

# Newsletter

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## How time flies...

The Game finishes Wednesday, 14 November.

With a lot of volatility in the market, we've seen a constant change in the rankings over the past few weeks.



- Kingsmoney from TAS has jumped into 1st place with a portfolio value of \$62,616.
- Planning abc from NSW is in 2nd place on \$61,873
- And only \$543 behind is avesel from QLD with a portfolio value of \$61,330.

*At this stage, it's anyone's Game!*

You can continue trading right up until market close at 4pm on Wednesday. You do not have to cash in all of your shares on the final day if you do not want to, as it is the total portfolio value (cash plus shares) that players are ranked on.

While rankings are visible, final placings for our winners will not be confirmed until 22 November, along with feedback from the top players.

We'd love your feedback – complete our end of Game survey [here](#).

## Review your Game strategy

Now is the time to reflect on what you have learnt from this Game and what you might do differently next time around.

Here are some questions to consider.

1. Did you have a plan?
2. Did you stick to your plan?
3. What was your return on investment?  
 $\text{Profits} \div \text{Trading Capital}) \times 100 = \_\_\%$   
For example: If my final portfolio value was \$62,000, my profit is \$12,000 the calculation will be  $(12,000 \div 50,000) \times 100 = 24\%$  return on investment.
4. Are you happy with this or do you think you could have done better?
5. Did you have clear rules as to when to enter or exit a trade?
6. Did you keep an eye on your portfolio or did you tend to forget about it?
7. If you lost interest, how could you stay more motivated?
8. Is there anything that you would do differently?
9. Does your plan need revising?

## What you can do to keep learning

- Sign up to the Investor update newsletter
- If you haven't already worked through them - do the Online shares course
- You could use the ASX watchlist tool if you want to continue to test your trading strategies as well as keep track of those companies that caught your eye
- Play the next Game - we will send you a reminder.
- Invest in your education - there are many books on share trading to keep you learning.

If you are interested in learning about Options, a new Options Game has just started. You can get more information [here](#).

## Stock Doctor Webinars



### Webinar 1 recording

Game on with Stock Doctor

### Webinar 2 recording

Smarter Game strategies

### Webinar 3 recording

Reporting season update – the good, the bad & the ugly

### Webinar 4 Recording

Six secrets of successful sharemarket investing



## Where to from here? – A post-mortem

The ASX Sharemarket Game is coming to a close and no doubt you all have mixed feelings.

Some will be excited about what lies ahead; others will approach the future with trepidation particularly in the current volatile environment, many are probably suffering from exhaustion. All these feelings are normal and will no doubt raise their head at some point in your investment journey.

Now while there can only be one winner of the Game, the reality is we all win in this excellent learning environment. So what next? How do we take the learnings of the game and use them to apply to real life? Let's look at some lessons the market has taught us over the past three months.

**Learn from the lessons of your investing past.** After the Game is finished look over all your wins and your losses. This may seem obvious, but do more of what worked, and less of what didn't. The market is very generous at teaching us lessons from our mistakes. Our trick as investors is to learn from them.

**Record your thoughts for making decisions.** The above task would be futile unless you recorded why you bought every stock you held in the first place. Knowing why you carry every stock is an essential step, because if you don't see why you bought it, you will never know when to sell it, and further you will never learn from that decision.

**Have a clear investment strategy ready to go.** Before you make your first buy decision using real money, you need to have your investment strategy mapped out and ready to roll. Having a clearly defined strategy will save you a significant amount of time, effort and stress. This is particularly the case when there are broader market sell-offs. Without having a strategy to help you block out the noise and make decision when they need to be made you are relying on luck. Not a great long-term strategy I'm afraid.

**Never take your eye off the ball.** Often the reason why investors fail in the long run is not the strategy they employ. Instead, it's the failure to stick to the strategy with discipline that is the issue. Taking your eye off the ball, especially in tough times like now, will lead to portfolio neglect and perennial underperformance.

**Investing in quality businesses is the best way to achieve outperformance over the long-term.** If you are serious about creating long-term prosperity, then you need to ensure that the vast majority of your funds are invested in quality businesses. While the lure of a short-term gain may seem enticing, avoiding capital killers like

invested in quality businesses. While the lure of a short-term gain may seem enticing, avoiding capital killers like GSW and BLA will be an essential part of your long-term performance. Investing in great businesses that are financially healthy will give you the peace of mind that you can succeed in the long-run.

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## Game update

