Transcript Robert

Description: Robert is walking down a path surrounded by trees and shrubs, smiling. He passes a sign out the front of a building that reads ‘Autism Queensland’. An on-screen graphic appears; “Robert, Autism Queensland”.

Robert Stjepanovic: I am Robert, an administration officer at Autism Queensland.

Description: Robert is sitting in an interview-style set up, in an office boardroom.

Robert Stjepanovic: I was diagnosed with autism in 2006 and I got a lot of great teachers, and support along the way. And I feel like it's very much the same here as well.

Description: Robert sitting next to a co-worker. They are working together, pointing and referencing the computer screens in front of them. They are smiling and laughing.

Robert Stjepanovic: I wanted to find a job that I felt suited my talents. With employABLE, they really focus on your strengths, and they really focus on helping you to understand how you can utilise those strengths. They break down the interview process. If you're looking for a job, they break it down really well, and make it really simple.

Description: Robert is sitting at his desk, in front of a computer. He is typing on his keyboard.

Robert Stjepanovic: I did feel nervous, because I guess with autism sometimes it can be a challenge. Sometimes you just want to get everything right, and when I stumble over it, I get frustrated. But then I remember it’s just a mistake, and there's always people there to support you.

Description: Robert is at his desk, and puts on a headset. He dials into a zoom call. The other participants of the call are on his screen.

Robert Stjepanovic: I guess in a way, some advice would be always just break it down into components. That way it's so much easier to tackle rather than trying to do it all at once.

Description: Robert and a group of co-workers sit together around a table, sharing morning tea. They are laughing and talking with each other.

Robert Stjepanovic: I guess another part with interviews is always to be honest and don’t hide the fact that you want to be yourself.

Description: Robert sits at his desk working on his computer, whilst another co-worker stands behind him providing guidance.

Robert Stjepanovic: I definitely feel like that's very important and it would be essential in any interview.

Description: Robert is compiling information packs, putting pamphlets, flyers and other information leaflets into a series of colour-coded plastic document sleeves.

Robert Stjepanovic: When you have someone there always checking up on you and all that kind of stuff, it really feels like you've got support, but you've also got strength as well, like to take on those tasks. I love working here because there's just so many opportunities to not just be creative, but to learn so much more. It definitely builds a sense of community as well, having all those people there, ready and willing to joke around and have some fun. And I guess in a way, it just makes you feel really supported.

Description: Robert smiling to camera. There are trees in the background. A Queensland Government logo graphic appears, with text and URL underneath it. This reads: For more information visit qld.gov.au/qld-disability-plan