

# Age of Video Stores

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hood video store was  
ular Friday night activ-  
nose wanting a quiet  
home. But like VHS  
habit is dying out.  
nists have predicted  
Australian video rental  
will lose almost \$20 mil-  
lions this year and shed  
nt of its workers as the  
nting a movie declines.  
cGowan, senior analyst  
orld which has predic-  
Australia's growing and  
ustries for 2010, said  
rental industry had  
decline for the past dec-  
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alton, rentals manager



Something different: Kate Dalton says Planet Video stocks hard-to-get movies.

Picture: Sandra Jackson

at Planet Video in Mt Lawley,  
said the store aimed to stock  
films that customers could not  
get elsewhere or online.  
"We have a lot of stuff that  
other places do not have or can't  
get, such as foreign or independ-  
ent films that are not released  
generally or cannot even be  
downloaded, so I think that will

keep us safe for a while," she  
said. Planet Video owner Hayden  
Robinson said the demise of  
video rental had been screamed  
about for 15 years but it could  
still be a healthy business.  
"But we have got to accept that  
we are up against it," Mr Robin-  
son said.  
"We sell CDs as well and we

are making plans for the future to  
bring in other things."  
Analysts believe the sugar in-  
dustry will have a booming year  
because of high prices, although  
they predicted jobs in the sector  
would fall by 1.5 per cent.  
Oil and gas production, much  
of which is based in WA, will also  
have a big year.

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