



Having a great time: Mandurah mother Taryn Bacon with daughters Jaimee, 3, and Imojen, 6.

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## Mandurah and Joondalup get top vote

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Two cities on Perth's urban fringes are among the best places in the world to live, according to an international competition endorsed by the United Nations.

Joondalup and Mandurah were named in an elite group of the world's most liveable cities in 2011.

The awards, announced in South Korea on Monday, were judged on criteria including

healthy lifestyle, community involvement, arts, cultural heritage and environmental best practice.

Joondalup was top for cities with 150,000 to 400,000 people and Mandurah was second in its category of cities with 20,000 to 75,000 people.

There were more than 330 entrants from around the world, whittled down to 77 finalists.

Mandurah mother-of-two Taryn Bacon was not

surprised that her home city was one of the best places to live.

She said it offered a great lifestyle and was a wonderful place to bring up children.

"I've lived here all my life and I wouldn't live anywhere else," Mrs Bacon said.

City of Mandurah's acting chief executive Tony Free said the award belonged to every resident.

WA cities won five awards in the competition with

Mandurah taking two and Greater Geraldton and the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale winning special category prizes.

Joondalup mayor Troy Pickard said the award was "the jewel in the crown" for the city which was now recognised internationally for its attributes and lifestyle.

The city had come a long way in a few years to create services and sustainable environmental strategies.