

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7283	-12	-0.2
NZX 50	11192	50	0.4
DJIA Futures	33208	-68	-0.2
S&P 500 Futures	4172	-6	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	12792	-19	-0.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens on the last trading day for May with a swag of material domestic economic reports, and influential figures out of China, due late morning, following key economic indicators released by Japan and South Korea pre-trade.

US equities markets were closed last night due to a public holiday, but US equities futures have traded slightly - modestly lower this morning.

Since overnight international equities trade, the **European Union (EU)** has agreed a partial embargo on **Russian oil imports**, reportedly covering ~67% of usual EU oil import volumes from Russia. The EU had recently been reported to be paying more than \$US1B a day for petroleum products from Russia.

Locally today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) is due to release April **financial aggregates**, including private sector credit, and April **bank lending** each report at **11.30am AEST**.

At the same time, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes March quarter **balance of payments**, **business indicators**, and April **building approvals**.

Post-ASX trade, the RBA reports April **international reserves and foreign currency liquidity**.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **IFT** and **ORI**. Please see p3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.

Regionally today, **China** is scheduled to release official (NBS) May **PMIs** also at **11.30am AEST**.

Just prior to the ASX opening, **Japan** is expected to report preliminary April industrial production figures and retail sales.

South Korea was due to report April industrial production and retail sales earlier pre-trade.

In overnight commodities trade, Brent **crude** continued higher, trading beyond \$US121.00/bbl.

US **gold** futures, like WTI crude, and **iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe), did not record an official settlement, due to US public holiday market closures.

LME (3mth evening) **copper**, **nickel** and **aluminium** extended Friday's gains, nickel continuing to settle sharply higher.

The **\$A** approached US72.00c after trading at ~US71.90c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
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Today's Stock Watch

Crown Resorts (CWN)

Crown Melbourne is required to pay an \$80M penalty within 28 days of Friday last week, as a result of the Victorian Gambling & Casino Control Commission (VGCCC) investigation into the China UnionPay process as identified in the Victorian Royal Commission.

ikeGPS Group (IKE)

Full year results lodged in the last hour of yesterday's ASX trade, ahead of a webinar scheduled to commence 11am AEST today.

IKE settled 5.97% higher for the session yesterday, at 71c.

Synlait Milk (SM1)

Lowering the 2021-22 base milk price forecast from \$NZ9.60/kg of milk solids (MS) to \$NZ9.30/kgMS.

SM1 will reveal the final milk price at September's full year results release.

Living Cell Technologies (LCT)

\$1,285M secured in a 0.5c-per-share placement, in support of the third clinical trial of NTCELL as a potential treatment for Parkinson's disease.

LCT traded at 0.5c – 0.55c over the five trading sessions prior to calling a trading halt to cover the placement period.

Anteris Technologies (AVR)

Reporting the completion of DurAVR THV implants for the first in-human trial in Georgia, US, and positive initial indications.

Resources

Argosy Minerals (AGY)

Argentina Rincon lithium project initial battery quality Li₂CO₃ production looking on track for the September quarter with 83% of all construction works complete.

Additional update statistics lodged this morning.

AGM this afternoon.

West African Resources (WAF)

Burkina Faso MV3 gold prospect first pass drilling has delivered several significant width and/or grade intersections. Assays lodged pre-trade.

MV3 is located 6km from WAF's Sanbrado gold operations.

In addition, WAF confirms Kiaka gold project feasibility is expected to be completed late this quarter.

WAF is targeting 400,000oz pa gold production by 2025.

Kalium Lakes (KLL)

KLL has produced 400t of commercially saleable SOP while validating process design in April-May.

First commercial sales are anticipated in July.



Dow Jones	33213	Public	Holiday
S&P 500	4158	Public	Holiday
NASDAQ	12131	Public	Holiday
FTSE 100	7600	15	0.2
DAX 30	14576	114	0.8
Shanghai Comp	3149	19	0.6

Overseas Markets Commentary

Marked choppy trade featured across major European and UK equities markets overnight, European markets opening much higher than those in the UK, and unlike the FTSE, never swinging into negative territory.

