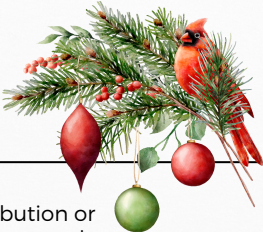


**GREETINGS FROM THE CAMPAIGN FOR A ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
INTO THE CSL AND AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BLOOD SCANDAL.**



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**IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN
BY CHARLES MACKENZIE**

The Festive Season can be a very lean one for those infected & affected by Australia's deadliest medical scandal HIV & Hepatitis C contaminated blood transfusions and tainted blood products.

Before the 2000's tens of thousands of Australians became infected with the deadly virus Hepatitis C from contaminated blood and in the 1980's patients in Australia were also infected with HIV, one of them a boy I went to school with, who has been on my mind ever since he died 33 years ago.



When I started fighting this scandal, I was ill with Hepatitis C, but nowhere near as ill as the other tainted blood recipients I fought for. I was unsuitable for the anti-viral treatments that were on offer decades ago. There wasn't going to be a cure for me. But I wasn't too upset because those treatments of the past featured the ghastly Interferon. Interferon treatment for Hepatitis C took many months and friends reported feeling the worst they'd ever felt in their lives while on it. Sadly those gruelling months of treatment wouldn't even lead to a cure.

It took many in our group at Infected Blood Australia numerous attempts with different treatments over the decades before they successfully cleared the virus.

Earlier this year, I was told that I'd fallen out of remission for my Severe Aplastic Anaemia (bone marrow failure).

I don't want to risk any of the new generation treatments for Hepatitis C while my marrow is not working properly as it would likely be the end of me. The trouble is though, the Hepatitis C virus that I still have onboard has caused major damage. It's given me a really nasty autoimmune condition known as Cryoglobulinemia which impedes blood flow. This has led to difficulties breathing, walking and using my hands.



To complicate matters further I also have developed motor function problems due to my bone marrow disease. As a result I am learning to live life at a reduced capacity, but I and this campaign are moving forward all the same.

One of our committee members launched a Go Fund Me <https://gofund.me/22b9a06c> for myself and thus far it has raised \$2,155. I am deeply appreciative of the donations and to the people that made them.



gofundme

I have used the money to purchase groceries to sustain myself. It wasn't always this way.

I funded the tainted blood fight for decades, but it's all taken too long, and like so many in this group, I'm struggling financially.



When I think back to the original reasons I started fighting this campaign decades ago, I think about how the main one was that there was no one else to do it! Most other people were either too distraught or too ill, be that from their infections or from the harsh effects of the anti viral treatments. I was the healthiest among us and so I stepped forward.

Now I am in the same situation health wise that others were when I took up campaigning. In addition, we have lost many people from our group. They died without getting any acknowledgment or justice for what happened to them. Friends had last conversations with me, those were hard to have, as they were dying under the cloud of this coverup.

DONATE

This year Infected Blood Australia started appealing for donations.

We collected approximately \$2500.

This was very welcome as it helped pay some of our running costs, but is still not enough and still means I have to fund this campaign as I have done for years.

Donations accepted via bank transfer

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We have tainted blood recipients, people who acquired HIV and Hepatitis C through blood transfusion in our group who are forced to visit food banks to survive. After having poured all my money into this campaign over the years, I joined their ranks this year and was forced to accept charity to be able to continue to eat meals. This is why after many years of refusing I allowed a GoFund Me to be established.

We are going to need others to stand up now and show their commitment to the cause.
I've forced two separate inquiries into contaminated blood, and I am determined before I become further incapacitated for us as a group to force a Royal Commission of inquiry into our nation's deadliest medical scandal. But I can't do it without your support. *We need more donations. We need more volunteers.*

At this stage, Infected Blood Australia can only accept donations via bank transfer. Please help us with a donation as we have much to achieve in 2023.

This is the moment we must push to have compensation for infected blood victims and their families just like they are going to have in the UK.



Will we achieve justice for Australia's infected blood victims?

This year saw the British award their infected blood victims compensation with more set to follow. This came on top of twenty years of financial assistance. Contrast this with how we've been treated in Australia and it can make one very angry.

We simply must be helped. There must be a legal investigation. But our Australian Labor government have made it clear, there will be no UK style justice for us in Australia. Australia's health minister, Mark Butler's office this year let us know he sees no reason to offer any assistance or conduct any investigations.

That would tend to lead people believing all is lost. However, it's the opposite.

