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Karan never planned to become an influencer. In fact, he says he once “despised” the word.

His journey began in 2020, when he retired from his corporate career after finding it increasingly difficult to use a laptop.

Feeling at rock bottom, Karan turned to social media, creating videos showing audiences what the world looked like through his eyes and challenging misconceptions about blindness.

‘It started off as a love letter to me,’ he said.

Today, Karan is a disability advocate, comedian, MC, red-carpet host and a corporate speaker who describes himself as a proud gay man of colour with a disability.

Over the past 3 years, he has been the only Australian ranked in the world’s top 30 disability influencers, coming in this year at 20.

He’s also proud to be a 2026 International Day of People with Disability national ambassador.

Karan says his NDIS funding and support services help him live independently, giving him more time to focus on what matters most to him – his comedy, partner David, their dogs, and his health and wellbeing.

Since moving into his current home, Karan no longer uses a support worker but receives support with cleaning and gardening. He says advice from his provider also helps relieve anxiety when he’s unsure about his plan or supports.

Comedy has opened another chapter.

Earlier this year, a film producer approached Karan after one of his shows and asked if he would be interested in writing his story for the screen. The result is My Melbourne 2, which Karan says has now been written and will soon be in production. He hopes it could be released in 2027.

Karan was also a guest on Dylan Alcott and Angus O’Loughlin’s ListenABLE podcast and he continues to do corporate engagements while building his own business.

His comedy turns everyday experiences of disability into conversations, including the awkwardness some non-disabled people feel about what they can and cannot ask.

Rather than avoiding those conversations, Karan welcomes them.

‘Walk around me on eggshells so we can talk about it,’ he said.

There’s another benefit, Karan jokes: ‘It gives me more ideas for content to include in my comedy shows.’

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