

# Work, Unemployment and Welfare Then and Now

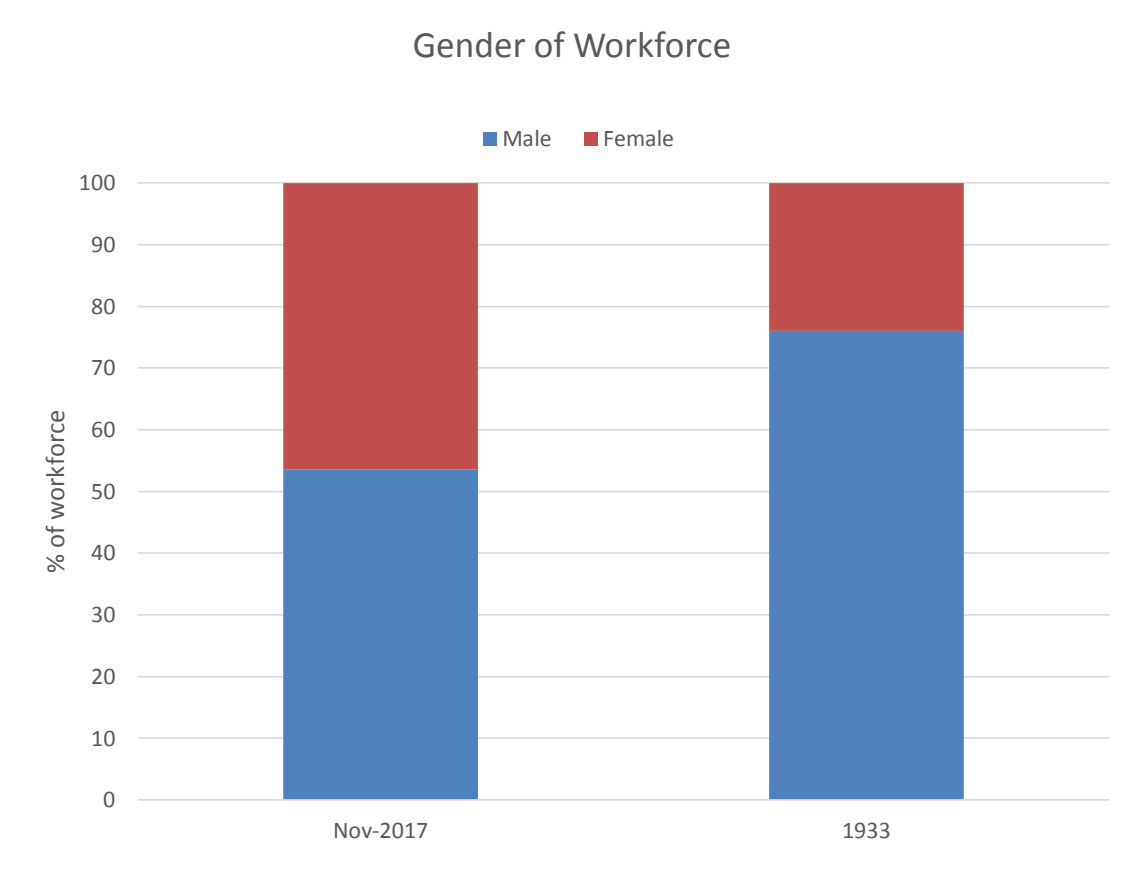
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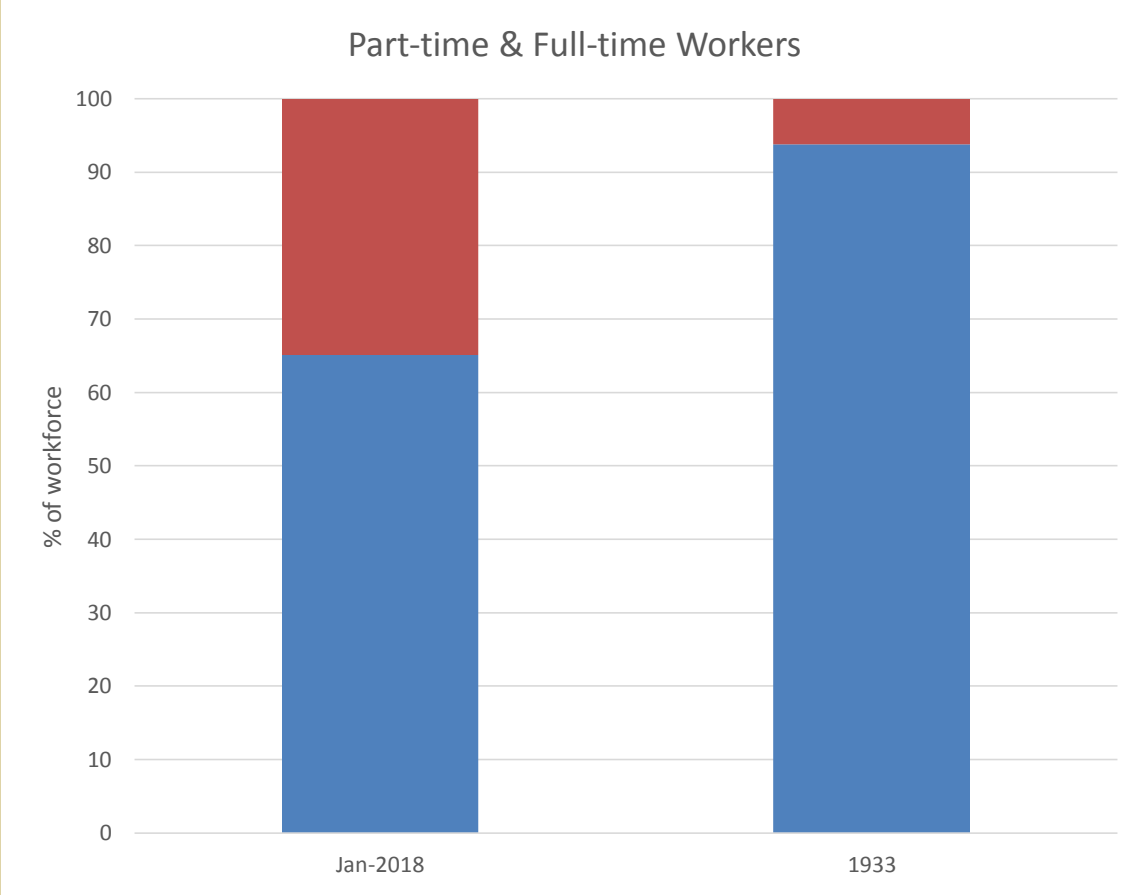
**with stats from one of Ray Broomhill's former PhD students!**



