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# Fear a wealth barrier



Stephen Jones says there is plenty of information out there to scare young people about what could go wrong in investment markets.

The Smith Coffey Financial Management principal believes the biggest challenge nowadays is getting young people to think about their financial future and put in place a savings and investment plan.

“Being scared and doing nothing is not going to result in a good outcome,” he said.

“Our challenge is to warn people about the uncertainty.”

Mr Jones said market volatility was still an issue for someone heading towards 30 but they were unlikely to be drawing down too much on their investments, instead being in a 30-year accumulation phase.

Someone with a diversified portfolio over a long time would have a self-correcting structure, selling particular classes of investments when their market price rose and buying again when the market weakened.