



## Australian BullCharts User Group Minutes of Melbourne Meeting #142 — *REVISED*

At the Leighoak Club hotel, Oakleigh,  
Wednesday 16 May, 2018, at 7:30pm

(These minutes are a record of the discussion at the Melbourne meeting, and with the meeting agenda are also the basis of the Remote Users Webinar session that takes place a week after this Melbourne meeting.)

**Present:** Robert Brain (chair), Adam Owoc, Ana Ghioghiu, Andrew Couper, Anthony Stevens, Ian Morgan, Iliia Bermous, John Cobb, Kevin Coombs (a total of 9 who could attend).

**Apologies:** Des Bleakley, Ross McLaren (2 people who could not attend and who sent apologies).

1. **Welcome (attendance and apologies)** — Robert opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. **Admin matters; Correspondence in/out; business arising** — (The “Milo tin” balance = \$28.23).
3. **This month’s focus — Create and test a BC scan using JB’s strategy.**

In this session we focused on how to create and test a BullCharts scan, with the example to focus on Jim Berg’s “buy” signal for a position entry. There are a few options here, so we needed to firstly identify what to focus on. Some notes about Jim Berg’s strategies in BullCharts were included in the meeting agenda document, and also included below.

There are three chart indicators in BullCharts, and three scans, attributable to Jim Berg and his published strategies. In our user group session, when we try to create a new scan to look for Jim Berg’s “buy” signal, we need to identify exactly what we want to scan for, including whether the period ought to be daily or weekly. That is, we need to be able to describe the condition, and imagine what it would look like on a price chart. It might be the “Start” marker on the Volatility Profit Taker indicator (see the example in the chart in Figure 1 below).



Figure 1: Jim Berg's Volatility Profit Taker indicator

We looked at this sample, and agreed that we should create a BullCharts scan that looks for the “Start” marker on a daily chart. Apparently, Jim Berg prefers daily charts for these studies.

To find Jim Berg’s indicators and scans in BullCharts:

- (a) Create a new price chart.
- (b) Insert an indicator – use the menu option: **Insert > Indicator** or <Ctrl> + i
- (c) In Figure 2 at right, when you view the “Indicator” dialogue box, note in the “Category” drop down that if you scroll down the list of entries, you will find an entry “Berg,Jim” in the list. Select this, then view the indicators attributed to him.

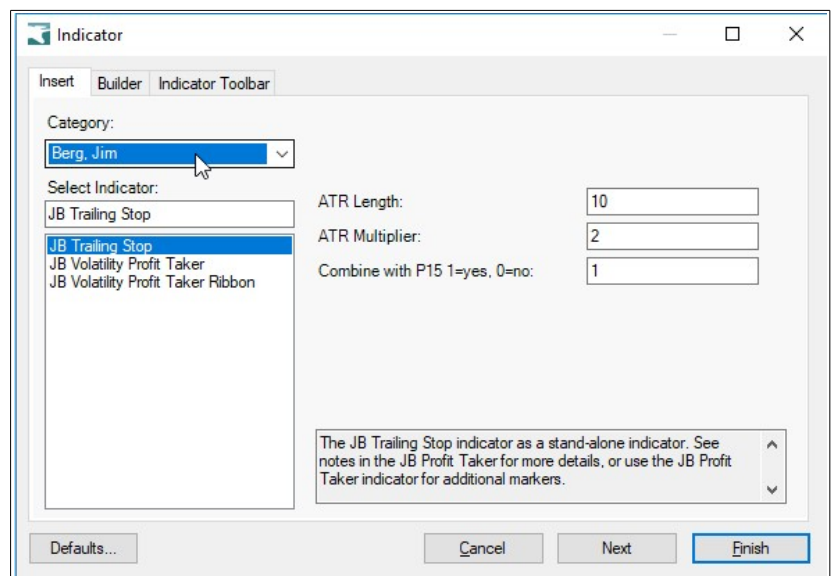


Figure 2: Jim Berg's indicators

- (d) To find his scans, use BullScan Manager, and view by “Author”, using one of the three tabs at the bottom of the BullScan Manager window panel (see Figure 3 at right).

