Kathy’s Transcript

Audio Description: Kathy, a middle aged woman with brown shoulder length hair, sits on the grass in an open park area. Behind her are trees, a laneway and houses. She pats and cuddles her small brown and white dog, Maxi. Kathy also walks Maxi on the lead over the grass.

**Kathy:** I'm Kathy. I’m Italian-Australian and I’ve got a dog named Maxi. Maxi lives with me. (He’s a)…Mummy boy.

Audio Description: On her kitchen table Kathy takes dog biscuits from a container with a tray underneath and puts them into a dog bowl. When she places the bowl on the floor, she taps the bowl with her fingers to show him its dinner. Maxi comes over to investigate.

**Kathy:** I love Maxi. He’s a good boy. I take Maxi (out for) walks.

Audio Description: In her courtyard, Kathy puts on Maxi’s lead and harness. They walk together on the pavement on nearby streets.

**Kathy:** Sometimes I take him out to the beach. He loves the beach, and I take him around the block. It’s a good time to do exercise things, and I come home and relax.

Audio Description: Kathy and Maxi return home and go in the front door. Together they lie on the couch in the loungeroom, with Kathy patting Maxi as he lies across her tummy.

**Kathy:** I love my own time. I say “Maxi, give me space! You go there, I’ll go there”.

Audio Description: Kathy lies on the sofa by herself, having some ‘me’ time.

**Kathy:** I love to watch the weather. Sometimes they change the weather all the time. I like to go out and have a cup of coffee. I like my cappuccino there. I like to talk to people. I’m a people person.

Audio Description: Kathy approaches a café with Lyn, her support worker, and Maxi on the lead. At a table on the footpath, a waitress takes their order and Kathy describes what she’d like. When the coffees are on the table, Kathy empties a sachet of sugar into hers and Lyn stirs her own. They chat and have a good laugh.

**Kathy:** I like my house clean. I do cleaning, cook dinner, and I did my laundry and I’ve done my washing.

Audio Description: Kathy chats as she stands at the kitchen sink and uses a red and white striped tea-towel to dry the dishes which her support worker Gemma is washing up. She puts a coffee mug away in the cupboard below and dries a chopping board.

Outside in the patio, she folds clean towels on top of a clothes airer. A wooden sign on a wall nearby says: Kathy’s Garden. Love & Sunshine. It has colourful flowers and a butterfly painted on.

**Kathy:** I love my garden, (it’s a) nice garden. Sometimes I sweep the leaves and all the leaves come back and I have to go put them in the bins and all that.

Audio Description: Wearing white gardening gloves, Kathy weeds a raised garden bed, and drops the weeds in a plastic pot. The garden has a tin sculpture of a cockatoo wearing a red and white scarf. Kathy empties the pot of weeds into her large greens waste bin as Maxi watches. Around the garden we see other raised garden beds. One has a lime tree and underneath cute pottery sculptures of three small girls.

**Kathy:** I plan my week. I keep things organised. We go shopping (for) yoghurt, dog food, milk, bread.

Audio Description: Kathy sits on the sofa, pen in hand looking at her calendar on the table in front. She circles a date.

In a grocery store, Kathy wheels a trolley down the aisle. She picks out a large bag of dog biscuits and puts it in the trolley. She gets down a jar of sauce from another shelf.

At home in the kitchen, the shopping bags are on the kitchen bench. Kathy takes out a bag of oranges and puts them away in the bottom crisper in the fridge. She takes out a can and puts it in her pantry.

**Kathy:** I choose who comes in my home. I make sure my home is safe. This is my house. I’m in charge here and I’m the boss here.

Audio Description: In her backyard, Kathy relaxes in a comfy chair with a drink, looking onto the garden beds. She also uses a cloth to wipe down a glass outdoor table.

**Kathy:** I got good people around me. I‘d like to stay forever and I don’t move out of this house again.

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