



High rolling: Corey Edwards, left, 13, and Matt Beattie, 14, try out new portable skate ramps in Lathlain.

Picture: Nic Ellis

## Council gives skaters roving ramps

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Mobile skate ramps are being rolled out in the Town of Victoria Park after a concerted push by a group of young skaters.

The ramps will be "on tour" at various reserves, changing spots every 28 days.

Currently they are set up at the closed car park of the old Carlisle/Lathlain bowling club in Lathlain.

The council said the initiative began after a request by a group of local youths asking for more skate-based facilities.

They told the council the area needed new attractions, and new skate facilities would stop them riding in unauthorised places.

After forming a reference group, Lathlain Sk8, the youths also helped select the equipment.

The council said it had an

existing facility at the Victoria Park foreshore, but it tended to accommodate intermediate to advanced level skaters.

Corey Edwards, 13, and Matt Beattie, 14, recently gave the new facility the thumbs up.

Mayor Trevor Vaughan said the council was happy to respond to feedback from its community, especially "enterprising and proactive" youth.