Transcript Microbusiness Series - Gabe

[Microbusiness Series – Gabe (YouTube)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEAFlxQwHZE)

Description: Gentle piano music is playing in the background throughout the video. Gabe is at the beach. He is lying on a red and black colored surfboard in the water. He catches a wave to the shoreline. There is a sound of people cheering Gabe on and the waves gently splashing and they come into shore. He is wearing a long-sleeved yellow swimshirt and red shorts. There are people wearing identical long sleeved blue swimshirts with the word “Volunteer” on the back. One of the volunteers is filming Gabe with a camera attached to a selfie stick. Text across the bottom of the screen reads “Gabe – Gabe’s Gorgeous Goodies”.

Semah: Gabe is keen on living his own life and building the life that he wants to live. My name is Semah and I am the mother of Gabe.

Description: A photo of Gabe and Semah smiling, they are outside.

Semah: He has a micro-business which is called “GGG”, “Gabe's Gorgeous Goodies”.

Description: Photo of information sheet about Gabe’s business and an inventory card for his business. The inventory card has information about Stock: Drinks, Chips and Choc, and Taking: 5c,10c,20,50c, number and value.

Semah: Gabe's business started germinating when we were at school and thinking about “What is he going to do when he leaves school?”.

Description: Photo of Gabe as a child and Semah. Gabe is using a communication board, pointing at the word and symbol for happy. Photo of Gabe, Semah and another person outside, people have luggage.

Semah: With Gabe's disability, he's in a wheelchair, he's non-verbal, he's got Autism level 3. How do we do something out there and to have a little bit of control, I think really it was about how do we connect to people and how do we have a community or embrace Gabe.

Description: Photo of Gabe and another person shopping. Gabe is pushing a trolley in his wheelchair. He is wearing a red shirt. A young man in a red shirt is pushing Gabe in his wheelchair. They are both wearing red shirts. Photo of Gabe on a jetski. Two other young men are sitting on the jet ski behind Gabe. Another young man is standing next to Gabe and the jetski in the water. Gabe standing at the entrance to the Mamre Association Inc. He is using a walking frame on wheels to support him while he is walking

Semah: We approached a couple of organisations and asked them, I've got my son and he's wanting to, he's looking at work, would you be interested in him providing his service to your organization. And you know the answer was just you know a really loud “Yeah sure why not let's go!” you know so it was really lovely. So it's I think also too we get to this point about you know having the courage to ask.

Description: Gabe is wheeling a trolley full of chips down a ramp. Photo of Gabe smiling at the camera, he has a cup of tea on the table in front of him, and his walker beside him. Gabe has a bag around his shoulder with a keychain of the Australian Aboriginal flag.

Semah: He would take his chocolate chips and drinks, he would put them in the fridge, he'd be supported there and then sell them for two dollars but then he'd have morning tea there and sit with the people that were in the offices. That's a really nice thing because he's built friendships. One of the guys will call him up and say you know “do you want to go to the pub and can your [support] worker bring you there?”. Gabe's really well-known in the Brisbane community because of GGG and some of the offices that he was working in.

Description: Photo of Gabe getting out the back seat of a blue car, using his walking frame on wheels. Photo of Gabe sorting large translucent fridge box filled with cans of soft drink. Photo of Gabe sitting in a small sail-boat with a light blue sail next to a deck. He has a red life jacket on. An older man is sitting in the boat beside Gabe, holding a rope.

Semah: This is what a small micro business can do, it may bring in a very small amount of money but for us it's more than that. It's a vehicle for who Gabe can receive and include in his life and for others to include Gabe in their life that's how I see it.

Description: Gabe is in his driveway using his walker, walking towards the camera. Gabe’s business card is shown on screen, with Gabe in the background. The business card reads: “Gabe’s Gorgeous Goodies (GGG) Gabe Wischki CEO”.

Semah: Gabe loves his business. There's a real understanding of his abilities and he was becoming respected as somebody that was going to his work. I think for anybody that's starting a micro business for their son or daughter or their relative, think about what your family member would love to do and I think it's really important for the supporter or the support worker to be somebody that believes that everybody's got the right for lifelong learning and being able to live the best life is having the right people who want to go on that journey with you.

Description: Gabe painting an abstract painting. A person is supporting him to select paints. Photo of Gabe with a colorful canvas in front of him. Photo of Gabe, Semah and a man with a moustache at a table on the beach, there are lots of tables with people eating and celebrating.

Semah: There's a lot things that he has gained, but I think it’s being present in the community, but being present out there with a real role and that role and that role is: “Gabe GGG, CEO, Entrepreneur” who's out there serving people.

Description: Photo of an inventory sheet that has been filled in, there is a phone with the calculator app next to the sheet, and Australian money next to it. Photo of Gabe smiling looking away from the camera. Screen with Queensland Government logo. Text across the screen: For more information visit qld.gov.au/qld-disability-plan