We created a new scan, and in doing so, Robert demonstrated the usefulness of entering carefully selected text for the scan “Name”, “Category” and “Author”. **See the additional notes on page 4 below for more details.**

In the new scan we created a criteria to find those stocks with the “Start” marker shown above, occurring in any of the “last 8 bars”, we found some useful stocks and some that are not helpful to our search for a potentially winning stock. So we tried adding in other scan criteria. We copied two criteria from another of Jim’s scans, and this produced better results (with references to Moving Averages). **See the additional notes on page 5 below for more details.**

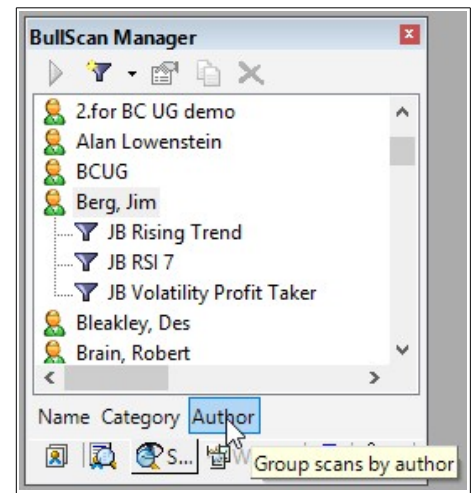


Figure 3: Jim Berg’s scans

We studied the results, and looked at a few charts of the selected stocks. We questioned whether the sell signal shown on his Volatility Profit Taker indicator is a good one, because it appears to be too late. We also looked at the Energy stocks, and also the Energy sector sub-index XEJ.

Ian had a copy of Jim Berg’s book that discusses the ideas mentioned here. It is called “The Share Traders Handbook”, and is recommended reading for this particular topic.

There was some discussion about Jim Berg’s comments which he often makes at his presentations, that he likes to look for strongly performing stocks in strong sectors. We agreed that by doing this, we will overlook and miss any strong stocks in weak sectors. But it was also agreed that Jim probably takes this approach so as to reduce any of the likely risks from trading stocks in weak sectors — because if a sector is weak, then it is more likely that many of the stocks in the sector will also be weak currently, or in the near future.

[Past BCUG presentations can be downloaded [from this BCUG Presentations folder](#).]

#### 4. BullCharts — Tips, “How To?”, etc.

- (a) **Trend Ruler and “snap to”** — Robert demonstrated the Trend Ruler tool in BullCharts, and the optional feature to “snap” the corners of the Trend Ruler triangle to the Close prices on the chart.
- (b) Note that a list of ETFs is now included in the BullCharts Security Manager, and that the BullCharts “Security Summary” feature applies to these as well as to all other securities.

#### 5. Trading in practise — We looked at the charts of several stocks. Including: OVH, AKM, SEA, APO.

#### 6. The \$100k Hypothetical portfolio:- No update tonight.

- (a) **No update today.** Even so, it makes sense to consider a few stocks at meetings, and share ideas around the table as to what we think of the price charts, even if we don’t make any decisions about purchase for a portfolio (at least the opinions and comments about the charts would be useful).
- (b) **Portfolio review** — No review this month.
- (c) **New stock purchases** — None today.
- (d) **Portfolio documents (background)** — [Download and view the latest version of the plan document here](#). Also see the “Trade Planning” table (the observations of potential trades, and the position size and reward/risk details), and the separate “Trading Journal” table (the record of the buy and sell transactions, with the actual buy/sell details, including the amount of cash available). See the documents from the BCUG web page in Robert’s Share Market Toolbox web site: [www.robertbrain.com/bcug/](http://www.robertbrain.com/bcug/).)

#### 7. General Business (and anything else to share?)

- (a) **Big falls on news?** — It was asked if this observation might perhaps be caused by the algos and computers that are now trading in the markets. There seems to be sharper and bigger falls on bad company news announcements these days. Some people thought that this can be the case.
- (b) **News, seminars, websites, books, etc.:-**
  - o “ATAA Conference in Melbourne in May 2018. [See details here](#).
- (c) **Tech Tips** — Nothing new. See the slowly growing list of apps etc below.
- (d) **Any other business?** — none
- (e) **Next meeting topic** — TBA
- (f) **Carry-over ACTION:** Robert to arrange. ETFs (Robert Grigg). Maybe ask Andrew Couper to talk about day trading?

**NOTE:** One day?:- Peter Castle (speaker, as at recent ATAA meeting — RB to follow up).  
Also: flags, pennants, etc.. It could be useful to ask Stuart McPhee to come back (talk about exits).  
Possible future discussion: How can we measure our own trading performance?  
Future:- Gann Fan? Other suggestions welcome.

8. **Confirmation of next meeting and venue.**

**The next Melbourne meeting will be: Wednesday 20 June**

(it's normally the **third Wednesday of each month**, or the **second Wednesday in December**)  
at the usual venue (Leighoak Hotel) at the usual time, ie. **6pm for dinner/drinks** in the Bistro,  
and the **meeting will start at 7:30pm** in the upstairs Function Room.

