

2021 CAP AWARDS WINNERS

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COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS
AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING PLANNING ACHIEVEMENT IN
THE COMMONWEALTH
WINNERS, COMMENDATIONS AND THE JUDGES CITATIONS

a. Planning for the climate emergency –

Winner -Sistem Pemantauan Operasi Pam (SPOP) project (Malaysia)

JUDGES CITATION

This entry from the Melaka Historic City Council, Malaysia is an eco-innovation by the Ingenieria Crew in Melaka for a better flood management system developed with the local community, community leaders and traders. This collaborative effort is a co design to mitigate the increasing risk of floods in the future with climate change. The innovation uses smart technology to provide timely and fast flood information at low cost to help mitigate the impacts on local communities .



b.Planning for cities and human settlements / plan making in the Commonwealth

Skudi River Rejuvenation Plan

Sungai Skudai, Iskandar Puteri, Johor, Malaysia

Iskandar Puteri City Council(MBIP) Surrounding Community ,University of Technology Malaysia

Judges Citation

This project clearly represents all the key aspects of the criteria of the award for planning for cities and human settlements/plan making. The Skudai River Rejuvenation Plan is focused on revitalising the river through physical projects such as conserving the river, increasing water quality and establishing the river as a public realm. Fundamentally the submission illustrated how it involved the community in the plan making process, it showed how other Commonwealth Nations can apply the principles of this plan and how the SDGs were integral to its development . The plan and the implementation went beyond just an academic plan, but the focussed on behavioural change, which is key to tackling any climate change risk related issue



c.Planning for equitable and inclusive cities and human settlements

Te Whaihanga, New Zealand: (Ako Aotearoa, Auckland Council, Te Hana Te Ao Marama).

Judges citation

Many planning systems across the Commonwealth are legacies of the colonial era. As such they paid scant regard to the values and culture of indigenous peoples. Training and practice rendered many planners blind to this inequity and to its discriminatory consequences. In New Zealand, Māori remain a disadvantaged group. The Te Whaihanga project is a multi-faceted training project that is building the capacity of planners and other built environment professionals to engage with Māori and build a long term relationship. Workshops can be accessed face-to-face or online. The concept and content have been shaped and led by Māori.

Te Whaihanga contributes to delivery of several SDGs. It embeds key Māori principles that define human responsibilities to the natural environment and landscapes. It is a model that could be adapted to many Commonwealth countries to make planning a more inclusive and equitable practice.



d.Planning in response to natural or technological disasters

WINNER Community farming project at Kinari Low Cost Flat

Iskandar Puteri City Council (MBIP), University of Technology Malaysia (UTM)



Citation

This project promotes green initiatives and composting at community farming area thus making MBIP housing area emit less carbon. The project addresses a number of activities that will assist in delivering SDGs. It builds resilience by increasing the self-sufficiency of dense and less privileged urban areas. It has made a significant impact on the local environment. A multi-disciplinary team has worked very successfully with the local communities which have responded enthusiastically. The approach has clear relevance to many Commonwealth countries .

The judges commended the following 2 entries;

Commendation Application of Living with Flood Concept on Affordable Housing Scheme

Eastern Zone Project Office, PLANMalaysia (Department Of Town and Country Planning)
and Kuantan City Hall

Judges citation

The development of affordable and flood-resistant housing scheme in Kampung Tiram, District of Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia aims to ensure that local people from low-income group can afford to own their own house. The project contributes to a range of SDGs and will increase resilience through the incorporation of flood resistant construction principles which may well have broad relevance in many Commonwealth countries. The housing provided will have good access to city facilities and employment opportunities. The innovative construction techniques are designed to keep the residents safe during fluvial flooding. The housing of good quality is intended to be accessible to low income families. The development will make optimum use of scarce urban land.

The judges felt that the application was somewhat premature, being under construction and would have been improved if it had reflected substantive community involvement

Commendation Coastal Vulnerability Index (CVI): A Tool for Natural Coastal Disaster Risk Management (DRM) in Peninsular Malaysia. Regional Planning Division, PLANMalaysia.