UK considerations included transport systems struggling to cope for a fourth consecutive day, ongoing commentary regarding cost-of-living pressures and continued calls from both major political parties for the PM to resign.

US markets did not trade due to a public holiday.

Yesterday, **China** appeared to withdraw plans for a near-term South Pacific trade and security alliance across 10 island nations, stating it would prepare a positions paper for discussion.

Overnight, European Union (EU) leaders met to discuss further Ukraine conflict-spawned sanctions against **Russia**, including a possible oil embargo, but no EU-wide agreement was reached during overnight equities trade.

In the meantime, Dutch gas provider GasTerra reported today would be the last day for receiving gas from Russia's Gazprom, after Gazprom refused to maintain contractual payment options for two billion cubic metres of gas scheduled to be delivered through October.

GasTerra said it had secured another contract with a different gas supplier.

Among overnight **data** releases, **Germany's** initial May CPI estimate indicated 0.9% inflation growth for the month following 0.8% for March and forecasts for a more moderate 0.4% new increase.

On an annualised basis, inflation was calculated to be running at 7.9%.

April import prices for Germany were reported 1.8% higher for the month, against a 5.7% March climb and following forecasts for a 1.5% new increase.

Against April 2021, prices were up 31.7%.

A May economic sentiment reading for the **euro zone** as calculated by the European Commission (EC) came in at 105.0 from 104.9, following expectations for 104.7.

The consumer inflation expectations index fell to 45.6 from 50.0.

Tonight in the **US**, the Chicago PMI, Dallas Fed manufacturing index, Conference Board May consumer confidence reading and two March residential property price indices are due.

Elsewhere, an initial May **CPI** reading is anticipated for the **euro zone**.

Also tonight, the **Central Bank of Russia** is expected to publish a **financial stability** report.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include HP Inc, Lukoil, Salesforce Inc and Trip.com Group.

Markets in the UK, including the London Metals Exchange (LME)

Pre-Open Announcements

Titomic Ltd (TTT)

TTT has sold its initial Titomic D523 System in the Asia Pacific to D&C Coating, Singapore, for \$A44,758.

System sales and associated product sales are expected to deliver \$1M during FY23.

PPK Group (PPK)

Planning an in-specie share distribution of PPK Mining Equipment Group shares as a 2.81c special dividend.

Seeking shareholder approval today.

Chairman's address lodged pre-trade.

Resources

Galan Lithium (GLN)

Argentina Hombre Muerto West lithium project long-term pumping tests initiated.

Details lodged this morning.

DFS expected to be completed by year's end.

OZZ Resources (OZZ)

The S249D meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled, due to the resignation of independent non-executive chairman Allan Lockett and fellow OZZ director and OZZ MD Jonathan Lea.

In association, David Wheeler and Giuseppe Graziano have been appointed to the OZZ board.

Golden Cross Resources (GCR)

Needing more funds for 2022/23 exploration, for repaying loans and for working capital and is consequently discussing this with brokers and investors.

Holding \$1.72M cash, with \$650,000 reserved for remaining FY2022 work programs.

Additional information lodged post-trade yesterday.

Nordic Nickel (* NNL)

Nickel sulphide-focused explorer scheduled to list on the ASX 11am AEST **tomorrow**, following a \$12M IPO at 25c per share.

~58.34M shares.

Aiming to supply the battery metals market from a development project in Finland.

Finnish company Magnus Minerals holds 16.36%.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Mighty Kingdom	MKL	31 May
Astro Resources	ARO	1 Jun
Australian Rare Earths	AR3	1 Jun
Greenvale Mining	GRV	1 Jun
HSC Technology Group	HSC	1 Jun



will be closed **Thursday and Friday** this week.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1857.3	oz	Public	Holiday
Silver (NY) (Jul)	22.1	oz	Public	Holiday
Gold (LON) (27 May)	1852	oz		
Platinum	954	oz	Public	Holiday
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jul)	115.07	bbbl	Public	Holiday
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jul)	121.67	bbbl	2.24	1.9
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	133.17	t	Public	Holiday
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	9542	t	83	0.9
Nickel	29284	t	997	3.5
Aluminium	2885	t	16	0.6
Lead	2178	t	16	0.7
Zinc	3905	t	57	1.5
Tin	34657	t	486	1.4

Commodities Commentary

Oil – Brent trade pushed futures higher overnight, this mostly attributed again to normal activity, including across transport networks, set to resume in Shanghai from tomorrow.

