Transcript Microbusiness Series - Tracy

[Microbusiness Series – Tracy (Youtube)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXu0Qvw6D98)

Description: Gentle piano music playing in the background throughout video. Tracy opens a screen door from inside her house. Sue is standing with a large brown dog, the dog is wagging its tail, Sue pats the dog on the head. Tracy welcomes Sue into her house. Text across the bottom of the screen reads ‘Tracy - Beads Addition’.

Tracy:I am Tracy Weston. I had a massive stroke 17 years ago. I got aphasia and stroke hand but be positive and the whole of my life I have been positive.

Description: Tracy and Sue sit down at a table that is covered in beaded necklaces of all different colours and sizes.

Sue: Look at the colours. These are all your latest creations.

Tracy: Yes.

Sue: Well done you've been busy.

Description: Tracy is on screen talking to the camera. Text across the bottom of the screen reads ‘Tracy’.

Tracy: My business is called Beads Addition.

Description: Voice over of Tracy, Tracy is on screen showing her necklaces to Sue.

Tracy: I decided to start the business about 10 years ago. I love wearing beads but since I have my stroke I can't put necklaces on so I think outside the box and think a magnetic clasp be a good idea especially for people that have a handicap.

Description: A necklace with a magnetic clasp that clips together easily. Tracy puts on the necklace using one hand. Tracy gestures toward her neck with one hand, as if she was putting on a necklace.

Tracy: You can only do with one hand.

Description: Tracy, smiling, shows Sue the necklace she is wearing.

Sue: Very nice.

Description: Voice over of Tracy, Tracy and Sue (support worker) are on screen trying on different necklaces.

Tracy: Having a business -

Sue: Just pull those apart.

Description: Sue gestures towards the necklace.

Tracy: - Help my confidence strongly.

Description: Sue tries on a necklace and gestures towards it.

Sue: How different is that? Very nice.

Description: Two photos of Tracy standing at her market stall. In the first photo the stall has a rack of necklaces that with a sign that says Beads Addition by Tracy Weston. In the second photo Tracy is standing behind her stall table, the table is covered in colorful necklaces that Tracy has made, Tracy is smiling at the camera and doing the peace hand sign with her left hand.

Tracy: I go to my markets on Saturday between 8 to 1. I sell my wares there.

Sue: It is profitable to have your own little micro business?

Tracy: Yeah. Yeah. I love it. I've got a business account.

Sue: You have?

Tracy: A micro business account. It means that I buy things that I never thought I could.

Description: Photo of Tracy’s business card. The card reads “Believe you can, and you’re halfway there” “Hand-made unique pieces of jewelry”.

Sue: Okay. So it's basically supplementing your pension?

Tracy: Yeah, supplementing my income.

Sue: Excellent. How else are you gonna sell your stuff?

Tracy: I’ll sell them online.

Sue: Okay, that's a great idea.

Tracy: Yeah, online. It will be easier because I can do it.

Sue: Do it by yourself. You don't need the support. You don't need the extras that comes with the cost that come with a market.

Tracy: Yep.

Sue: You can do this at any time, any place, I suppose.

Tracy: Yep.

Sue: You'll definitely have a bigger market by going online. There's a lot more people now are internet savvy and –

Tracy: Yes.

Sue: That's where they like to buy a lot of products.

Tracy: Isn't it savvy? I like that.

Description: Colorful array of beaded jewelry laid out on the table.

Tracy: My business is growing and growing and growing and growing.

Description: Tracy sitting on a couch treading beads onto a necklace with one hand. She is using a special board with notches on it that hold the necklace in place in order to thread the jewelry onto a necklace.

Tracy: Some of the difficulties that I find: my aphasia, my stroke hand. But if you really want to do it, the will is there.

Sue: By doing the jewelry as well, has it been of any benefit health-wise?

Tracy: It's therapy, I enjoy it.

Sue: So great for your mental health –

Tracy: Yep.

Sue: As well as the therapy.

Tracy: Yep.

Sue: Do you have a lot of expenses that come with it?

Tracy: No.

Sue: Tracy why did you decide to do a micro business and why not actually go and work for somebody else?

Tracy: Because I've got all the ideas and then here at home, micro business, I can do it whenever I like.

Sue: Whenever you like.

Tracy: Yeah. Running my own business, I'm happy, I get more money. It is a business that I'm proud of. Oh, I love it. I love it.

Description: Upbeat piano music swells in the background. White screen with Queensland Government logo. Text reads: For more information visit qld.gov.au/qld-disability-plan