We have the evidence. And much of that was published by the UK's infected blood inquiry that I was made a witness of in 2019. The British were investigating possible tainted blood imports into the UK that may have come from Australia. I think they were shocked by my evidence with many lawyers and victims telling me it was criminal.

You can read my statement to the UK's Infected Blood Inquiry here:

<https://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-12-16%20WS/2021-12-16%20WS/WITN3939001%20-%20Written%20statement%20of%20Charles%20Mackenzie%20-%2015%20May%202020.pdf>

2023 is going to be a pivotal year. I hope to be able to be effective still, but I also hope I've done enough to persuade Australia that something must be done about our nations deadliest medical scandal and longest running coverup. The Australian government, the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood and blood products provider CSL must compensate victims and their affected family members. It's as simple as that.

Please keep an eye out for us in 2023... It's make or break for our campaign. I'm rather hoping it's the right result.

A positive future as opposed to a continuation of misery is what I pray for this Christmas for everyone impacted by Australia's infected blood scandal.

**I wish you a very merry Christmas therefore
and a happy new year**


**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

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NEWS FROM THE UK BY MICHAEL IMPERATO



The UK infected blood Inquiry is now coming to an end. The Inquiry was announced up in the summer of 2017 and its first hearing was in September 2018. The Legal Representatives of both victims and others (Government, Pharmaceutical companies etc) have been invited to make written submissions. These should be available on the Inquiry Website by the start of 2023. Submissions made on behalf of groups of victims will deal with various issues. At the forefront of the mind of many is a fair, just, system of compensation. It is hoped that any such system will be user friendly, victim centric, independent, quick/efficient and – importantly – that it will recognise the wide range of those impacted. Any new scheme should be as widely drawn as possible to include not only those infected but family members, children, carers, and others.

In the second half of January legal representatives will then have the opportunity to make submissions in person before the Inquiry. The inquiries hearings are covered online on its own YouTube channel. It should make compulsive viewing.

It is expected then that there will be a hiatus of several months whilst the Inquiry Chair, Sir Brian Langstaff, prepares his report. Sometimes in Public Inquiries these reports themselves can take a long time to complete but Sir Brian Langstaff, has many times commented on the need to progress matters as quickly as possible. We are told by the Inquiry that his report is expected in the summer 2023.

Its important to remember that the Public Inquiry only makes recommendations to the Government. It is not guaranteed that is what is recommended will come to pass. However, given the extent of the UK Infected Blood Inquiry, it is hoped that much of what will be recommended – and in particular recommendations on a compensation scheme – will be implemented at pace. What we also hope at Watkins and Gunn is that the end the Inquiry is not the end of involvement and support for victims.

They must not be “cut adrift” when the Inquiry ends. In a way the end of the Inquiry is the beginning of a new chapter for everybody. It is a chapter which we all hope will see substantial support, recognition, and financial security for all those who suffered. ***It is easy to forget that for many years before 2017 the suggestion of a UK Public Inquiry was dismissed and turned down by successive UK Governments.*** The situation in the UK before 2017 mirrors that in Australia today.

The message from the UK must be, don't give up hope and that a full Public Inquiry (or in Australia, a Royal Commission) can deliver wide ranging results.

A COMMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP.

BY CHARLES MACKENZIE

Trying to run a campaign online to get answers and support for those impacted by the infected blood scandal in Australia has proven to be very difficult. The main difficulty has been due to censorship and what is known as **'shadow banning'**.

Facebook made life impossible for us as soon as our page started getting **150k** views on some of our videos. Immediately afterward we were hit with all sorts of unjust suspensions. We are currently banned for posting for months ahead because we shared a post by a South Australian Liberal Senator Alex Antic who we are trying to get to support our cause. And for doing that, for months we have been rendered unable to post or share things with those of our group who use Facebook. Some of them having been infected with HIV or Hepatitis C and who lead isolated lives. We really needed that page left alone to do it's important work.

This situation is unacceptable to us. We are Australians sharing information that is relevant to Australians. Nothing we have done has been anything other than trying to get help for people.

