



Lathlain Park Redevelopment

\$5.4 million down in the final quarter





History in the making..

Welcome back to the final moments of this nail-biter for the Perth Demons Football Club and Town of Victoria Park as they try to build a new Lathlain Stadium.

With Just 8 weeks left on the clock and the team off by \$5.4 million, there's still a sense that there might be hope yet.

It's been an absolute thriller, and you can feel the tension here at Lathlain Park.

They know what they need to get it across the line!



The backyard of Lathlain since the beginning...

Lathlain Park has been a cornerstone of Aussie rules football in Perth since its establishment in 1959. The stadium was originally constructed to serve as the home ground for the Perth Football Club. The club, founded in 1899, is one of the oldest and most storied teams in the WAFL. Over the decades, the club has experienced both triumphs and challenges, with Lathlain Park being the backdrop to many memorable moments in the club's history.

Today, the stadium not only hosts WAFL matches but also serves as the training ground for the AFL's West Coast Eagles and hosts game days for the Eagles Women's team, reflecting its ongoing significance in AFL.

Lathlain Park has served the Football and wider community well, but it has done its job and the old site doesn't have the basic needs of a modern club.





"WAFL clubs are the heart and soul of communities in Western Australia. For many these clubs are more than just a place to play football; they're a source of camaraderie, pride, and lifelong friendships. They provide a sense of belonging, a place to support one another, and an enduring connection to our shared heritage and passion for the game."

– Adrian Barich, Perth Football Club President



The Funding Gap

Down to the final minutes

The project has attracted funding contributions from a wide variety of sources, with the State Government currently being the largest contributor.

State Government - \$10 million

Town of Victoria Park - \$5 million

Commonwealth Government - \$4 million

West Coast Eagles Football Club - \$1 million

Western Australian Football Commission - \$200,000

Total - \$20.2 million

Unfortunately, due to construction industry pressures, the cost of achieving the project's vision has increased. The cost estimate of the project is now \$25.6 million leaving a shortfall of \$5.4 million.

"The growth of the womens game means so much more than just playing football; it represents a monumental shift in our clubs, providing opportunities, breaking barriers, and inspiring future generations."

– Michele Burton, Perth Football Club



We've seen this story before

Will a great community project fall by the wayside in the dying seconds?

Without support the additional financial burden can't sit on Victoria Park ratepayers and the project could fail.

This will mean;

- No regional football stadium
- A scaled back project that won't support the development of women's football
- Unsustainable Perth Metro zone with no pathways for junior clubs
- Lose of current funding streams that have a female dependency



The Project

The new facility would bring the stadium into line with the 2023 AFL venue guidelines as capable of hosting AFLW and AFL Pre-season competition matches.

The grandstand development will include;

- Women's changerooms
- Improved universal accessibility
- Multi-purpose community space
- Function facilities and members area
- Perth Demons Football Club administration

Key Benefits

- Provides a high quality game day experience for women's football
- Create a gender equitable high performance training facility that establishes a pathway from juniors to elite level
- Completes the last stage in the broader redevelopment of the Lathlain Park precinct
- Establishes a multipurpose community space for use by local groups
- Renews Western Australia's most patronised football facility





"With the growth of Women's Football and with WAFLW matches at the venue, it is clear the current facility is not fit for purpose. An example of this is having only one seated toilet in the change rooms when 40 plus women are using the rooms."

– Russ Clark, Perth Football Club





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