**Eamon Guilfoile Transcript**

Audio Description: The video starts with text on screen: This voice over has been crafted with Eamon and the people who love and know him best. It has been recorded straight from Eamon’s communication device.

Eamon, a young man with dark hair and a light beard and moustache, is being pushed in a manual wheelchair through a park with bushland. Savannah, a young woman wearing a mask, pushes the chair at the same time as leading a golden Labrador who walks beside Eamon. Eamon smiles as he concentrates on the bright green leaves of a Jacaranda tree overhead.

**Eamon:** I’m twenty five. I live in my own home with my dog Rocco.

Audio Description: Eamon is all smiles as he wheels into the house and sits with Rocco.

**Eamon:** Life got so much better after I moved in.I choose what I do every day. I love the outdoors. I get to do some really cool things like sailing, wheelchair footy and surfing.

Audio Description: A yacht with a large white sail glides through the calm river water. Eamon, in a blue life jacket, smiles as he sits propped up on the deck in a beanbag. There is another man and two women on deck, and one of the women is steering with a wooden tiller. All of them are wearing red life jackets. The boat has the name Bella Vita written on the side. The boat heads for the marina where there are dozens of other boats in their pens.

**Eamon:** There’s so much I can say now with my new communication devices.

Audio Description: On the screen of Eamon’s communication device we see a page that has a series of boxes with different figures and drawings and text. The first box says: Rest ZZZ. The one alongside has the words: There’s so much I can say now with my new communication devices. And next to that is a figure with his hands up in the air and the word: Whoops. Underneath that are cartoon drawings of a house with a tree; a man speaking; a boat; two people speaking at desk with microphones, faces in a circle and a man pointing to himself. Plus, an open bin with the word: Clear.

Eamon is in his chair looking at the screen and has his fingers interlinked, close to his face. He pushes a large blue button on his tray table which is labelled with the word: Yes. He pushes the yellow button alongside it, which is labelled with the phrase: I want to say something. He puts his hands behind his head and smiles at the voice from his device says this out loud.

**Eamon:** Yes. I want to say something. I can tell people what I think and want.

Audio Description: Eamon sits in his chair at a desk next to a whiteboard with a photo of himself and various printed pieces of paper. He has his communication screen in front and an open laptop with different people in a Zoom meeting. The communication screen is divided into 18 different boxes with figures and words. The text box has the words: Thank you all for meeting with me today.

In my presentation I will be sharing a bit about my lived experiences. The other boxes have the words: Controls; Speak; chat words; Let’s go; something’s wrong; I’m asking a question; Delete word; Greet and manners; I want; I’m telling you something; I want to show you something; I think it’s; do something; I need my communication book; I have an idea and Clear.

**Eamon:** Thank you all for meeting with me today. In my presentation I will be sharing a bit about my lived experiences.

On the Zoom screen each of Eamon’s four colleagues respond with Good morning Eamon or Hi Eamon and he waves his hand animatedly.

**Eamon:** My communication has opened so many doors, like work. I work in advisory and self-advocacy groups. And I sometimes do modelling too. I like earning my own income.

**Audio Description**: In the leafy backyard of a café, a photographer dressed in black takes photos of Eamon, while an assistant in a striped shirt and jeans holds a reflector. Eamon poses in his chair, leaning back and looking up at the trees; he lifts his hands closer to his chest and strikes a serious pose, and then stretches his arms outside to the side and gives a huge smile as he looks off camera. The photographer reviews his shots on his viewfinder and the screen changes to several of the shots full screen.

**Eamon:** Having my own place means I can host my family and friends. I love having them over. Picnics, hugs, movies. It’s great.

Audio Description: In Eamon’s backyard his dad Jim is barbequing and lifts meat skewers onto a tray. Under the pergola in front, Eamon is sitting talking with friends who sit in a circle of chairs with Rocco the dog in the middle. Everyone except Eamon is masked. Later, everyone watches a movie on an outdoor screen and Eamon’s Mum Julie speaks to him alongside.

**Eamon:** I speak for me. I control my own life. I make good decisions for myself.

Back inside the house, Eamon is once again in his office set up with the meeting on Zoom. He puts his hands behind his head and smiles widely.

The yacht we saw at the beginning sails smoothly across the water.

**Text on screen:**

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