

Black Monday: When money talked in Melbourne and said 'goodbye'

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that looks at Australia through the lens of award-winning photojournalist, [Bill McAuley](#).**

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I took this candid image of stockbroker Roger Trevaskis literally counting his losses on the floor of the [Melbourne Stock Exchange](#) on "[Black Monday](#)". (Photo, 1987.)

Later earning the moniker "Black Monday", 19 October 1987 was the day the world experienced a massive and largely unforeseen stock market crash. Global losses were estimated at US\$1.71 billion (AU\$2.73 billion).

The Melbourne Stock Exchange [wasn't electronic](#) at that stage, but it was incorporated by the Australian Stock Exchange almost immediately after the crash.

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