

Search for lost man suspended

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A marine search for a missing 33-year-old man who jumped overboard from a yacht in rough seas on Friday was suspended yesterday pending police receiving new information.

Police say the man is believed to have gone overboard about 2pm on Friday, about one nautical mile offshore in Cockburn Sound, in an attempt to retrieve a tender vessel that had come adrift.

Two other men on the yacht sailed back to the mainland and alerted authorities after losing sight of their friend in the wild weather conditions.

A search that was launched on Friday had to be called off because of bad weather, which included gale-force winds, a large swell and visibility of less than 10m.

The search resumed at 7am Saturday and continued until about 4pm yesterday.

Police Insp. George McIntosh said the tender vessel was found capsized in the search area on Saturday.

Other debris including a shoe and lifejackets were also found in the water during the search.

"There are a number of factors we have come across that indicate we are in the correct area for searching," Insp. McIntosh said. "As can be expected this is a very hard time for the family and the situation would be very upsetting."

"We will continue to offer the family our support and continue to communicate with them."

Any information or sightings in the area should be reported to police.

Loneliness on the rise

Thanks to technology, we've never been as connected as we are today but increasingly, experts say, many of us have also never felt as lonely — and it is making us sick, literally.

Loneliness — the feeling of lacking genuine friends and someone real to confide in — is said to be as bad, if not worse, for our health as being obese or smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

Adelaide-based clinical psychologist Tom Nehmy said that loneliness was something "we are hearing more and more about these days".

"I think technology is part of the explanation," Dr Nehmy said. "We are so driven by efficiencies — and technology-assisted efficiencies in the workplace — we have less of that incidental, face-to-face contact."

UniSA Professor Nicholas Procter said there was growing evidence social media and web-based platforms such as Facebook and Instagram were fuelling this widespread sense of loneliness and social isolation.

"It is called the social media paradox; we might have lots of followers on Facebook and Twitter... but we feel more isolated than ever before," he said.



Why mums like Cersei are giving employers headaches

Helicopter parents invade the office

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Experts believe there is a new "surprise threat" emerging in the Australian workplace — and it has nothing to do with employees.

Once thought to have hovered above playgrounds and schools, the helicopter parent is now swooping over businesses, keeping an eye over its offspring's success — just like Cersei Lannister did with her son Joffrey Baratheon in *Game of Thrones*, pictured.

While submitting a CV on their child's behalf or taking part in salary negotiations might be considered helpful by some, one WA expert

believes parents who go to these extraordinary lengths could be doing their kids more harm than good.

In an opinion piece for The West Australian, Australian Institute of Management WA chief executive Gary Martin says this type of intervention not only robs their child of their adulthood but could also damage their ability to cope with life's hurdles.

"It is clear that helicopter parents are motivated by their overwhelming desire to see their child succeed," he said. "Many parents refuse to 'cut the umbilical' cord until they have witnessed their child's success. Yet they fail to see that their role as parents

is to prepare their child for the journey ahead, not to prepare the journey for the child.

"The reality is that the more parents crash-land in the workplace, the more they are robbing a child of their adulthood and damaging their child's chance of leading a fulfilling working life."

"After all, it is true to say that most employers are looking for workers who are able to work independently — not those who require constant propping up."

Mr Martin said it had been estimated that about one in three companies had experienced intervention from an employee's parents.

But he said not every com-

pany saw it as negative and have found ways to embrace the challenge. Professional networking platform LinkedIn facilitates Bring In Your Parents Day, a yearly event where employees can bring their parents to work for the day. Multinationals such as Google and Amazon also hold similar events saying the days help parents understand what their children do.

Mr Martin said while Australian firms could also embrace the initiative, he believed it would be more likely and "palatable" for employers to ban parents in the workplace outright.

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Roger Rabbit animator fades out at 86

LOS ANGELES

The triple Oscar-winning animator best known for his work on *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* has died at the age of 86.

Richard Williams, who was born in Toronto but moved to Britain in the 1950s, died at his home in Bristol.

In a career spanning more than 50 years, he provided the animated title sequences to both the 1965 film *What's New Pussycat?* as well as the big-screen adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

the following year. He also animated the eponymous feline in *The Return of the Pink Panther* and *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*.

Williams won his first Oscar for his work on the 1971 adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*.

He won even greater acclaim as the animation director on the 1988 box-office smash *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, starring Bob Hoskins and Kathleen Turner.

His work on the film earned him Oscars, for visual effects and special achievement on a motion picture.



Losing lustre

Mention Paris and it's difficult not to picture the Eiffel Tower.

But a survey reveals that a quarter of visitors to the French capital don't bother to go to see the iconic monument.

A similar number who travel to Cairo cannot find the time to make the trip to see the Great Pyramid of Giza. Other landmarks that fail to fall on tourist lists, according to the poll by holiday comparison site Kayak, are Christ the Redeemer (45 per cent) in Rio, Brazil, the Grand Canyon (32 per cent) in Arizona, US, and the Sydney Opera House (25 per cent).