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"Yarra Ranges"

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Trent he has achieved his dream. In Austria, Sept. 31st, he became Junior World Champion in his sport of Mountain Bike Riding. CONGRATULATIONS TRENT. A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT!!!

Trent Lowe
"Aiming for the top."
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From the Editor

INTRODUCING

"Living Today in Mooroolbark"

News & Events of Mooroolbark & District.

Dear Neighbours,

This community paper is produced by a number of volunteers who are interested in contributing to community life in our neighbourhood. They freely offer their time and energies to help in the on-going challenge of helping to build a stronger and richer community, in Mooroolbark, for all of us to enjoy.

Our intention is to identify and highlight many of the good things that are constantly happening in our neighbourhood. We will focus on individuals, groups, clubs, service providers, events, etc which contribute positively to our community life.

Do you have a "good news" story to share?

If so, we would love to hear from you! Please check out our contact details on this page.

We also hope to be able to assist in identifying specific needs and concerns within our community. Where possible we will assist in the process of seeking solutions to these problems.

From time to time we will offer articles of encouragement and help, presented by qualified people, in areas of family life, health concerns, safety in the home, personal finances and other community issues.

In this issue, along with local news, we consider some of the problems associated with investing in the Share Market. A practising financial adviser offers some points for our consideration.

We look forward to sharing and celebrating with you the many good things that we enjoy in Mooroolbark, and in working together to further contribute to and enrich our community life.

Doug Lewis
Editor.

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Like to Contribute? If you have a good news story or other contribution to offer, please forward these to the contact points listed above.

MISSION STATEMENT

To contribute to, and to help foster a "growing community spirit" within our neighbourhood.

We Seek to achieve this by.....

- * Highlighting the many positives within our community.
- * Encouraging partnership in community initiatives.
- * Contributing to the process of identifying and addressing community needs and concerns.

THE STOCK MARKET

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY INVESTMENTS?

Most of us are understandably concerned at the drop in value of any investments we may have at the moment. Why has my superannuation/pension/managed fund value gone backwards this year? What should I do about it?

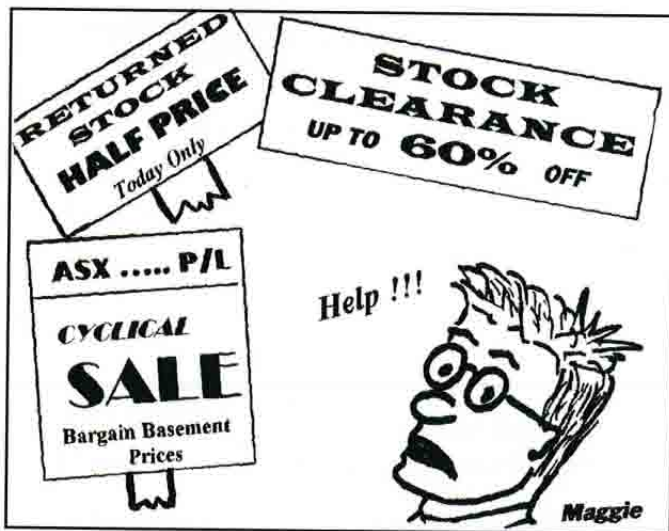
On the one hand, fund managers, advisers, finance writers are saying things like, "Look to the long term." "Keep to your game plan." "Don't panic and bail out at the bottom of the market." and so on. But aren't they really just looking after their own interests, making sure we leave our (diminishing) money with them?

Perhaps - but there is a more fundamental question we need to ask.....

Am I investing or speculating?

Investing is placing your money thoughtfully and carefully, knowing *who* and *what* you are investing in, being aware that markets will go up and down. Having investigated, you have confidence that the manager or business you have partnered with will produce a viable return in the long run. So an investor (1) knows what he's investing in, and then (2) ignores the urge to respond to the short term.

Speculating, on the other hand, is opportunity focused. It isn't so much concerned with what or where the money is placed - as long as it yields a *profitable* return. It looks for winners, for the latest tips, for new information, and is as ready to exit a position as to enter it. A speculator (1) trades on the short term, and (2) looks to beat the odds.



My advice? If you're a speculator, stick to the TAB where the odds are decidedly better! But if you're an investor, do your homework. Know what and who you are partnering with when you are placing your hard-earned savings. Have confidence in the long-term prospects and resist the urge to respond to the short term, however much you're tempted.

Terry Villiers CFP

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LIGHTNING STRIKES

It is reported that, worldwide, thunderstorms are producing approximately 6,000 lightning strikes every minute. In Australia, lightning claims up to 10 lives and causes over 100 injuries each year.