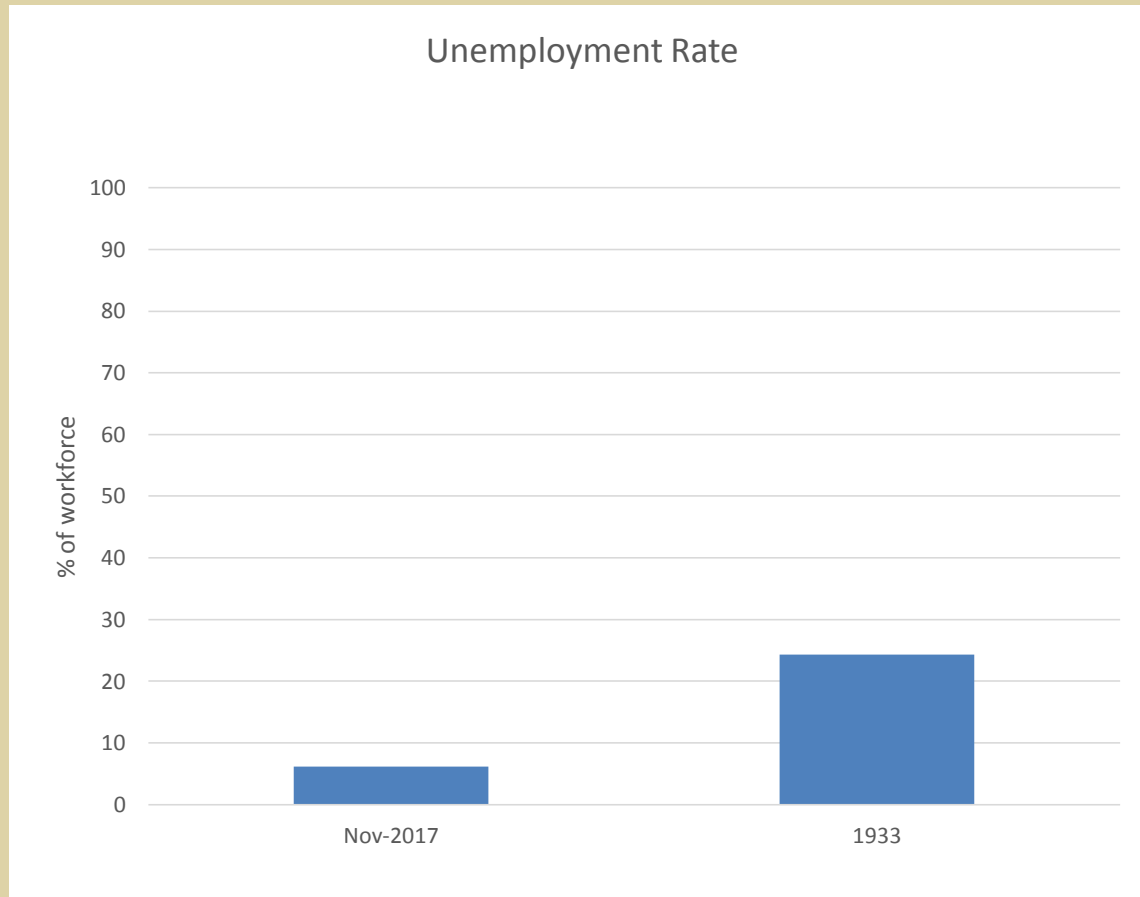
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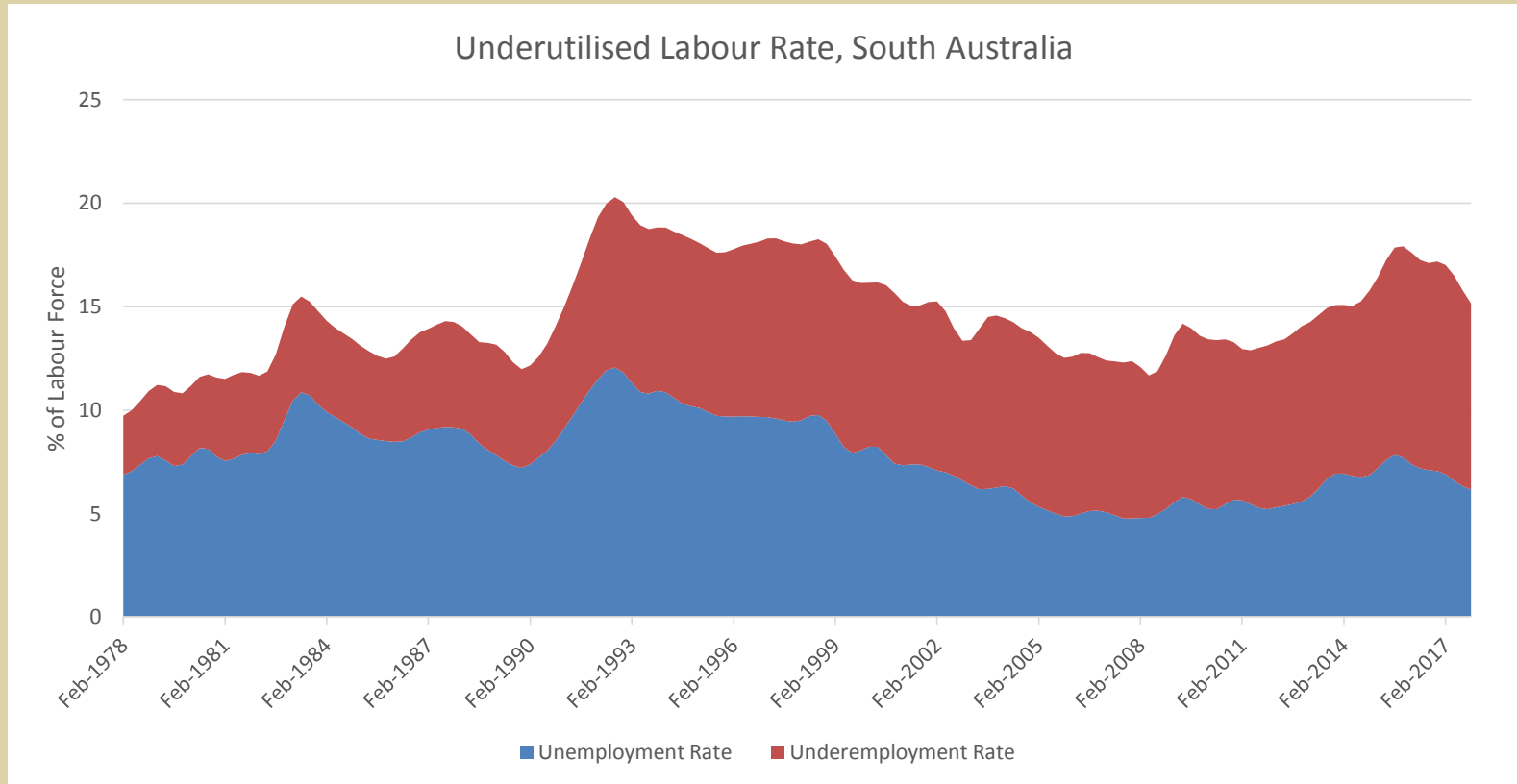
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# But labour force changes mean unemployment changes

