**Described Transcript – Karyn and Ron’s long-form video**

**Audio Description:** A full screen graphic shows Karyn and Ron smiling to camera, on a light pink geometric background. Their names and description appear underneath them: ‘Karyn and Ron, foster carers’. There is a Queensland Foster and Kinship Care logo and a Queensland Government logo on the bottom right of screen. Mellow guitar music plays. The image transitions to Karyn and Ron in a home nursery, tending to plants. Karyn picks up a small potted plant and places it in a box that Ron is holding. There is a series of close ups – on a pink and white flower, and a succulent covered in rain drops. The shot cuts to Karyn in an interview-style set up at a kitchen bench.

**Karyn:** We're Karyn and Ron and we're foster carers. I've been fostering for 14 years. We sell plants and do gardening and landscaping, offers lots of flexibility in our life and we both love it. We love gardening, love plants and it's great for the kids, they love it too.

**Audio Description:** Karyn and Ron work together in an outdoor greenhouse, talking and nodding to each other as they work. Close up of a hanging plant and a green leaf covered in water droplets. The shot cuts to Ron in an interview-style set up at a dining room table.

**Ron:** The very first question they asked me is why do you want to do this? Why do you want to become a foster carer? Every child deserves a chance, a chance at education, a roof over their head, clothes on their back, shoes on their feet, food in their belly, something that I had all my life. So it was a given for me and stepping into this world, not every child has that. You need passion, you need drive and the kids have to come first.

**Audio Description:** A shot of a large wall decoration in the shape of a feather. It reads “Home is where the heart and hugs are”. The shot cuts to Karyn in the kitchen. She is packing a lunchbox, placing fruit and snacks inside. She zips up the child’s lunchbox, then starts packing a school backpack. She puts a book inside.

**Karyn:** Foster kids have fed my passion to make sure they get the best of the best, that the system works for them. You can show them trust and love and give them ambition and drive and show them the future, what's available, what's available in the world and it's just amazing to see them glow and grow and progress. It's like, wow. The agency offers really good support. There's always more training that you can do, speak to people who've done it before and they can give you some great tips. It's your friends, your family, you know, there's a social network out there that you can use for support and learning.

**Audio Description:** Karyn sitting on a couch. She is sewing, talking to Ron who is playing guitar. A close up of Ron strumming his guitar. The shot cuts to Karyn sitting in a home office, typing on a computer keyboard. A series of close ups: Karyn looking at her computer screen, typing on the keyboard, speaking on the phone.

**Ron:** Therapists, the Department, they have social workers, friends, family ... it's just not us, it's everyone around us.

**Audio Description:** Various close ups: toy cars on a toy garage, plush toy dogs and cows, dinosaur figurines, a wooden fire station and police station playset.

**Karyn:** All these kids come from so many different backgrounds and reasons to come into care. And it's probably the most important thing to do is to look at the child and not sum them up by the behaviours that you're seeing. We forget that it's really just a little, tiny person here, who is just going through so much stuff in their minds and their hearts that you need to step back and go, this is what we're doing it for and then come from a fresh perspective.

**Audio Description:** A close up shot of small, blue and orange fish in a large fish tank. There is a model of an old ship in the bottom of the tank. Ron is crouched down, looking at the fish in the tank.

**Ron:** It is an absolute roller coaster. You'll see great highs, you'll see dark lows. How it all balances out, it makes it makes the trip interesting and makes the trip worthwhile.

**Audio Description:** Ron and Karyn walk through the outdoor nursery. They are examining various plants.

**Karyn:** There's so many kids that need help out there and they just need someone to go, someone to love them. I've learned so many different ways to look at the world from my little people. It's just the most rewarding thing and it's life changing.

**Audio Description:** A close up of the green leaves of a succulent plant, with rain gently dripping from it. Karyn and Ron continue to work together in the greenhouse. A Queensland Government logo graphic appears, with a URL underneath it. This reads: qld.gov.au/fostercare . The screen then transitions to an authorisation statement, reading: Authorised by the Queensland Government, William St, Brisbane.