[[Google-map link](#) for the Leighoak Hotel if you view these meeting minutes on your computer.]

The User Group Webinar is usually one week later.

9. **Meeting closed 9:35 pm.**

\* **NOTE:** We use the **BullCharts Discussion Forum** at the web site: [www.bullcharts.com.au/forum/default.asp](http://www.bullcharts.com.au/forum/default.asp).  
And we utilise the [Yahoo Forum](#) facility (in the "cloud") to store and share files (and more) amongst the user group members. Anyone having difficulty accessing the Yahoo Forum should try to reset their password, or create a new account (using a good email address, not a crap one), or as a last resort send Robert an email). This facility is the best way to share these files (presentations, BullCharts customs scans, indicators, etc., etc.).



**Robert Brain** (User Group convenor) — Don't forget to visit **Brainy's Share Market Toolbox:**

[www.robertbrain.com](http://www.robertbrain.com) and BullCharts stuff here: [www.robertbrain.com/bullcharts](http://www.robertbrain.com/bullcharts)

**Also see:** Robert's [BullCharts KnowledgeBase](#), and [eBook \(PDF\) articles on BullCharts](#).

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**Note:** The User Group meetings tend to cover much material, and discuss much information, about technical analysis, trading, and BullCharts software. These minutes only summarise the key points. The maximum benefit will always be obtained by being there in person, and taking copious notes, and/or attending the [user group webinar](#).

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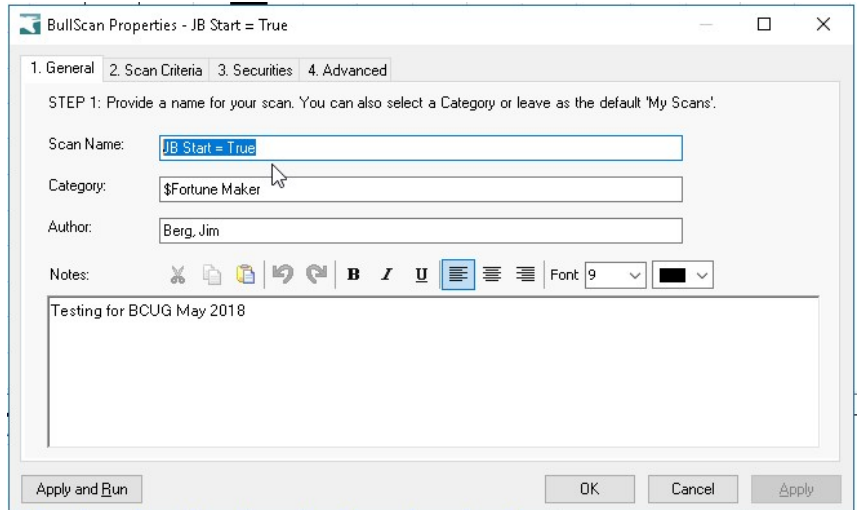
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**More notes about both BullCharts scans, and Jim Berg’s scans.**

Note the following tips regarding the new BullCharts scan that we created.

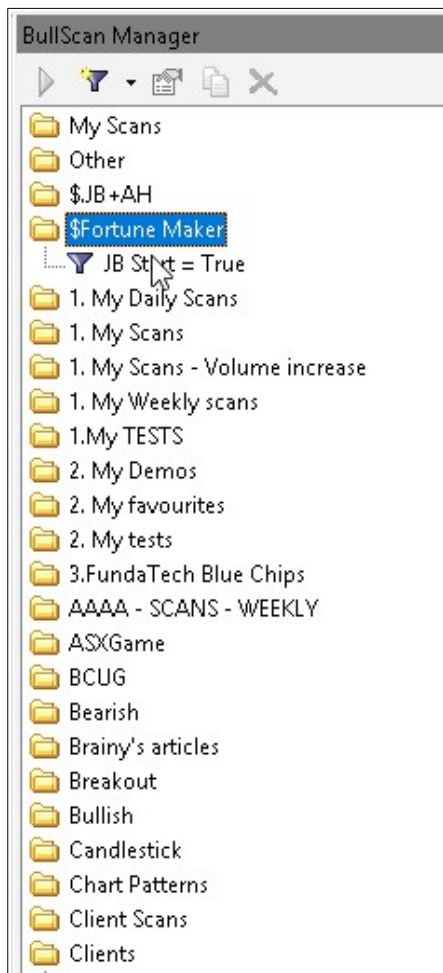
In the scan dialogue box (refer to Figure 4 at right):

- (a) For the “Scan Name” we used some meaningful text: **“JB Start = True”**.
- (b) For “Category: we entered the text: “\$Fortune Maker”, as it was our attempt to set up just that even though it might, or might not, do so. Note the dollar character “\$” simply forces this scan to appear near the top of a list of scans. See the screen shot from BullScan Manager, with scans grouped by Category in Figure 5 below.

