



West Coast Eagles could still land at Lathlain Park

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West Coast Eagles chief executive Trevor Nisbett said negotiations for Lathlain Park to become the Eagles' new home base were progressing well.

The team has been in talks with the Town of Victoria Park, the Perth Demons and Federal Member for Swan Steve Irons.

"We've been in discussions with Steve Irons for two years now and obviously discussions with the Perth football club and more recently the council about the possibility," he said.

"From our point of view, it's a handy location.

"Hopefully we can take this a little bit further."

Lathlain Park is one of five possible locations currently being investigated by the team.

Mr Nisbett said the decision was a major one as the team had been based at Subiaco since its inception.

"It's a new venture for us and that's

why we're taking our time with it," he said.

"We need to make sure we get this right."

Perth Demons chief executive Marty Atkins said the club would welcome the Eagles.

"From my point of view, the West Coast Eagles are looking for a new home and if Lathlain fits, it's all well and good," he said.

"One of the things you will find is that there will be a lot more people around the oval, which is always good.

"Obviously the one thing that won't be forgotten will be the Perth footy club."

The Town of Victoria Park did not want to comment on the matter.

Lathlain Park precinct was also in the spotlight at the Town of Victoria Park ordinary council meeting on May 14.

The council passed a motion regarding the Lathlain Park precinct redevelopment with streetscaping commencing in the new financial year.

The area will receive a new 'key

community facility' which will house the scouts/girl guides, Lathlain Carlisle playgroup, Carlisle Victoria Park toy library and child health care service.

Rejuvenation of the precinct had been included in the town's strategic plan since 2000.

Toy library president Luana Lisan-dro said it was important the council provided services and facilities like this to the community.

"To have a community facility located at Lathlain Place with those integrated services will be beneficial for generations to come, that for me is a huge positive," she said.

"It will leave a legacy from this council to the people of the Town of Victoria Park."

Town of Victoria Park chief executive Arthur Kyron said the Lathlain Park precinct development would mean new pathways, tennis court upgrades, barbecue and playground facilities and landscaping.

"This will create more amenity and vibrancy in and around the area," he said.