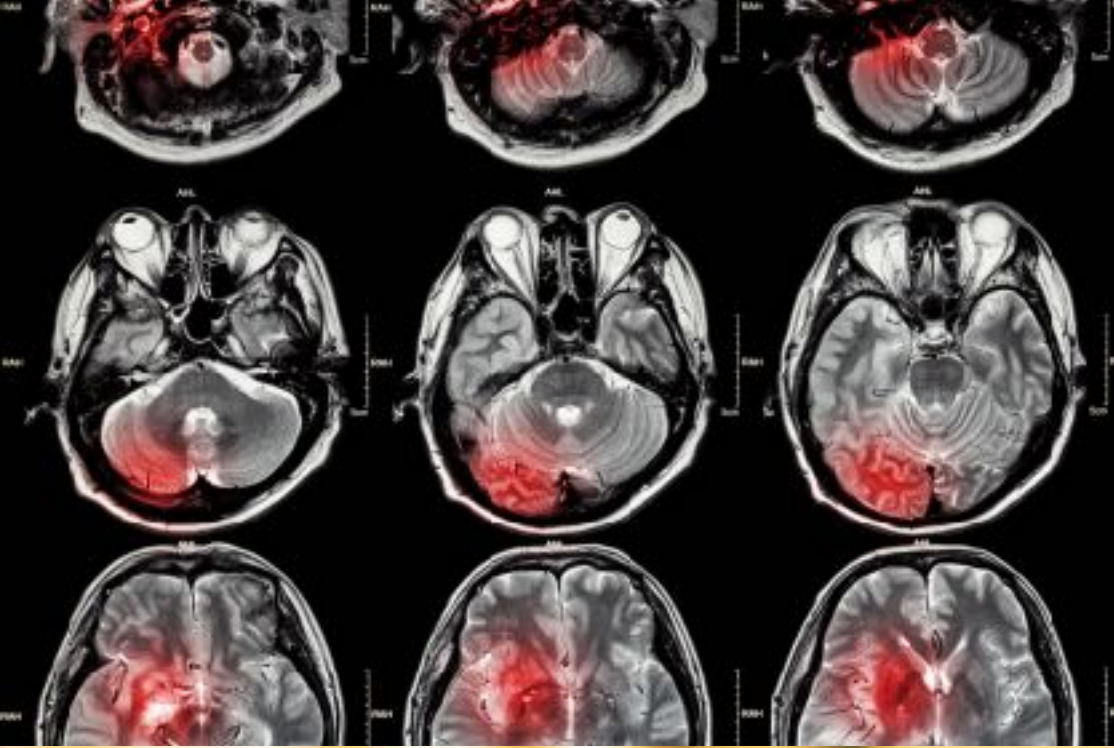


DC STORIES
presents

HIGH AS MIKE

A documentary on
Medicinal Cannabis





This film centres on the experiences of patients with a broad range of Medical Conditions. The Production aims to offer a balanced perspective of the current situation regarding the prescription of Medicinal Cannabis. The Documentary uses Patient Testimonies and expert opinions of all sides of the Medicinal Cannabis debate.

The Production began as a series of interviews with patients who experienced mind-boggling results from Cannabis Oil to an informal Clinical Trial. "Mike" is a disillusioned Brain Tumour Patient who has shunned the Medical Fraternity for over ten years, the film uses his self-made trial to link expert interviews exposing the deficiencies in current patient access.

We are currently in production and aiming for an February 2019 release.

HIGH AS MIKE

Mike has a brain tumour. It's the sort of tumour that won't kill him, but it will rob him of his sight.

With the current stagnation of Medicinal Cannabis prescription in Australia, Mike sets off on a road trip of discovery. To find out if Medicinal Cannabis will reduce his tumour and help regain his eyesight.

Travelling from Tamworth in the New England region of NSW, Mike's journey takes him to Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney in search of answers.

Along the way he chats with patients that have already embarked on the same life changing journey, as well as Politicians, a former Australian Federal Police Commissioner, a Lawyer, a Neurosurgeon, Doctors and suppliers of Medicinal Cannabis, including one that is facing an 18 year gaol term for her life saving service.

Mike's road trip is captured in stunning cinematography, and you will be taken on an emotional journey every step of the way as he does his "own" clinical trial with medicinal Cannabis.





LEE
STAGE 4 BREAST CANCER

Lee J 62yr old Stage 4 breast cancer. Told she had 3 months to live. Was paid out her life insurance. Started taking Medicinal Cannabis Oil and is now tumour free.



PETER
BI-POLAR

26yr old suffered from Bi-Polar Disorder. Was given a toxic treatment of potent mind altering drugs. He couldn't hold down a job, keep a relationship and was suicidal. Since taking Cannabis oil, he reports that for the first time in his life the noises have stopped in his head.



JADE
STAGE 4 STOMACH CANCER

31yr old CEO diagnosed with Stage 4 stomach cancer. Was given 3 months to live and her life insurance was paid out. After halting chemotherapy decided to try Medicinal Oil. 3 months later she is cancer free.



JANE
SINUS INFECTION

Suffered from chronic sinus infections. After surgery was performed she became suicidal from pain as a sponge had been left in her face. Prescribed Opioids did not work. Has been relatively pain free for last 6 months due to Cannabis Oil. She can now lead a normal life.