Up to 80 of those injuries happen when people use telephones during thunderstorms.

When lightning strikes telephone wires it can result in electrical shock, hearing damage or burns. Telecom advises that calls be avoided during thunderstorms. See the White Pages for further details.



Marita Hearne
Programme Co-Ordinator

Mooroolbark Community Centre



A Brief History

The centre is 22 years old, and still today it remains an innovative design, incorporating creative arts areas with a pottery studio, a performance area, large multi-purpose auditorium and rooms for meeting places. The centre is nestled in magnificent parklands, and has ample parking available. Local forces banded together in a determined effort to ensure that Mooroolbark had a unique "community centre". Schools, performers, artists and tutors have all been encouraged to nurture their "art" in a local space, and this tradition continues today.

Goals/Services provided

The centre, supported by the Shire of Yarra Ranges has always maintained a "community" spirit. The centre aims to provide a place for local groups, services, schools and identities to showcase their activities.

The centre also supports users that provide free services to the community. Red Cross utilise the centre on a regular basis as a collection centre for blood services, and the Shire's immunisation sessions are held here twice each month. The Salvation Army also utilise the centre as their base when they hold their annual Red Shield Appeal.

In house programs at the centre include pottery, jazz, tap and creative dance, tai chi, low-impact aerobics, and creative writing. School holiday activities are offered at each school break, and provide a variety of activities from craft through to pantomime.

Activities and Events

In addition to the programs offered by the Shire, the centre also hosts Gymparoo, Helen O'Grady Drama, Mini Maestros, Kumon, Disabled People's Group, Mooroolbark Theatre Group, YWCA Mature Ladies Group.

The inaugural "Celebrate Mooroolbark" day of activities was hosted in March this year. The day enabled local community groups to unite in a day full of community spirit. The day began with a combined churches service, followed by the Salvation Army band. Local community groups had the opportunity to set up a market stall outside in the parkland, and were able to fundraise for their cause, by providing food or goods for sale. Schools and local talent were encouraged to perform on our outdoor stage, and the program varied from solo artists to rock bands to choirs. Street theatre was provided in the marketplace by some entertaining jugglers. Inside the centre a range of performers entertained throughout the day. A display of local groups decorated the halls of the centre and showcased a wide variety of service and community groups that make up Mooroolbark. Please put aside **Saturday 29th March 2003** for next years celebration, and for more information please contact staff at the centre.



Deanne & Daff are enjoying participating in classes of "Pottery with Faye."

For details of the pottery class or any other in-house courses, please phone the centre.

Meet **ANNETTE ARCHER**...

Annette is co-owner of the family run business "*Spitting Image*" Copy Centre in Mooroolbark.



Three years ago Annette was amongst several local traders who started the *Mooroolbark Trade and Community Group*. The aim of the group is to help make Mooroolbark a more welcoming community. Developments such as the Community Bank and various local beautification projects have resulted from their initiative.

A current concern for Annette and the group is the funding of the Christmas decorations for the shopping area for this year. As there is no other funding available, the traders and other concerned citizens are invited to help out with a \$40 donation, to ensure that the decorations will be in place this year.

If you would like to offer a donation or if you have any suggestions for making Mooroolbark a more welcoming place, please give Annette a call on 9727 4041 or call in to see her at Spitting Image - Shop 11, 91 Brice Ave.



FRITS VAN REYMERSDAEL

is a well known identity in Mooroolbark as he regularly gets around on his motorised "shop-rider". Frits has suffered from M.S. for many years and has been confined to a wheel chair since 1983. However, he manages to maintain a very positive view of life. He likes to say...

"I've got M.S. but M.S. has not got me!"

His view is that, "It's no good to be feeling sorry for yourself. When you look around you will always find somebody worse off. Nobody wants to see a sour face."

Frits draws much strength from his family, wife Anna and children John, Marie and Patricia. Also from the many people who are always willing to offer their help, or ask "Are you O.K. mate?"

Frits is currently serving the community by working with the Shire to help identify ways to help the needy and disabled in our neighbourhood. We salute Frits for his positive spirit and the contribution he continues to make.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN - Mooroolbark East Primary School

After much discussion amongst the school community, a new position for a part-time Chaplain/Counsellor has been created at Mooroolbark Primary School. Megan Thompson was appointed to the position at the beginning of term three. She is employed for the equivalent of one day each week to serve students, staff and parents within the school community.



Whilst Megan is employed by the Council for Christian Education in Schools, she reports to the school principal. Her role is to provide pastoral care, resources, and where necessary, referrals to others in the helping professions. Megan worships at an Anglican Church at Blackburn North.