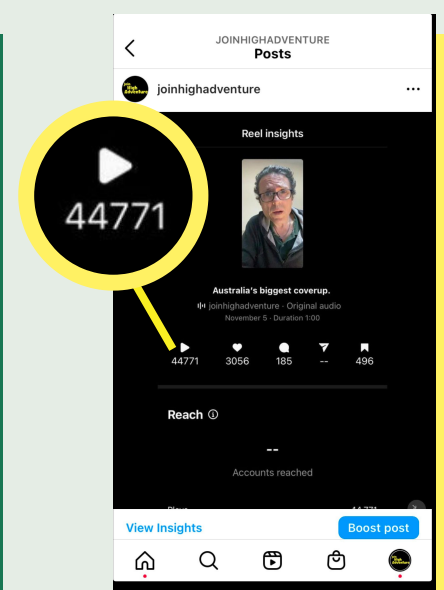
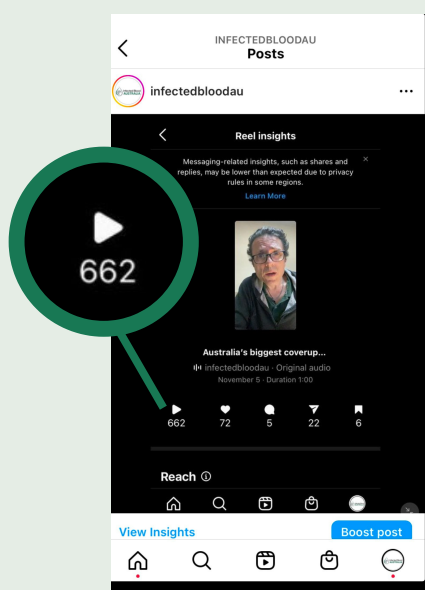
Instagram have shadow banned our page for a long time now. Many of our group report that they no longer see us on their 'feed' a sign our account has been limited. Back in November we tested the shadow banning so we could secure evidence. We released a one minute video, 'Australia's biggest coverup' on our Infected Blood Australia Instagram page which as you can see in the screen shot of the analytics got 662 views whereas when we ran it on the join High Adventure page (the name of an upcoming podcast) on Instagram with far less followers we got 44,771 views for the same video.

Clearly something is amiss. And it's disgraceful. We intend to provide this evidence to the Royal Commission of inquiry into Australia's contaminated blood scandal the day we force it. It might help explain why so few Australians got to know about their nations deadliest medical scandal. A coverup by government and censorship by social media were detrimental factors.

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A new Podcast



ABOUT THE ADVENTURE OF SURVIVING "HEALTHCARE" IS COMING IN 2023.

BY CHARLES MACKENZIE

Join
**High
Adventure**

My reason for starting join High Adventure is because the big takeaway from years of having spoken with thousands of medical patients who've been harmed by the medical system is that all too often they are abandoned with their injuries or as in the case of tainted blood, with their infections, with little or no advice on how to take care of themselves going forward.

Years ago tainted blood recipients in Australia were told only about the harsh anti-viral treatments (AZT, Interferon) that the health authorities were coercing people into taking with no recommendations being made for natural, non toxic ways to alleviate their illness. This led to people being denied important information from the very healthcare system that harmed them.

I have used natural medicine for years. For liver protection I use milk thistle, a supplement called S-Adenosy methione (SAME) and medicinal cannabis. This I use as a defence against scarring and development of cancer on the liver itself. It also helps me feel better despite still having Hepatitis C as a result of contaminated blood.

Not enough people know about the wonders of alternative medicine, instead they are led to believe that the only options are pharmaceuticals with all of their harmful side effects. That's something I'm passionate about changing.

I'll also be using the podcast to take on the medical tyrants, the same ones I've been fighting my whole life.

HEALTH ISN'T HEALTH WHEN IT'S CONTROLLED BY CORRUPTION AND COVERUPS.

*So make your new years resolution about joining High Adventure
as we take on the medical tyrants and win our health back in the process.*

tell your story

DID YOU RECEIVE A CONTAMINATED BLOOD TRANSFUSION OR BLOOD PRODUCT?

ARE YOU A LOVED ONE OF SOMEONE THAT DID?

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE YOUR ACCOUNT OF
WHAT YOUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN LIKE?**

Next year we expect to receive offers for interviews from the media, if you would like us to connect you to journalists wanting to hear accounts from people impacted by contaminated blood please get in touch.

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OUR CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE IS ACTIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

We need you to join the conversation with us on Facebook,
or to comment on events as they happen via Twitter.

Or how about joining our 11,000+ followers on Instagram?

Our Youtube channel is a must visit if you want to check out the
TV programs that our campaign has been featured in, some of
them are decades old. You'll also be able to view special
announcements made especially for those infected & affected
by Australia's deadliest medical scandal.

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