MARTIN
EPILEPSY

46yr old has suffered from Epilepsy his entire life. After 6 months of taking Cannabis Oil, he is now seizure free.



JUSTIN SINCLAIR
RESEARCH FELLOW, NICM

Coordinator Australian Medicinal Cannabis Research and Education Collaboration. He also heads up the Scientific Advisory Board for United in Compassion, Australia's leading medicinal cannabis advocacy group, which was instrumental in lobbying for government legislation around medicinal cannabis.



LUCY HASLAM
MEDICINAL CANNABIS CAMPAIGNER

After her son died from cancer and was using MC in the last days of his life for pain relief. Lucy Campaigns for "the right to try" with her charity United in Compassion



DR DAVID CALDICOTT MD
EMERGENCY SPECIALIST DOCTOR

Founding member of the Australian Medical Cannabis Observatory. Author of numerous publications, a researcher, educator, with specialties in Novel Illicit Compounds in the ED, Simulation, Medical Education, Innovation in the Emergency Department, Medical Response to Terrorism, Disaster Medicine



DR VICKI KOTSIRILOS

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Vicki gives the RACGP's version of the current Medicinal Cannabis debate and explains how the system is set up to fail



CAROL IRELAND

EPILEPSY AUSTRALIA CEO

Talks about the positive outcomes of Medicinal Cannabis with her members



MICK PALMER

FORMER AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE COMMISSIONER

Gives his opinion of the current laws and tells Mike why he should not try the Black Market to source Medicinal Cannabis



GREG HUNT MP

FEDERAL HEALTH MINISTER

Mr Hunt gives his opinions on the current system and why recreational cannabis will not get through the government



BILL SHORTEN

LEADER OF FEDERAL LABOUR PARTY

Mr Shorten explains his views on the Medicinal Cannabis debate and why the current model isn't working



RICHARD DI NATALE

LEADER OF THE GREENS

Richard articulates why the current Therapeutic Goods Act model is failing



MICHAEL BALDERSTON

HEMP EMBASSY NIMBIN

Michael has his outspoken views about the legalisation of Cannabis both Medicinal and Recreational



DR GORDON DANDIE

NEUROSURGEON

Dr Dandie speaks to us regarding Mike's condition with a full consultation on camera. He will read his MRI scan and also read the MRI Scan after Mike's own Medical Trial



ANDREW GREER
OPTOMETRIST

Andrew performs a very detailed eye consultation of Mikes vision. He will perform the second test when Mikes trial is complete so he can compare the results



BOB
BLACK MARKET SUPPLIER

Bob takes us back on his journey of supplying Medicinal Cannabis to sick people for the last 45 years. He has never charged a cent, donating his time to help anyone he could. Avoiding gaol from raids on his property and being caught with large amounts of plants.



JENNY HALLAM
BLACK MARKET SUPPLIER

Jenny is facing 18 years in prison after being raided with late amounts of Medicinal Cannabis Oil. People knock on her door everyday asking for help to “please save my child’s life, She is dying!!

Jenny doesn’t charge for her product



Nick
BLACK MARKET SUPPLIER

Nick talks about how he got into the industry and how it consumes his life



PETER CROCK
CANN GROUP

Peter is the CEO of the Cann Group. The Cann Group have the licence to supply Cannabis to the Victorian Government for Medicinal Cannabis drug trials. Peter talks about the set up and shows us through his facility in Melbourne



MIKE GALLAGHER
BRAIN TUMOUR

Mike is a 53yr old with a brain tumour. His tumour is affecting his sight. He has had no luck with current medical fraternity. Mike is now on a road trip seeking answers on whether he should go down the path of legal MC or the black market. Mike has decided to do his own medical trial.



MICHAEL J FOX
ACTOR & CANNABIS OIL ADVOCATE

Michael takes and promotes the use of medicinal cannabis oil in the US.



PROFESSOR RAPHAEL MECHOULAM
HEBREW UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM

started studying cannabis in the 1960s. He discovered the plant’s two psychoactive substances, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD), which are now being investigated by scientists hoping to create new treatments for conditions including pain, cancer and inflammatory diseases.



DC Stories is a collaborative venture between cinematographer Daniel Raffaele and award winning editor Craig Wilson.

They joined forces in 2017 on their first documentary together, "Rode To Rescue" and quickly realised their creative relationship was a unique one that demanded further attention.



DANIEL RAFFAELE

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER / CINEMATOGRAPHER

Daniel is a Producer/Director & Cinematographer who has his roots set squarely in the hard-boiled world of photo journalism and has photographed diverse subjects throughout his long career including documenting Police crime scenes.

Daniel has the empathy to accurately portray the desire and emotion of a subject which is evident in his cinematic works.



CRAIG WILSON

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER / EDITOR

Craig is an award winning editor that has worked across all mediums throughout his career including Reality TV, Documentaries, Television Commercials, corporate and events. He has worked with some of Australia's best advertising agencies, production companies, directors and blue chip companies.

Craig's musical and technical background is apparent in his editing style. He loves the art of editing and being part of the creative process to create a visual experience that moves and motivates people.

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