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Market Opener

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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	6020	57	1.0
NZX 50	8439	49	0.6
DJIA Futures	25398	63	0.3
S&P 500 Futures	2789	5	0.2
NASDAQ Futures	7110	12	0.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new week's trade following strong gains for US equities markets overnight Friday.

Over the weekend, China revealed 839.3B yuan worth of net new lending during February, against an expected 900B, and a reported 2.9 trillion in January.

Meanwhile, the National People's Congress, which continues this week, approved indefinite terms of office for presidents.

Locally today, a weekly capital city residential property price report is due pre-trade.

Companies trading ex-dividend today include APO, CTX and LOV. Please see p3 for detailed information.

In overnight Friday mixed commodities trade, oil swung higher. US gold futures settled a little

LME copper and nickel rallied.

Iron ore (China port, 62% Fe) dropped further.

The **\$A** was pushed to ~US78.50c after trading at ~US78.05c early Friday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	25336	441	1.8
S&P 500	2787	48	1.7
NASDAQ	7561	133	1.8
FTSE 100	7225	21	0.3
DAX 30	12347	-9	-0.1
Shanghai Comp	3307	19	0.6

Overseas Markets Commentary

US equities markets headed higher from open overnight Friday, but major European equities indices chopped and swung.

Traders digested mixed data releases, and assessed US aluminium and steel tariff developments and likely outcomes from the newly-announced proposed meeting between the leaders of North Korea and the US.

Well before US markets opened, the US February employment report revealed 313,000 new jobs were created, but that wages growth pulled back to 2.6% year-on-year.

For the month, wages rose just 0.1%, half the expected rate, while only 200,000 new jobs had been anticipated.

Earlier, **Germany**'s January industrial production had disappointed, slipping 0.1% for the month

Today's Stock Watch

Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)

The margin for CBA's latest capital notes offer has been set at 3.40% pa. Allocations under the broker firm offer totalled \$A1.25B.

Public holidays - ACT, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria

QBE Insurance Group (QBE)

Buying back \$US300M worth of fixed-rate notes with a 2023 expiry. QBE will acquire the notes for cash from today through Monday next week.

Immutep Ltd (IMM)

Clinical trial collaboration and supply agreement secured with a Merck & Co (trading as MSD outside the US and Canada)

A Phase II clinical trial is envisaged, to assess the safety and efficacy of using IMM's immunotherapy product IMP321 with Merck's anti-PD-1 therapy Keytruda (pembrolizumab) in patients with lung, head, neck or ovarian cancer.

In addition, IMM has raised \$A6.85M in an institutional placement at 2.1c per share. An SPP will follow.

IMM traded at 2.2c - 2.6c last week.

HT&E Ltd (HT1)

HT1's Sydney trains contract has been extended by Adshel for 'multiple' years past the previous end-2018 expiry.

Stockland (SGP)

SGP has created a new executive position, chief technology & innovation officer, and has appointed former Fairfax Media (ASX: FXJ) CIO Robyn Elliott commence in this role.

Ms Elliott is also a former Foxtel long-term CIO.

McGrath Ltd (MEA)

Anticipating \$1.0M - \$1.5M FY 2018 EBITDA, incorporating \$4M in one-off cash costs.

Inghams Group (ING)

UBS has cancelled ING buy advice and assigned a neutral rating.

Resources

Newcrest Mining (NCM)

All NSW Cadia project mining and processing has been suspended from yesterday, following wall failure on Friday, this one in a tailings dam embankment.

The outage will adversely impact FY 2018 guidance and updates are promised. NCM has detected no environmental damage.

Atlas Iron (AGO)

Planning to export WA Pilbara manganese from April under a deal with Horseshoe Manganese.

AGO proposes to purchase up to 100,000t of crushed manganese ore from Horseshoe over four months.

The ore will be exported together with AGO's iron ore exports, from the company's Utah Point facilities.

Regis Resources (RRL)

WA Rosemont gold deposit maiden underground resource estimated at 1.4Mt @ 5.1g/t Au, for 230,000oz of gold. Ongoing mining studies.

RRL is targeting a development decision by 30 June.

RRL traded at \$4.415 - \$4.63 last week.



following expectations of a 0.7% rise, and after falling 0.5% in December.

In the **UK**, January industrial output improved 1.3% for the month, after falling at that rate in December.

Tonight in the US, an economic optimism index and monthly national budget statement are due.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Apr)	1322	oz	2	0.2
Silver (NY) (Mar)	16.6	OZ	0.1	0.7
Gold (LON)	1321	OZ		
Platinum	964	ΟZ	13	1.4
WTI Crude (Apr)	62.0	bbl	1.9	3.2
Brent Crude (Apr)	65.5	bbl	1.9	3.0
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	70.1	t	-3.1	-4.3
Copper	6962	t	129	1.9
Nickel	13860	t	590	4.5
Aluminium	2120	t	14	0.7
Lead	2376	t	39	1.7
Zinc	3277	t	47	1.5
Tin	21400	t	-145	-0.7
CBT Wheat (Mar)	4.89	bshl	-0.10	-1.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil - Iran's oil minister Bijan Zanganeh has ventured that **OPEC** output limits will be eased next year, and that agreement on this could be secured as early as June this year.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig count revealed four fewer oil rigs in operation.

Gold - prices swung intra-session Friday, in line with \$US moves.

