

● JOB-HUNT STRUGGLE

Graduates get blues

Torny Miller

University graduates struggling to find jobs in their field are knocking down the doors at blue-collar workplaces.

The February jobs figures released by the ABS today showed the unemployment rate remained steady at 5.6 per cent for Queensland and 5 per cent nationally.

But despite the relatively low rate, it seems not all job seekers are satisfied, with Brisbane removalist business owner Mike O'Hagan, of MiniMovers, saying he has been inundated with job applications from overqualified uni graduates looking for work.

It came as no surprise to Graduate Careers Australia senior research associate David

Carroll, who said the latest research showed almost 30 per cent of graduates felt the skills they'd learned at uni had little relevance to their current job.

This indicated many weren't getting into their desired industry straight from uni, he said.

Carroll said the past three years had seen a notable decline in the proportion of new graduates achieving full-time

employment after graduation. "They're having to look further afield and outside their desired industry for work options," he said.

Darren Butcher, from recruitment firm Robert Walters, said too many graduates were applying only for very popular graduate programs or positions, such as those offered by Google.

Google, which is regularly

voted as the world's best company to work for, said last month it had received 75,000 job applications in one week, after it announced it was opening new positions.

Butcher said that because a lot of graduate programs were oversubscribed, many graduates were doing "blue-collar or a lot of non-traditional grad roles" while they waited for a job.

● BADLY INJURED

Man fights off big croc

A north Queensland man survived a crocodile attack after he managed to cling on to mangroves on a creek bank.

The attack occurred about 4pm yesterday, when the man was fishing on the bank of Trunding Creek near Welpa.

The 4m-long crocodile tried to drag the fisherman into the water, but he was able to fight off the animal by grabbing hold of mangroves along the creek bank.

While the man suffered extensive cuts and dislocated bones, the injuries are not considered life-threatening.

He was flown to Cairns Base Hospital for treatment.

Nice one

He was on the run for a decade, but couldn't resist his wife's lasagne. Giancarlo Sabatini went into hiding in 2000 after being given a four-year prison sentence on drugs charges. Police were staking out the homes of Sabatini's wife and daughter near Rome yesterday when they spied the daughter returning from her mum's house with a tray of lasagne. They burst in and arrested Sabatini.

● CASINO SLAMMED

Pokies move out of line

Adelaide's casino has dodged a ban on smoking in pokies venues, shifting 20 machines outdoors so gamblers can keep smoking while they gamble.

Skycity Casino last week finished erecting an awning over the machines in its courtyard.

Outdoor poker machines are not permitted at pubs and clubs and the State Government has ordered an investigation.

Senator Nick Xenophon branded it "alfresco gambling".

"The casino knows smoking bans are giving gambling addicts a break from pokies, so the machines have followed them outside," Xenophon said.

● BRISSIE MARKET

Property still out of reach

More than half of Brisbane's suburbs are viewed as unaffordable by frontline public servants looking to buy a house, according to research from Bankwest.

Nurses, firefighters, teachers, police and ambulance officers were forced to fork out more than five times their annual earnings to buy a house in 56 per cent of Brisbane suburbs last year.

This was down slightly from 2009, when 67 per cent of the suburbs were rated equally unaffordable, which was the result of a flat property market.

● PAMPERED PETS

Pups dress to impress

Nearly a third of Aussies dog owners play dress-ups with their puppy and almost 40 per cent confess to spending more money on grooming their pet than themselves.

A poll of more than 300 new pet owners by dog food brand Pedigree found more than 90 per cent of owners also frequently put on a different voice when speaking to their puppy.

More than half have let their puppy sleep on their bed, and 42 per cent showered with the door open to stop it whining.



Show us your knickers

Tom Paxton-Hall, Luke Fairley, Bianca Shaw and Jaimie Watson are doing the bum dance for bowel cancer awareness event Undie Sunday. The Rotary Club of Brisbane is out to break the Guinness World Record on Sunday for the biggest gathering of people in their undies, with 550 people expected at Riverstage from 9am. bowelscanqueensland.org.au **Picture: STEVE POHLNER**

It's true

The Hurt Locker was the lowest-grossing movie to win Best Movie in the Oscars. But the movie's director, Kathryn Bigelow, is the only woman to win the award for Best Director.



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