Police seize meth, cannabis and cash during traffic stop



A 27-year-old man has faced court after being charged with drug offences at Tumut this week.

At 3.10am on Monday 16 November proactive officers attached to the Riverina Police District had reason to stop a BMW SUV in Lambie Street.

During a search of the vehicle police allegedly located 158 grams of methylamphetamine, 26.5 grams of cannabis, vaping products, buprenorphine, steroids, peptides, cash, a knife and drug paraphernalia.

The man was arrested and taken to Tumut Police Station where he was charged with supplying a prohibited drug (indictable quantity, less than commercial quantity), three counts of possessing a prohibited drug, custody of a knife in a public place, dealing with proceeds of crime, and supplying vaping goods.

The man was refused police bail to appear before Bail Division Court 5 on Monday.



Pictured: Police allegedly uncovered drugs, cash, vaping products and a knife during the stop. PHOTOS: NSW Police

Rehabilitation milestone for Adelong mine

By CAMILLO MALACARI

Great Divide Mining (GDM) has completed the first stage of environmental rehabilitation at its Challenger Gold Mine near Adelong, addressing land affected by historical gold mining activities dating back more than 150 years.

The Currajong site has undergone environmental remediation, earthworks and contouring, followed by planting and ongoing environmental monitoring.

The work marks the first completed stage of the company's broader commitment to rehabilitate areas affected by historic mining activities across the Challenger mining lease.

Local community representatives and invited dignitaries joined the company to commence tree planting near the rehabilitated site.

GDM CEO Justin Haines said the milestone demonstrated that environmental rehabilitation and commercial mining operations could progress together.

"Rehabilitation of historic mine wastes is a three-stage process," he said.

"Firstly, you remove the remnant waste rock and process it to extract remnant gold. Secondly, you recontour and reseed the site, and finally, you monitor and adjust as needed and report on the outcomes once rehabilitation is complete."



GDM CEO Justin Haines, councillor James Hayes and mayor Julia Ham planting the first tree at the freshly rehabilitated Currajong site.

Mr Haines said the company had been able to generate revenue through the recovery and sale of gold from historical mine waste while addressing the site's environmental legacy.

"We're particularly proud of what we've achieved at Currajong. This is the first mine site I know of where historical environmental damage has been rehabilitated before new mining operations have even commenced," he said.

"We recognise that we can never restore the environment to exactly as it was 150 years ago, when gold mining first commenced in this district, but there's enough knowledge, experience and local history within the Adelong community for us to give it a very good go."

Mr Haines said further tree planting would accompany the progressive rehabilitation of other areas of the historic mine site.

"Our objective is to leave the land in a significantly better condition than we found it," he said.

GDM chairperson Paul Ryan said the rehabilitation work was among several commitments made when the company assumed responsibility for Challenger.

These included addressing historical environmental damage, establishing commercial cash flow, minimising disruption to local traffic and operating without toxic chemicals.

Mr Ryan said the company was using gravity separation and recycled water in its gold recovery operations, while regular gold concentrate shipments had helped minimise traffic impacts.

"These weren't simply promises made to secure community support. They were commitments we intended to honour, and the completion of the Currajong rehabilitation is further evidence that we're doing exactly that," he said.

Snowy Valleys mayor Julia Ham and councillor James Hayes OAM welcomed the milestone.

"Great Divide Mining has demonstrated that environmental responsibility and commercial mining can go hand-in-hand, and that the legacy of historical mining can be addressed while creating new economic opportunities for the community," Cr Ham said.

Cr Hayes said he looked forward to further rehabilitation across the Challenger mining lease and encouraged representatives from surrounding districts to visit the site.

He described the company's approach as "mining done right, Adelong style".

Accommodation Bursary for final year students

Accommodation bursary for final year students in Allied Health tertiary courses

The Blakeney Millar Foundation offers a bursary to cover the cost of accommodation to students who reside in the 2720 post code.

The bursary is available to students in their final year of study in courses related to the health sector, although in some case other courses may be given consideration.

The foundation recognises the many areas of stress that may be encountered in the final year of study, (some courses may require four, five or six years to complete) and sees the bursary as a means to reduce at least some of the financial stress which often affect the individual and possibly their family.

The bursary applies to on campus or off campus accommodation and will cover "out of area" placements often encountered in areas such as nurse training which may involve travel to a hospital or facility remote from the students usual place of residence.

Students who are studying outside of Australia are also welcome to apply.

Since the inception of the bursary, the foundation has been able to assist a considerable number of students to offset their costs involved with living away from home.

Some accommodation scenarios encountered range from on campus, share housing, flat or unit accommodation and also temporary placement situations where a student is required to travel away from their base and are often subject to placement accommodation cost as well as retaining their home base residence.

Students have been assisted nearby at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga and Albury, at Wollongong, Canberra, Goulburn, Sydney, Brisbane and many local and remote hospitals where training placements have been required as course training components.

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Please refer to: Blakeney Millar website for application form (blakeneymillar.com.au)