The US February employment report, published Friday, supported a rate rise out of next week's Federal Reserve policy meeting, but less buoyant wages growth tempered expectations for inflation and further improvements in economic conditions.

A US CPI update, due tomorrow night, is one of several key indicator reports expected to maintain currency swings this week.

Base metals - appeared to mostly benefit overnight Friday from positive data out of the US and China, and geopolitical developments.

China's February CPI and producer prices, released Friday, came in at 2.9% and 3.7% year-on-year growth respectively, following 1.5% and 4.3% for January.

China's CPI rose 1.2% for the month, against forecasts of 0.8% and January's 0.6% rise.

Industrial production, retail sales and fixed asset investment are anticipated tomorrow.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7852	0.0003	0.03
EUR – USD	1.2310	-0.0002	-0.02

Australian Data Today

CLgc	Capital city resdntl property prices	9Jan
RBA	Card transactions	Feb

Pre-Open Announcements

Spark Infrastructure (SKI)

Investor presentation lodged post-trade Friday. SKI is presenting in the UK Monday through Thursday.

OzForex Group (OFX)

Trading update anticipated tomorrow.

Resources

Geopacific Resources (* GPR) / Kula Gold (KGD)

PNG Woodlark gold project pre-feasibility results published this morning, including a \$A180M capex, 2.2-year post-tax payback and 33% post-tax IRR.

GPR has boosted its JV interest to 93% with completion of the

Liontown Resources (* LTR)

WA Buldania lithium project Anna prospect drilling has delivered encouraging assays from the first two holes drilled.

LTR is continuing the RC program which will drill 3000m -3500m in total.

Assays are due from another 16 completed holes. Between 10 and 15 additional holes will be drilled.

Artemis Resources (* ARV)

Heralding outcomes from a pit optimisation study for the WA Pilbara Weerianna gold project, located 35km from ARV's Radio Hill processing facility.

Saturn Metals (STN)

Explorer completed a successful ASX listing Friday following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 23c and slipped to 21c before closing at 21.5c.

~290,000 shares were traded across 23 transactions. 35M shares on issue.

Peel Mining (ASX: PEX) held 36.36% on listing; Hampton Hill Mining (ASX: HHM) 2.27%; Washington H Soul Pattinson (ASX: SOL) 2.00%.

Energy

Strike Energy (STX) / Energy World Corporation (EWC)

PEL96 Cooper Basin Jaws-1 sampling update and assessment and follow-up timetable lodged this morning. STX 66.7% and operator; EWC 33.3).

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Race Oncology	RAC	12 Mar
St George Mining	SGQ	12 Mar
Alto Metals	AME	13 Mar
Central Petroleum	CTP	13 Mar
Pacifico Minerals	PMY	13 Mar
Sky and Space Global	SAS	13 Mar
Technology Metals Australia	TMT	13 Mar
TV2U International	TV2	13 Mar
Veris Ltd	VRS	13 Mar

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Austex Oil	AOK	19 Feb



US Data Tonight

Budget statement	Feb
NFIB small business optimism	Feb

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan BSI large manufacturing Dec

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BidEnergy Ltd	BID	9 Mar
Big Un	BIG	21 Feb
Department 13 International	D13	5 Mar
Greatcell Solar	GSL	1 Mar
Netlinkz Ltd	NET	1 Mar
Raven Energy	REL	7 Mar
Tianmei Beverage Group	TB8	21 Feb
Total Face Group	TFG	19 Feb
Zyber Holdings	ZYB	16 Feb

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
APO	Today	12.5	100	4.30
CTX	Today	61	100	3.62
ICS	Today	2.5	0	4.64
IGO	Today	1	100	0.41
LOV	Today	13	100	2.26
NCC	Today	3.75	100	5.07
AHX	Tomorrow	0.8	100	1.96
CAF	Tomorrow	1.2	100	4.90
CWY	Tomorrow	1.1	100	1.49
D20	Tomorrow	2.4	60	4.35
EQT	Tomorrow	40	100	3.62
GNG	Tomorrow	6	100	3.87
GRR	Tomorrow	1	100	5.00
NSC	Tomorrow	2.5	100	6.96
NTD	Tomorrow	1	100	0.81
NSW	Tomorrow	8.96	0	0.84
NSWLV	Tomorrow	8.96	0	0.86
PSI	Tomorrow	2.7	100	2.34
REG	Tomorrow	9.28	100	4.89
SGM	Tomorrow	23	100	2.69
SRG	Tomorrow	2	100	3.51
SSG	Tomorrow	1.8	100	8.75
ASB	Wed	2	0	2.22
CDA	Wed	4	100	3.31
CGC	Wed	5	100	1.62
CSL	Wed	100.5	0	1.17
DTL	Wed	1.6	100	3.95
IGL	Wed	8	100	6.46
INM	Wed	51.84	0	4.78
LMW	Wed	2.6	100	7.95
MCY	Wed	5.59	0	4.47
MEQ	Wed	2.57	0	0.00
MHJ	Wed	2.5	0	4.39
MTO	Wed	5.5	100	2.92
NZK	Wed	1.86	0	1.96
PAF	Wed	2.5	100	3.72
PL8	Wed	0.45	100	2.57
RCR	Wed	2.5	0	2.01
SIQ	Wed	18.5	100	3.21
SKT	Wed	6.96	0	8.39
SSM	Wed	3	100	3.67
TGR	Wed	8	100	3.96
TOP	Wed	0.6	100	1.81