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Dampier Terrace to be a pedestrian precinct this tourist season

Bollards will be used every Thursday night from May until the end of September, effectively closing traffic on Dampier Terrace between Napier Terrace and Short Street.

Shire President Cr Graeme Campbell said the Shire had installed the bollards at the request of the Liquor Accord and WA Police, to help turn the area into a temporary pedestrian precinct on busy social nights.

“The bollards will assist police control anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Chinatown’s licenced premises,” Cr Campbell said.

“They will be raised at 9pm on Thursday evenings and lowered again at 5am on Friday mornings, helping to increase the safety of pedestrians, which is particularly active on Thursday evenings. The bollards will also be used on other dates for special events, as they arise.

“The Shire has direct responsibility for managing the bollards and will ensure that an approved Traffic Management Plan is implemented, with signage and a staged closure, to ensure vehicles do not remain trapped inside the pedestrian precinct.

“The Police will also have a bollard key so that they are able to raise or lower the bollards for emergencies, as required.

“We hope the use of the retractable bollards will encourage more events to be held in Chinatown, given the ease with which traffic can now be controlled.”

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