Judges citation

Research for the National Physical Plan for Coastal Zone found that the vulnerability of the coastal area needs to be assessed so that risks can be predicted and a mechanism for disaster risk management can reduce the effect of disasters. The Coastal Vulnerability Index is a method to assess vulnerability through 3 components ; physical, bio-diversity and socio economic. The Index contributes significantly to increasing resilience and contributes to a number of SDGs. The technique appears to build on other examples to provide an objective practical and comprehensive method of assessing coastal vulnerability which is also comprehensive and practical. The approach has clear relevance to a large number of Commonwealth countries.

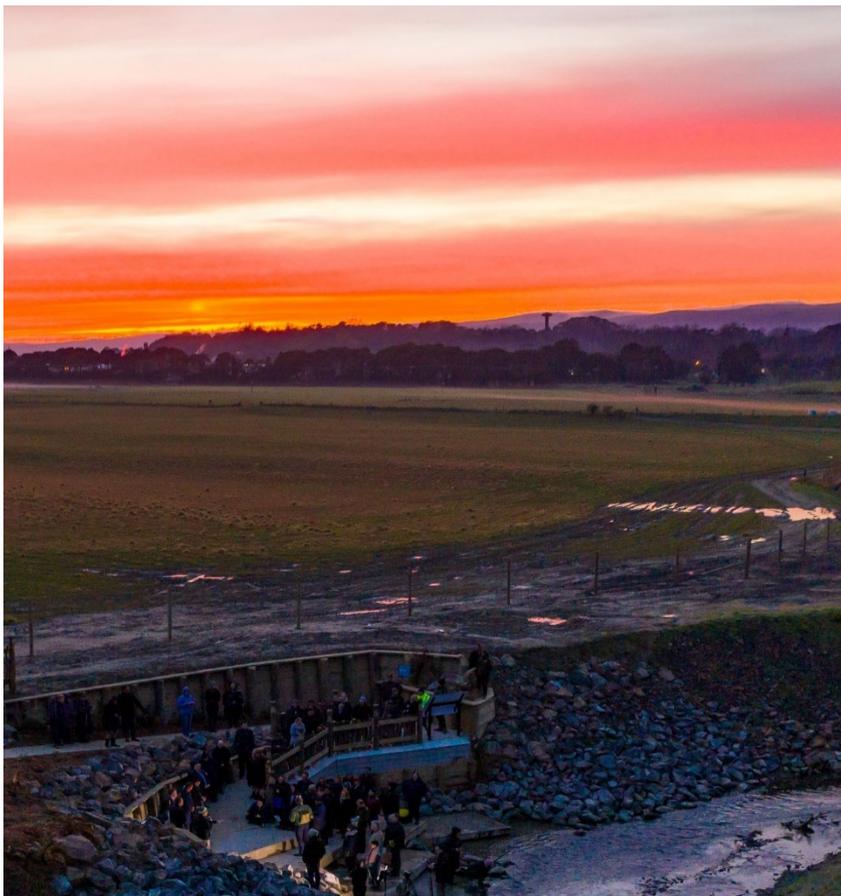
e.Planning for the conservation of the built and natural environment and cultural heritage

WINNER :Urban Eels: Our Sustainable City Palmerston North New Zealand

Fiona Gordon -Gordon consulting, Paul Horton Tanenuiarangi Manawatū Incorporated

Judges citation

The project, which has a strong link to Maori heritage and natural environment, represents an excellent example where cultural and natural heritage interpretation is innovatively embedded into the planning process and the urban fabric. A replicable example of how planning process can result in greater awareness and education on the significance of heritage, providing opportunities for people to reconnect with natural and culture.



Commendation. Rebranding and Conservation of Taiping City, Perak, Malaysia as a Heritage City through provision of a Special Area Plan

Judges citation

Project showcased a well rooted statutory approach to conservation demonstrated the importance of a holistically prepared plan to guide future actions, in terms of conservation and developments that are sensitive to the conservation objectives and ensuring the outstanding heritage values continues to be respected in development progress.

Commonwealth Young Planner of the Year

The winner is Elias Young Daud

Judges Commendation: As a young planner, Elias has demonstrated his commitment to the Planning profession within and beyond the Commonwealth by engaging in impactful activities and action-oriented projects to promote the implementation of sustainable development goals at local level.