US markets were closed for a public holiday, but WTI was also pushed higher during limited electronic trade. No settlement will be recorded however.

European Union (EU) leaders commenced a two-day meeting, discussing sanctions against Russia, but failed to agree an EU-wide oil embargo during overnight trade.

A draft proposal would reportedly allow select nations, including Hungary and Slovakia, to receive pipeline oil supplies from Russia for a given period.

The OPEC+ compliance and monitoring committee meets Wednesday night ahead of Thursday OPEC+ members' meetings to discuss output from July.

This has been previously planned to increase by 432,000bbbl/d and insiders were reported to be expecting the plan to be maintained, rather than the output cap eased further.

Meanwhile, the Brent July futures contract expires on settlement tonight.

Gold – no settlement was recorded for US gold futures overnight, due to US markets being closed for a public holiday.

Influential economic data releases through the week, coupled with geopolitical developments, are expected to keep sentiment fluid through to the weekend, however.

Base metals – overnight trade was supported again by China's easing of some Covid containment restrictions in large cities, with two Beijing districts allowing a return to work as Shanghai moved towards normalising activity by tomorrow.

In addition, the \$US continued to pull back and LME-registered warehouse stocks were again estimated relatively low for several key metals.

Today's **China** May **PMI** releases could combine with end-of-month considerations and the fact that the LME will be closed Thursday and Friday this week, to produce some significant swings from tonight.

Caixin is scheduled to publish a May manufacturing PMI for China

Metrics Master Income Trust	MXT	1 Jun
Navarre Minerals	NML	1 Jun
OzAurum Resources	OZM	1 Jun

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
9 Spokes International	9SP	30 May
AVZ Minerals	AVZ	11 May
Broo Ltd	BEE	11 May
Locality Planning Energy Holdings	LPE	23 May
Sensera Ltd	SE1	23 May
The Sustainable Nutrition Group	TSN	18 May
Wiluna Mining Corporation	WMC	11 May

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
IFT	Today	10.86	0	2.27
MFB	Today	3.62	0	3.48
MOT	Today	1.06	0	6.67
MXT	Today	0.86	0	4.11
ORI	Today	13	0	1.46
PGG	Today	0.72	0	5.15
PIA	Today	1.35	100	3.77
NBI	Tomorrow	0.8	0	7.18
UMG	Tomorrow	1.5	0	1.46
VGI	Tomorrow	39.71	100	8.13
TNE	Thu	4.2	60	1.30

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AGY	AGM (3.30pm)
	CPH	AGM
	CYM	AGM
	IKE	Full year webinar 11am
	KNI	AGM
	MMM	AGM (Berlin)



tomorrow.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7188	0.0005	0.07
EUR – USD	1.0773	0.0020	0.18

Australian Data Today

ABS	Building approvals	Apr
RBA	Financial aggregates (incl private sector credit)	Apr
ABS	Business indicators (incl profits & inventories)	Mar Q
ABS	Balance of payments / current account	Mar Q

US Data Tonight

Chicago PMI	May
Dallas Fed manufacturing	May
Conference Board consumer confidence	May
FHFA residential property prices	Mar
Case Shiller home prices	Mar

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	NBS PMIs	May
Japan	Industrial production (prelim)	Apr
Japan	Retail sales	Apr
Japan	Consumer confidence (3pm AEST)	May
South Korea	Industrial production	Apr
South Korea	Retail sales	Apr
UK	BoE consumer credit	Apr
Germany	Unemployment	May
Euro zone	CPI (initial)	May
Russia	CBoR financial stability review	May

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