former capital city in previous years, this city has an amazing 289 protected sites, and it commits three percent of its annual budget on protecting these sites.

“There are fifty-one special ethnic groups who are greatly valued in this culture.

“Their attention to arts, culture and heritage is truly remarkable.”

Gabe de Buysscher

Award for community sustainability 2011: Greater Geraldton, Australia

“Involvement and empowerment of citizens from all sectors of the community are the cornerstones of community sustainability.

“It is safe to say that structured economic development, participation in planning, volunteerism, social inclusion and proper evaluation of citizens’ satisfaction and community pride are well understood and practiced by this community.

Gabe de Buysscher

Award for enhancing the landscape: Bilbao, Spain

“Creating a sense of place; definitive iconic landscape features that are created by exciting and outstanding urban design.

“This community made one of the world’s most dramatic transitions from an industrial based city that was declining--to an arts and cultural based city with a stunning built landscape. Their work is not finished as they have just launched a new phase of urban design.”

Rob Small

Award for environmental best practice 2011: Pfaffenhofen an der Ilm, Germany

“Commitment to improving and maintaining the environment is much more than recycling waste and using alternative energy. There are many other factors that make up a comprehensive approach to Environmental Best Practice.

“Dealing with Brownfield Sites, Water Security, transport initiatives advocacy and innovative, integrated, community specific approaches and strategies are all equally important.

“It is safe to say that this community has implemented exemplary Environmental Best Practice.”

Krista Vilta

Award for Healthy Lifestyle 2011: Chrudim

“A healthy community is much more than one that has active citizens who exercise and observe a healthy diet.

“Dealing with safety, problems of drug and alcohol abuse, youth issues, affordable housing and a sense of pride and satisfaction where you live are equally important.

“It is safe to say that citizens of this town are healthy and proud of where they live.”

Christo Coetzer

Special Whole City Award: San Carlos City, Philippines

“Throughout LivCom’s 15 years history, examples of excellence from right around the world, keep emerging. Although standards vary significantly due to political, economic and environmental circumstances, one of the

things that remain constant is the commitment and dedication of all the communities and their leaders.

“This year we heard an amazing story of rapid progress towards a livable community from a very low base. This community was in turmoil only 7 years ago, and although they still have much to do, they are clearly making massive improvements to the quality of life for their residents. The judges believe this community’s success is due to the strong leadership and willingness to learn from others. We are confident this community will, very soon, achieve their goals.”

Steve Palframan

Award for Strategic Planning 2011: Mandurah

“While specific program are an essential part of the planning process, strategic planning requires an overall framework plan with cohesive subordinate plans and programs.

“It is safe to say that this community has a comprehensive strategic plan with properly finance hierarchical subordinate plans relating to community issues but at the same time integrating with regional and national plans.”

Katie Freeth