

Markets

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| SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST) | 7003 | -99 | -1.4 |
| NZX 50 | 11191 | -191 | -1.7 |
| DJIA Futures | 32230 | 69 | 0.2 |
| S&P 500 Futures | 3996 | 8 | 0.2 |
| NASDAQ Futures | 12226 | 32 | 0.3 |

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade with an overnight \$A depreciation and a batch of material domestic economic indicator reports due late morning.

US equities markets dropped further overnight.

Key commodities also fell.

Locally today, the monthly NAB **business sentiment and conditions** survey report is keenly anticipated **11.30am** AEST.

At the same time, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases two publications, namely **finalised** March and March quarter **retail sales** and a March **business turnover** indicator report.

WA's annual budget release is scheduled for later today.

A third 21 May national election leaders' debate is scheduled for tomorrow evening.

Regionally pre-trade, **Japan** has released March **household spending**.

Japan also hosts a 10-year bond auction early afternoon AEST.

In other regional news, Ferdinand Marcos has been confirmed as the Philippines' new president.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** tumbled.

US **gold** futures turned lower.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) fell further, but at a milder pace than late last week.

Yesterday, China's January - April iron ore imports were reported to have tallied 354Mt, 7.1% fewer tonnes than for the same period last year.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and other key base metals fell.

The **\$A** dropped below US69.50c after trading at ~US69.95c early yesterday evening.

This morning, the \$A has mostly remained at ~US69.50c.

Overseas Markets

| INDEX | CLOSE | +/- | % |
|----------------------|-------|------|------|
| Dow Jones | 32246 | -654 | -2.0 |
| S&P 500 | 3991 | -132 | -3.2 |
| NASDAQ | 11623 | -521 | -4.3 |
| FTSE 100 | 7217 | -171 | -2.3 |
| DAX 30 | 13381 | -294 | -2.2 |
| Shanghai Comp | 3004 | 3 | 0.1 |

Today's Stock Watch
Pendal Ltd (PDL)

21c, 10%-franked interim dividend, from 17c, 10%-franked a year ago.

7.5% higher, \$96.713M interim NPAT.

19.5% higher, \$351.932M income.

\$1.23 NTA from \$1.32.

Electro Optic Systems Holdings (EOS)

Heralding testing results for the group's directed energy (DE) drone defence system.

Further testing planned.

Imugene Ltd (IMU)

Ethics approval in hand to commence a phase two clinical trial of HER-Vaxx in Australia.

Trial details lodged this morning.

Australian Finance Group (AFG)

CFO Ben Jenkins has resigned, effective at the conclusion of the results season during the September quarter.

Resources
Metals Australia (MLS)

Heralding WA Manindi project drill testing and chip sampling results, including an outstanding zinc-copper area as determined by hand-held XRF.

MLS is declaring a nickel-copper sulphide discovery.

Details lodged pre-trade.

Altamin Ltd (AZI)

Rejecting a 9.5c-per-share off-market takeover offer from VBS Exchange. AZI has traded at 7.2c – 10.5c over the past five trading sessions.

Recharge Metals (REC)

WA Brandy Hill South project diamond drilling has intersected broad massive sulphide zones.

Details, including of visual copper sulphide mineralisation, lodged this morning.

Assays from 10 RC drill holes are pending.

Energy
Blue Star Helium (BNL)

Las Animas portfolio plan of development consultants appointed.

Details of proposals to be included in the plan lodged this morning.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets fell early or on opening overnight.

Sentiment never recovered with key indices closing at or near session lows.

Tighter Covid containment restrictions in China, coupled with some weakness indicated in China's April trade figures, also reported yesterday, exacerbated international economic growth fears.

These were further fuelled by intense war activity in Ukraine, ongoing inflation concerns, and uncertainty regarding the efficacy of interest rate increases.

In the meantime, the \$US traded at new ~20-year peaks, this posing further dilemmas for commodities traders using currencies other than the \$US.

Among overnight **data** releases, the Sentix investor sentiment index for the **euro zone** deteriorated to -22.6 from -18. Economists had anticipated a worsening but had opted for -20.8.

The current conditions component index tumbled to -10.5 from -5.5.