She can be contacted via the school on Monday mornings and on Tuesdays between 10.30 and 3p.m.

What Motivates My Investment? A Christian Perspective

Pretty well all of us are involved in investment in one way or another - whether we hold shares directly, use managed funds, or simply watch our superannuation. So as we look at what is happening with them, what do we think and how do we feel?

In our cover article, we discussed the difference between investing and speculating. But even with investing, we need to dig a bit deeper when we look at how we, within ourselves, are affected by the process.

Several years ago, I heard a wise head declare there are two ways of life: **the give** and **the get**. There are people whose lives are characterised by sharing and giving - of themselves, of their time, of their resources, while there are others whose lives are dominated by the need to get, to win, and to hold. In these days of corporate calamities such as Enron, WorldCom, OneTel and HIH, this gives us pause for thought. Because the pursuit of get, win and hold comes with a price, not only for those who are overrun in the process but also those who get caught up in it themselves. As another wise observer put it - centuries ago - "Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."

So where do we sit? Especially when we're looking at our investments. Do we just look at how they are performing, and react? Are we then upset if they are not gaining, winning or at least holding for us? If so, that means our lives inevitably will be marked with periods of disappointment and unhappiness.

On the other hand, am I saying that seeing our hard-earned savings diminish - even disappear- doesn't matter? Hardly! But then how would a "give type" of person respond? Well, we need to back up a little for this. When we invest, directly or indirectly, we're buying shares. They're called shares because we're buying a share in the underlying business. We are giving/sharing our resources with other people so they can run a successful business and hopefully turn an honest profit. In return they share that profit with those who have given of their resources in the first place. An investor who is truly sharing in this way realises that he not only shares the good times but the lean ones as well. That there will be not-so-good years along with the ones that go well. That there is always a risk of any business failing for a hundred and one reasons, including many not within its control.

In other words, a person who sits in the "give way" invests in hope and takes comfort in helping others earn some success. A little thought, a little perspective as we put our own hard earned money to work can go a long way toward the peace of mind and happiness that comes with a give approach to life.

Like to read more??
For a copy of our free article - "Investing in the Stock Market - Biblical Principles" Please write to :
Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship P.O. Box 228 Mooroolbark, or Telephone on 9726 9898.



Emergency Help - Food Bank

For the past 10 years, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 1pm and 3pm, a small team of volunteers from the Salvation Army Mooroolbark have sought to assist the emergency needs of people within the Mooroolbark community. Help is generally in the form of a food voucher along with items of non-perishable food. A 'cuppa' and a chat is also available.

If you are in need of help, drop by. Or maybe you'd like to assist with food items. These are always gratefully received and can be dropped at the Centre, 55 Manchester Road Mooroolbark, Phone: 9727 4777.

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

During the first week of the coming school holidays Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship is offering some free community activities as an expression of thanks to the Mooroolbark community amongst whom we live and worship. Details as follows.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

"Homelessness in our Community".

Presented by Salvation Army Eastcare
Sun. 22nd Sept. M/B Community Centre.
Commencing 3.30p.m.
FREE ADMISSION Afternoon tea provided.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE Fund raiser to help our local
"Disabled People's Company" **Thursday Sept 26th**.
Commencing at 11 a.m. Outside Coles, Mooroolbark.

FREE CRAFT ACTIVITY

Make your own **PERSONALISED GREETING CARDS**

Friday Sept. 27th 3x1 Hr. Sessions 
Starting times 10a.m. , 11.15a.m. & 12.30p.m.
Book at the Community Centre. Sample Cards on display.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT Recent Disney release

"Snowdogs" **Thurs. Sept. 26th 7p.m**
Mooroolbark Community Centre.

FREE ADMISSION. Book at Community Centre





Mark Doubleday
Manager "Community Development
& Partnering."

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Shire of Yarra Ranges is committed to supporting local communities to enhance the quality of life of residents. A major focus of this commitment is through the concept of Community Development. The Shire's Community & Cultural Services team plays a key role in fostering community development through the roles of its Aboriginal Community Development Officer and Community Development Officer.

What is community development?

"Community Development is central to local government, with its emphasis on servicing people, enhancing communities and being responsive to local needs." (Working Together to Develop our Communities! Local Government Community Services Association of Australia, 1999). Community development is based on the principles of equity, access, participation and equality. Community development can lead to improved decision-making, greater cooperation between diverse groups in the community, clear community identity and better access to services. These principles are reflected in the work undertaken by the Shire of Yarra Ranges and are fundamental to its commitment to supporting local communities.

With an extensive network of contacts among a range of service providers and broad expertise, the shire's Community Development Officers are an important and valuable point of contact.