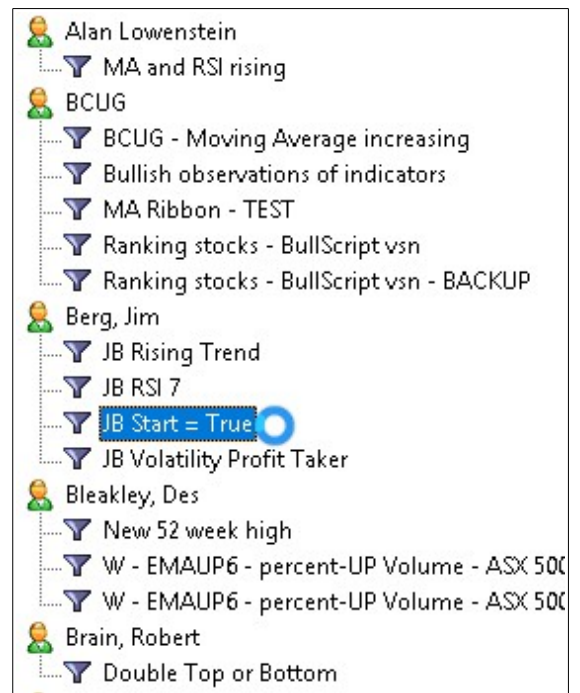


*Figure 4: BullScan dialogue box - Name, Category, Author.*

- (c) For “Author”, by entering the text “Berg, Jim”, this scan will be listed within the Author grouping of scans adjacent to any others that are likewise labelled (see more details below and Figure 6 below).