The expectations index declined to -34.0 from -29.8, reportedly reaching an ~14-year low.

BBA estimated the **UK** April mortgage rate at 4.10% from 3.99% for March.

In the **US**, March wholesale inventories rose 2.3%, in line with expectations following a 2.8% February climb.

April consumer inflation expectations fell to 6.3% from 6.6% in March. Forecasters had anticipated a 0.2% increase.

Tonight in the **US**, an April small business optimism index and May economic optimism index are due.

In addition, six US Federal Reserve district presidents and a Fed governor are scheduled to speak publicly.

Companies listed to report earnings later today or tonight include: Bayer, Daikin Industries, Fox Corp, Hyundai Corp, Itochu Corp, Kongsberg, Mitsubishi Motors, Nintendo, Nippon Steel, Occidental Petroleum, Ricoh, Seiko Holdings, SK Telekom, Sumitomo Corp, Sysco Corp and Takeda Pharmaceutical.

Commodities

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | \$US/ | +/- | % |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Gold (NY) (Jun) | 1858.6 | oz | -24.2 | -1.3 |
| Silver (NY) (Jul) | 21.82 | oz | -0.55 | -2.5 |
| Gold (LON) (6 May) | 1882 | oz | | |
| Platinum | 951 | oz | -5 | -0.5 |
| WTI Crude (NYMEX Jun) | 103.09 | bbl | -6.68 | -6.1 |
| Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jul) | 105.94 | bbl | -6.45 | -5.5 |
| Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe) | 133.31 | t | -3.6 | -2.7 |
| Copper (LME 3mth Evening) | 9236 | t | -178 | -1.9 |
| Nickel | 28189 | t | -1902 | -6.3 |
| Aluminium | 2755 | t | -88 | -3.1 |
| Lead | 2154 | t | -78 | -3.5 |
| Zinc | 3613 | t | -156 | -4.2 |
| Tin | 37119 | t | -2221 | -5.7 |

Pre-Open Announcements

Joyce Corporation (* JYC)

Trading and initiatives update lodged this morning.
\$28M cash at 30 April.

Resources

Coronado Global Resources (CRN)

Quarterly report as lodged in the US, lodged with the ASX this morning, together with an investor presentation.

Industrial Minerals (IND)

IND has appointed IND operations director Jeff Sweet as CEO and MD, effective yesterday.

In association, executive chair Ashley Pattison will assume a non-executive chairman's role for IND.

Further, IND has appointed geological and corporate services consultant Melanie Leighton as a non-executive director.

Ms Leighton has been a technical consultant to IND the past few months.

Wiluna Mining Corporation (WMC)

Non-executive director Lisa Mitchell has resigned from the WMC board.

WMC called a trading halt post-ASX trade Friday last week.

Twenty Seven Co (TSC)

Shareholder meeting coming up at a date to be determined, following TSC receipt of Section 203D and Section 249D notices.

Energy

88 Energy (88E)

Independent evaluation of the Northern Alaska Icewine East mapping completed.

88E 75% working interest.

Pantheon well flow figures also lodged this morning.

New Hope Corporation (NHC)

Re-confirming the company is 'vigorously defending' claims made in association with the Colton coal project by subsidiary liquidators in 2019.

The NSW Supreme Court has scheduled an eight-week trial to commence 13 February 2023.

Trading Halts

| Company | Code | Resuming |
|---------------------|------|----------|
| AUB Group | AUB | 10 May |
| Incannex Healthcare | IHL | 10 May |
| Minbos Resources | MNB | 10 May |
| Tombola Gold | TBA | 10 May |
| AVZ Minerals | AVZ | 11 May |
| Broo Ltd | BEE | 11 May |
| DRA Global | DRA | 11 May |



Commodities Commentary

Oil – demand fears and the \$US ICE index at 20-year peaks, outweighed other considerations overnight, pushing prices decidedly lower.

China's April crude imports were reported yesterday at 43.03Mt (10.5MMbbl/d), ~7% higher than for April 2021. China's oil imports for March (2022) had been estimated at 10.06MMbbl/d.