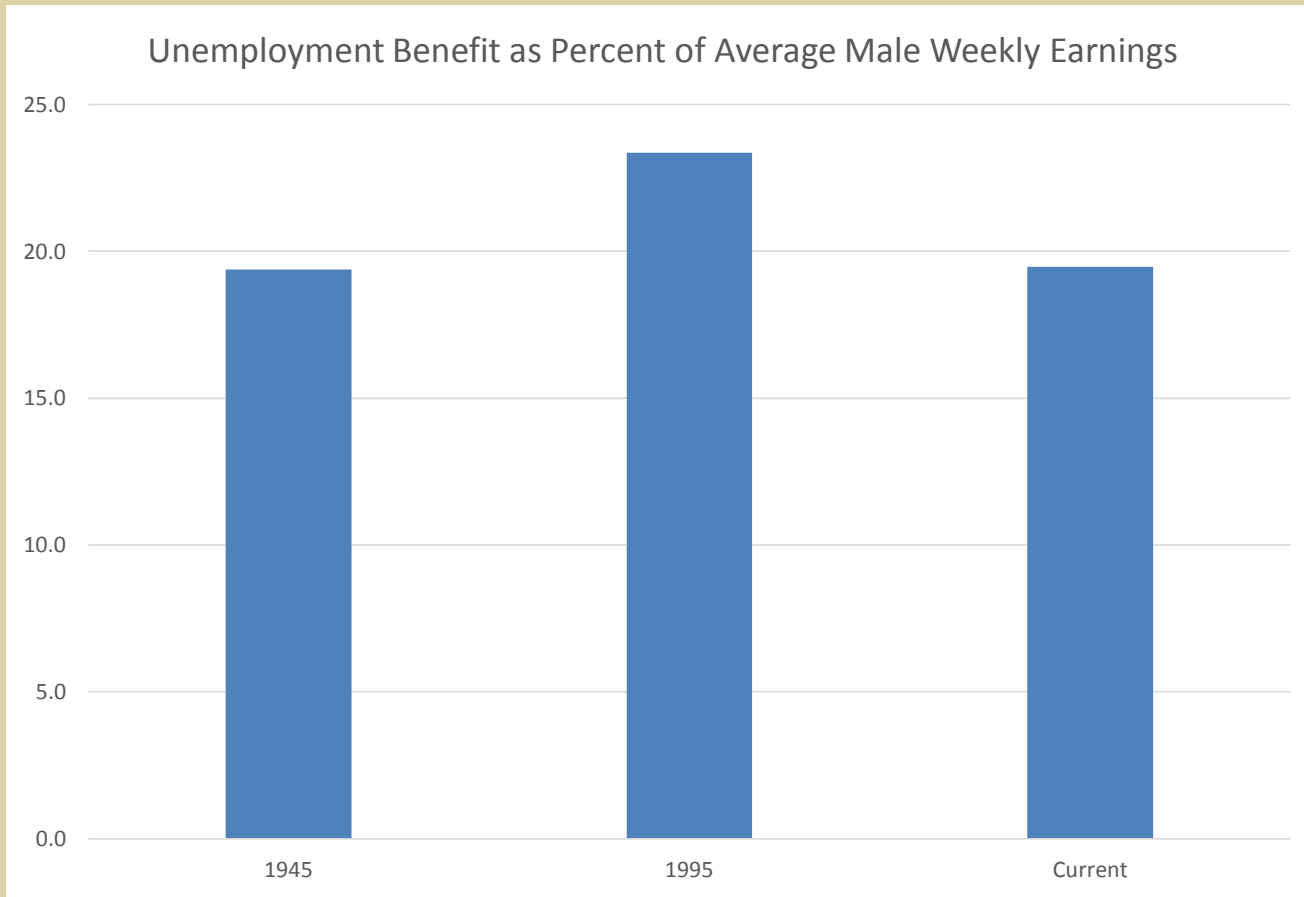


# Welfare – Then and Now

## Introduction of Selected Welfare Payments

- **1908 Age Pension**
- **1912 Maternity Allowance (lump sum at birth)**
- **1941 Child Endowment Introduced**
- **1942/3 Widows Pensions, wife allowance, funeral benefits**
- **1945 Unemployment & sickness benefit**
- **1958 Rent Assistance**
- **1973 Single Mother's Benefit**
- **1986 Young Homeless Allowance**

# Welfare – Then and Now



# Welfare – Now

The current rate of Newstart for a single person (no children) is

**\$278 per week**

That is less than

**\$40 a day**

**RAISE  
THE RATE**

