**Nick Passanisi Transcript**

Audio Description: Nick, a middle aged man with dark hair and glasses is wearing East Fremantle Football Club colours of blue and white, he has a scarf, jacket and hat in these colours. He sits in his power chair in the stands at the footy stadium watching the WAFL game, East Fremantle take on the Swans IN BLACK AND WHITE COLOURS. He reacts to the games, getting excited and gesturing with his fist pumping the air when East Freo kick a goal and mouthing disappointment when the opposition take control. He has fellow East Fremantle supporters to the left and right of him also following the game with enthusiasm.

Nick: I’m Nick, I’ve been living independently now for twenty-eight years now. I love getting the most out of life and having as much fun as I can, and I love my footy! Look, I’m at the footy pretty much every weekend of the winter. Sometimes I go with friends, sometimes I go on my own. It’s just so good to yell and scream and carry on!

Audio Description: Nick in his power chair wearing a short sleeved polo shirt is at his local shopping precinct, he smiles as the sun hits his face and moves past a colourful display of fruit and veg just outside the supermarket. Nick turns heading in to the automatic doors of the supermarket.

Nick: I’m a Southie, I love living South of the river. I guess one of the reasons I do love living on the south is because I know the area. I know where I’m safe, I know where I’m not safe. And that’s for me one of the biggest things about living independently,

Audio Description: Nick in his power chair travels alongside the outside wall of the Footy Stadium, decked out in his footy gear-East Fremantle pass around his neck, hat, scarf and jacket. He heads towards the gate.

Nick: I’ve been known to go to Fremantle on my own because I know the place.

Audio Description: Nick in his power chair is in his kitchen. He is preparing dinner. He seasons his steak, puts garlic bread in the air fryer. Then removes the bread. And then we see his dinner plate, with steak, bread and veggies. He cuts his steak with a satisfied smile on his face.

Nick: Independence is important to me, I mean I’ve found easier and quicker ways to prepare food and clean and, with the technology of today, living independently is a lot more easier now that’s it’s ever been.

Audio Description: In the living area, Nick is in his power chair wearing a blue polo shirt and to his right is his mate Mark wearing a white t-shirt. Mark and Nick are packing boxes and then taking the boxes outside.

Nick: I’m in the process of moving to a new high-rise apartment and I am so excited! The new place is just gonna have so much more tech, which will make life so much more easier.

Audio Description: Nick is sitting in his living room in his power chair with his mobile phone in his hand. He is flicking through photos of his new high-rise apartment. There’s the living room, and Nick sitting on his balcony taking in the view. Nick is smiling as he flicks through these photos.

Nick: all assistive technology, facial recognition entry, automatic lights, blinds. I pretty much won’t have to do anything, just live!

Audio Description: Nick in his power chair is in his home office. He is wearing his black work polo shirt, with his Another Angle-Consulting & Training business poster behind him and his laptop open in front of him. His screen reads Myth or Truth. Nick is recording himself as he speaks to the screen. Then Nick is at his desk as he types away at his laptop.

Nick: I run a consultancy business, I train businesses, councils and university students. Having my own home office means that I don’t travel, I just go into my office and concentrate on my work, I can just achieve and do so much more.

Audio Description: Under Nick’s back patio, Nick and his partner Steph and their friends Mark and Jen have a bite to eat of olives, dips, cherry tomatoes, crackers and they drink bottles of cider. The four people chat and laugh together.

Nick: Homelife for me, is about getting the best out of yourself. I’ve got some of the best people on the planet in my life. Family, friends I’ve known for over thirty-five years, people I’ve just met, politicians to street performers and everyone! They’re all welcome! I just love having all kinds of people in my life.

Audio Description: Nick and his partner Steph sit around a small coffee table in his backyard under the patio. They drink coffee and chat.

Nick: I think for me, having my own space allows me to have my own life with my partner. And it just allows us to be ‘us’!

Audio Description: Nick is in his power chair at the clothes line in his back yard wearing his blue East Freo cap. He takes off the dry clothes, first it’s the black socks.

Nick: Having my own home and my own space has given me the chance to grow as a person.

Audio Description: Nick is in his power chair wearing his blue polo, it’s close to sunset. He is down at the south side of the Swan River, travelling along the footpath. Big trees to the right of him and the calm waters of the river to the left of him, he smiles as he moves along the path.

Nick: It’s allowed me to explore how I can do things rather than how others expect me to do ‘em.

Audio Description: Nick and Steph are relaxing in front of the river. Nick is in his power chair, Steph is wearing sunglasses sitting in a fold out chair. They chat and look out across the still water.

Nick: If I wasn’t living independently, I don’t know if I’d have the courage to own my own business, to live my own life and to be my own person.

Audio Description: Nick and Steph still seated in front of the river, hold hands and continue to smile and chat. They both turn their heads to look out to the water.

Nick: For me, I think the person I’ve become is probably my biggest achievement.