*Figure 5: Grouped by Category*

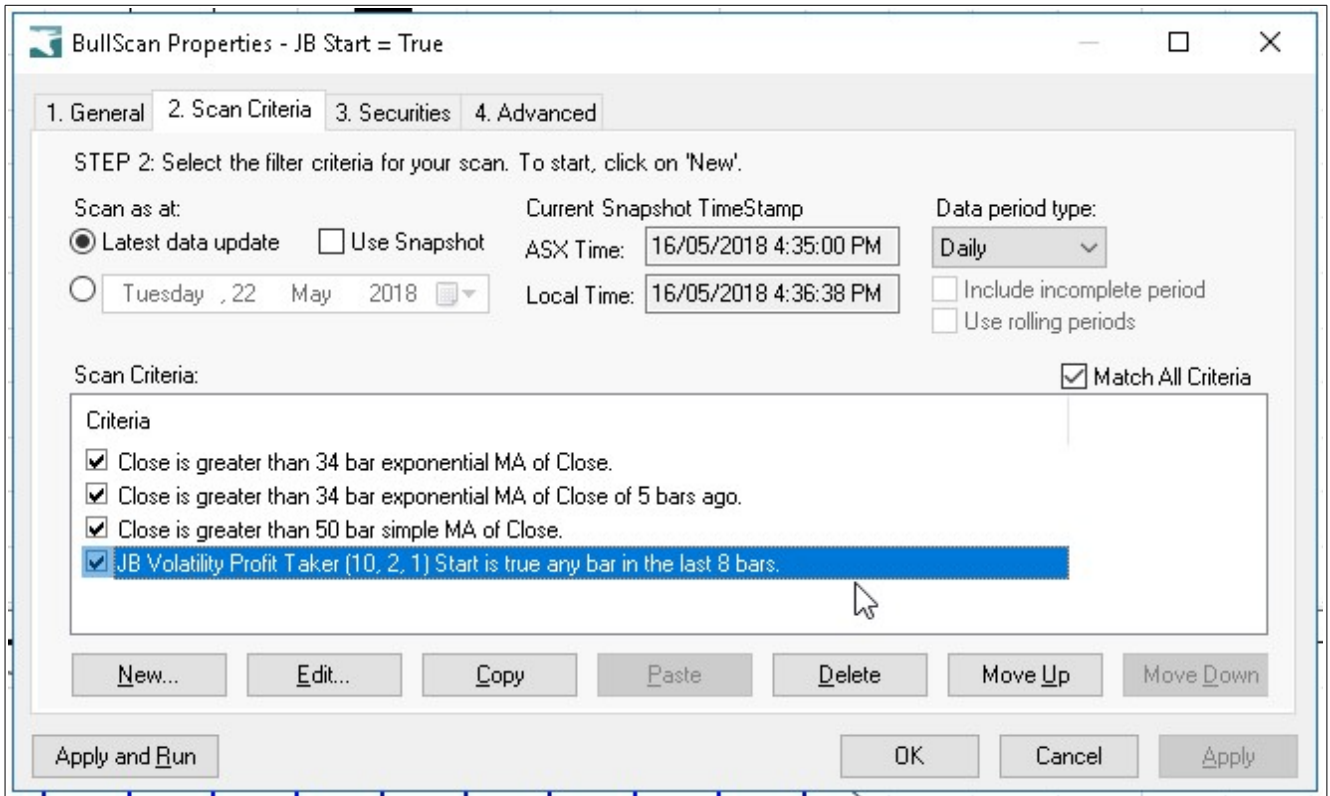


*Figure 6: Grouped by Author*

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**Note the additional criteria that we added to the scan.**

Note the key points below, with reference to the following screen print in Figure 7 below.



*Figure 7: The scan criteria*

- (a) The fourth of the scan criteria listed was the first one we created in this scan. It simply scans for the existence of the JB Volatility Profit Taker indicator marker known as "Start" for any bar in the last 8 bars.
- (b) We then added three more criteria as shown above.
- (c) To try to speed up the execution of the scan, we changed the sequence of these four criteria so that the ones that would be simpler to calculate appear higher up the list.

**Summary list of recently mentioned things** (no recommendations) (updated [Feb 2018](#))  
([recent changes are indicated with colour and italics](#))

Books (also see: <a href="http://www.robertbrain.com/books/books.html">www.robertbrain.com/books/books.html</a> )	Smartphone Apps			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">“The Secret Code of Japanese Candlesticks”</a> by Felipe Tudela</li> <li>2. <b>“Starting out in Shares — the ASX Way”</b>, more details from the ASX website: <a href="http://www.asx.com.au/education/starting-out-in-shares-the-asx-way.htm">http://www.asx.com.au/education/starting-out-in-shares-the-asx-way.htm</a></li> <li>3. <b>“A Complete Guide to Volume Spread Analysis”</b>, Anna Coulling</li> <li>4. <b>“Blueprint to Wealth”</b>, Gary Stone.</li> <li>5. <b>“Foundations of Trading”</b> Howard Bandy.</li> <li>6. <b>“Fibonacci and Gann Applications in Financial Markets”</b>, George A. Maclean.</li> <li>7. <b>“High Probability Trading”</b>, Marcel Link.</li> <li>8. <b>“Charting the Stock Market — The Wyckoff Method”</b>, Edited by Jack K. Hutson.</li> <li>9. <b>“A Definitive Guide to Point and Figure”</b> by Jeremy du Plessis</li> <li>10. “Unholy Grails”, by Nick Radge</li> <li>11. “Trade your way to Financial Freedom”, Van K. Tharp (topics: risk, position sizing, etc.)</li> <li>12. “The Intuitive Trader” by Robert Koppel</li> <li>13. A paper “Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds” (recommended reading).</li> <li>14. “Sticky Stock Charts”, Laurence Holt.</li> <li>15. “Technical Analysis of the Financial Markets” by John Murphy</li> <li>16. “The Panic of 1907” by Robert Bruner and Sean Carr</li> <li>17. <a href="http://www.betterbooks.com">www.betterbooks.com</a></li> <li>18. <a href="http://www.traderslibrary.com">www.traderslibrary.com</a></li> <li>19. <a href="http://www.booktopia.com.au">www.booktopia.com.au</a></li> </ol>	<b>APP</b>	<b>iOS</b>	<b>Android</b>	
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	2	StockTips for iPad	YES	no
	3	Compound Stock Earnings	YES	no
	4	the standard “stocks” app is rather good	YES	n/a
	5	University app for phone	YES	n/a
	6	Bloomberg for Smartphone		
	7	CNN Money		
	8	StockTouch for iOS,	tba	tba
	9	IB TWS	YES	tba
	10	T.Interceptor	tba	tba
	11	StocksTracker (and on Windows) PC	YES	tba
	12	DailyStocks	tba	tba
	13	Trading Ideas	tba	tba
	14	ChebTrendPro	tba	tba
	15	KalmanSignal	tba	tba
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	17	<b>Investing.com</b>	tba	tba

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