January – April China oil imports fell 4.8% against the same period last year, to 170.89Mt (~10.4MMbbl/d).

China's April refined oil exports tumbled 44% year-on-year, to 3.82Mt. March (2022) refined oil exports tallied 4.07Mt.

January – April fuel exports dropped 38% year-on-year.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia reportedly reduced its June crude prices for customers in Asia and Europe.

Russia's deputy PM reported early May oil output was higher than for early April.

Gold – prices turned lower overnight as the \$US strengthened and bond yields rose further.

Key economic data releases this week, including a CPI update for the US, are expected to swing some gold sentiment. In addition, numerous US Federal Reserve officials are scheduled to speak publicly, with comments on anticipated inflation levels and views on the timing and size of rate increases anticipated.

Base metals – \$US strength and international economic growth fears, exacerbated in part by some of China's April trade figures, bruised overnight base metals sentiment.

China's April trade statistics, reported yesterday, included a \$US51.12B trade surplus from a \$US47.38B March surplus.

On an annualised basis, imports came in flat, following a 0.1% March year-on-year decline and defying forecasts for a 3.0% drop against April 2021 imports.

Exports were reported 3.9% higher year-on-year, roughly in line with expectations, and following a 14.7% March year-on-year increase.

China's *copper* imports (unwrought and products) fell 4% against April 2021, to 465,330t.

January - April copper imports were calculated at 1.94Mt, 0.9% higher during than for the same period last year.

Copper concentrate imports tallied 1.88Mt, against 1.92Mt for April 2021.

China's *aluminum* (unwrought and products) exports were reported almost flat for the month, at 596,863t.

January – April aluminum exports grew 29% year-on-year, to 2.23Mt.

Meanwhile Antaika reported a 14.4% jump in April (major smelter) refined *tin* output, against March.

China's January – April *steel product* imports dropped 14.7%, to 4.17Mt, and *iron ore* imports by 7.1%, to 354Mt.

China's April **producer prices** and CPI are due **tomorrow**.

Exchange Rates

| CURRENCIES | LAST | +/- | % |
|------------|--------|---------|-------|
| AUD – USD | 0.6957 | -0.0043 | -0.61 |
| EUR – USD | 1.0561 | 0.0053 | 0.51 |

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| Galileo Mining | GAL | 11 May |
| Wellfully Ltd | WFL | 11 May |
| Wiluna Mining Corporation | WMC | 11 May |

Suspensions (selected)

| Company | Code | Since |
|------------------|------|-------|
| Canyon Resources | CAY | 4 May |
| Osprey Medical | OSP | 3 May |

Ex-Dividends

| Code | Ex-Div | Div (c) | Franking (%) | Yield (%) |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| UOS | Today | 1.35 | 0 | 3.08 |
| NAB | Tomorrow | 73 | 100 | 4.01 |
| RMD | Tomorrow | 4.14 | 0 | 0.56 |
| SSR | Thu | 7.39 | 0 | 0.72 |
| JHG | Fri | 39 | 0 | 5.27 |

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

| When | Company | Report/Event |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Today | ALX | AGM |
| | PDL | Interim |
| | WPL | AGM |
| Tomorrow | CSR | Full year |
| | GPT | AGM |
| | GNC | Interim (w/cast 10am) |
| | GRR | AGM |
| | PPH | Full year (teleconf 9am) |
| | SIQ | AGM |
| | URW | AGM (Paris, 10.30am) |
| Thu | ALD | AGM |
| | ORI | Interim (w/cast 11am) |
| | SIG | AGM |
| | TAH | AGM |
| | WPR | AGM |
| | XRO | Full year |
| Fri | VMT | AGM |
| | WAF | AGM |



Australian Data Today

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|-----|--|-------|
| NAB | Business survey (incl sentiment, conditions) | Apr |
| ABS | Retail sales (final) | Mar Q |
| ABS | Business turnover indicator | Mar |

US Data Today & Tonight

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| NFIB small business optimism index | Apr |
| IBD/TIPP economic optimism | May |

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

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|------------------|------------------------|-----|
| Japan | Household spending | Mar |
| Germany | ZEW conditions | May |
| Euro zone | ZEW economic sentiment | May |

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