



# Revamp will alter the face of region

THERE ARE BIG CHANGES COMING TO MONA VALE, GIVING IT A REVITALISED HEART, MORE PUBLIC SPACE, MORE PARKING, MORE JOBS AND A SPEEDIER JOURNEY TO THE CITY, REPORTS **KATHRYN WELLING**

**M**ona Vale is getting a new heart and is the first suburb the Northern Beaches Council is focusing on with a specific place plan.

The council has a 10-year vision for the suburb, which is just 1km from the beach.

Ten thousand people have been listened to and more community feedback is welcome until November 13.

Council officers will be at the Mona Vale Market Day on November 6 to listen to residents.

In essence, the vision for Mona

Vale seeks to create a new civic square, make Village Park more user friendly with a permanent stage for music and live performances and allow for six-storey development in some parts.

The NSW government is spending \$633 million over the next five years for better public transport and road improvements and Mona Vale will be the first stop in the B-Line fast bus service to the CBD.

Council in its draft report says the plan for Mona Vale is to turn it into a vibrant urban heart on the

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northern beaches, a creative arts and culture hub and a well-connected suburb with a village atmosphere.

Affordable housing is planned above light industrial businesses

in the area between Harkeith and Darley streets.

According to CoreLogic RP Data the current median house price in Mona Vale is \$1.44 million, which is below the northern beaches house median.

A revitalisation of the suburb, widening of Mona Vale Rd and quicker bus journeys to the city will lift property prices in this hub of a suburb.

Ben Spackman, of LJ Hooker Mona Vale, said the changes would allow Mona Vale to be a major hub on the beaches.