For further information - contact Community Development Officer 9294 6247

Children's Day Celebrations

"Free fun for little kids"

For some years now, the Shire of Yarra Ranges has facilitated this special day for our preschoolers and their families. Last year, over 4,000 people participated. This year the event will be hosted by

Mooroolbark Community Centre.

Wednesday 23rd October 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION - FREE ENTERTAINMENT

ENTERTAINMENT Two special performance groups will offer two showings each...

"The Grand Fairies Ball" Showing at 9.45 am & 10.45 am

"Circus in a Suitcase" Showing at 12.15 pm & 1.15 pm.

ADMISSION IS FREE.....BUT....due to limited capacity bookings should be made with the Community Centre. Tel. 9726 5488

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Roving Jugglers and Clowns, Munchy, Animal Enclosure, Face Painting, Hair Decorations, Sculpture Balloons, Craft Activities, Monster Bubbles, Etc. **ALL FREE**

FOOD & DRINK: You can B.Y.O. or purchase from a range of food stalls and most reasonable prices.

COME ALONG & JOIN IN THE FUN!!!!!!!!!!

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR SHIRE.

- *Yarra Valley Vineyards Exhibition.
- *Wandin Silvan Field Day.
- *Crescendo Art Exhibition.
- *Monbulk Jazz 'n' Blues Festival.
- *Lilydale Show.
- *Celebrate Mooroolbark.

Museum of Lilydale
Wandin East Reserve
Billanook College
Monbulk
Lilydale Showgrounds
M/B Community Centre

Commences 26/9/2002
10th - 12th October 2002
7th - 11th November 2002
15th - 17th November 2002
16th - 17th November 2002
29th March 2002

What's On

Even at the tender age of seventeen, Mooroolbark boy, Trent Lowe knows what it means to make sacrifices in order to be what he wants to become. By the time you read this, Trent will have competed in the World Junior Mountainbike Championships, held in Austria on August 28th, and the final exams of his V.C.E. will be almost upon him. Considering the fact that he trains harder than anyone else in the country to compete at the elite level and attends school six hours a day, there's room for only one other activity in his life: sleep. Trent, who came third in last year's "Worlds" is a great advocate of strict preparation and time management.



Believing this year's world championships would be muddy, he spent hundreds of hours alone, in freezing temperatures, practising on the mossy, slippery red clay that comprises the perilous slopes of Silvan catchment area and Olinda State Forest "places that get very little sun and high rainfall" learning how to slide his bike and stay balanced as the bike bumped and jerked over roots and ruts.

When he speaks of "time management", he reveals a familiarity with the subject that most teenagers barely grasp. "I tell my teachers I'll be away on these dates. What assessment tasks do you want me to do?" So, like Jana Pittman when she prepared for the Games in 2000, Trent spends a lot of time reading at airports and on planes. Trent appreciates the value of those around him. "It's an expensive sport, so to get here I needed support from my family". His brother, Bradley, is his taxi, his P.R. person and his mentor. Trent, a student at Billanook College, believes these are the advantages that make a difference to the life of any kid. Not to mention genetics. "I've got good physiology. I'm small and have good lung capacity. "I've been born pretty lucky", he says, but with his focus, his vision, his appreciation of family, and his Herculean work ethic, this reflective teenager sounds as though he manufactures quite a bit of his own luck.

TEENS - Serving in the Community

MELBOURNE CITY MISSION WINTER SLEEPOUT

Temperatures had been frosty and winter rains frequent. Suddenly it was Friday, August 9th and time for the Melbourne Citymission Winter Sleepout! Friends, relatives and work mates were eager to sponsor the Mooroolbark youth, as we joined thousands across Melbourne in an effort to raise funds to help Victoria's homeless young people and families.

At 11pm seven hardy souls finished their pizza and headed outside to face the elements. Boxes had been collected from Harvey Norman stores for \$2 each. Warm winter clothing and a small fire drum had been found to ward off the worst of the winter chills.

What a surprise! The temperature was mild, the rain and wind nowhere to be found and we all managed to get a reasonable sleep. The thought of how bad it could have been made us feel empathy for the homeless who sleep out every night wind, rain or hail.



AIMEE BARBER - settles in for her "winter sleepout"

St John's Park Anglican Aged Care Facility Reay Rd.



Elise, Fiona and friends helping out at St John's Park.

KID'S CORNER

WORD PUZZLE

MOOROOLBARK STREETS

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1 ANNE 2 BAMBI 3 BARINA 4 BRICE
5 DIANE 6 ERIC 7 KADINA 8 PETER