

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	5999	34	0.6
NZX 50	11172	275	2.5
DJIA Futures	24731	-118	-0.5
S&P 500 Futures	2852	-15	-0.5
NASDAQ Futures	8284	-48	-0.6

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade following a bounce across US equities markets overnight and swinging US futures this morning, with key domestic indicators due by late morning, and several large-cap domestic stocks trading ex-dividend, ahead of influential data releases tonight in the UK and US.

US futures have notably fallen this morning. The US president had been scheduled to comment further (post-US trade) on Covid-19 – related economic initiatives.

Locally this morning, **Reserve Bank of Australia** (RBA) deputy governor Guy Debelle declined to forecast June quarter economic outcomes, but declared reduced interest rates would be positive for the national economy, even if beneficiaries did not increase spending immediately.

Regionally today, further administrative commentary is anticipated out of China and Japan regarding potential support initiatives, following comments yesterday from Japan's PM and China's president.

Locally, January **lending** figures, including for housing, are due from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) **11.30am** AEDT.

At **10.30am**, Westpac and the Melbourne Institute publish their monthly **consumer sentiment** report.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** include: **BGA, BXB, CSL, OZL and REG**.
 Please see pp3-4 for a detailed list.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** was propelled higher.

US **gold** futures (CME April) turned lower.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) swung higher, settling at \$US90.15/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and key non-ferrous base metals rallied.

The **\$A** dropped to ~US64.85c after trading at ~US65.75c early yesterday evening, but earlier this morning appreciated beyond US65.00c again.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	25018	1167	4.9
S&P 500	2882	136	4.9
NASDAQ	8344	394	5.0
FTSE 100	5960	-6	-0.1
DAX 30	10475	-150	-1.4
Shanghai Comp	2997	53	1.8

Australia – RBA deputy governor Guy Debelle has been speaking on Investment at a business summit in Sydney

Today's Stock Watch
Sydney Airport (SYD)

1 – 9 March figures indicate 25% and 6% international and SYD domestic passenger tally falls.

February overall passenger numbers tumbled 9.3% year-on-year, the international passengers tally sliding 16.8%.

72% fewer South Korean nationals and 34.0% fewer Chinese nationals travelled through Sydney airport.

The domestic passengers total dropped 4.5%. For the financial year-to-date, this puts passenger numbers down 4.6%.

Computershare Ltd (CPU)

Expecting a 15% fall in FY20 management EPS, against previous guidance of a 5% decline.

Teleconference commenced 9.30am AEDT.

Webjet Ltd (WEB)

Withdrawing FY20 EBITDA guidance, due to Covid-19 impacts, and implementing changes targeting \$A10M of cost savings for the remainder of FY20.

Holista Colltech (HCT)

Five-year, minimum \$A1.4Mpa 80Less low-sugar beverage contract secured with a Malaysian company.

Resources
Copper Mountain Mining (C6C)

Covid-19 considerations have prompted C6C to defer the British Columbia Copper Mountain project ball mill #3 installation, for an estimated \$US22M saving during 2020.

In addition, pit #3 high-grade ore scheduled for mining during 2020, will remain in situ until 2021.

Short-term production will be re-sequenced to lower-cost mine phases.

Hence, 2020 copper-equivalent production guidance has been revised to 86Mlb – 94Mlb, from 100Mlb – 113Mlb.

The AISC is now \$US1.55/lb - \$US1.70/lb, from \$US1.40/lb - \$US1.60/lb.

All-in costs are at \$US2.20/lb - \$US2.35/lb, from \$US1.95/lb - \$US2.20/lb.

C6C has traded lower on the ASX the past four sessions, trading as low as 39.5c yesterday, and settling at 46c.

FYI Ltd (FYI)

\$A80M equity financing facility secured for HPA project development.

DFS outcomes also lodged this morning, including 46% IRR and \$US543M NPV (10%).



Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets initially bounced overnight, European indices ultimately forfeiting gains.

Key US indices swung intra-session, but trended higher in late trade to settle at session peaks.

Early risk-on sentiment was attributed in part to the **US** president's late-Monday promotion of 'big number'-style relief and a possible payroll tax cut response to Covid-19 impacts.

In addition, yesterday, **China's** president Xi Jinping announced Covid-19 had effectively been 'curbed' in Hubei province, and in particular, Wuhan.

In **Japan**, PM Shinzo Abe assured the government and Bank of Japan would 'work closely' to support the nation's economy.

Later in **Italy**, the government confirmed mortgage payments would be suspended. A private group announced debt repayments would also be suspended for select small businesses.

The \$US rose sharply.

US 10-year Treasury yields jumped to ~0.7% from as low as 0.318% Monday.

A **UK** 10-year bond auction delivered 0.307% yields, against 0.512% at the previous such offer.

In scant overnight data releases, the **euro zone's** final December quarter GDP reading confirmed 0.1% growth for the three months, following a 0.3% improvement during the September quarter.

Year-on-year however, the December quarter GDP rise was estimated at 1.0%, rather than the initial 0.9% calculation.

A 1.3% annualised growth rate had been recorded for the September quarter.

Earlier, January industrial production in **France** and **Italy** was reported to have improved 1.2% and 3.7% respectively, following 2.5% and 2.6% December drops.

These updates added to varied commentary surrounding the **European Central Bank's** policy meeting and likely outcomes tomorrow night.

Meanwhile in the US, Democratic presidential candidate voting was in focus in Michigan and five other less influential States.

Tonight in the **US**, February CPI and the national monthly budget statement are due.

In addition, the government conducts a 10-year bond auction, as does **Germany**.

The **UK** releases January trade, industrial production and GDP statistics, with the government also outlining its Spring budget.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Apr)	1660.3	oz	-15.4	-0.9
Silver (NY) (May)	16.955	oz	-0.099	-0.6
Gold (LON) (6 Mar)	1684	oz		
Platinum	871	oz	8	0.9
WTI Crude (Apr)	34.36	bbl	3.23	10.4
Brent Crude (May)	37.22	bbl	2.86	8.3
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	90.15	t	2.08	2.3

Pre-Open Announcements

RPM Global (* RUL)

Total contracted value (TCV) from software subscriptions has grown by \$3.9M since 20 February, to \$A25.4M.

Annual recurring revenue (ARV) has reached \$A11.4M.

Superloop Ltd (* SLC)

Chair Michael Malone has retired from the SLC board, with SLC founder and former non-executive chair Bevan Slattery taking over from today.

In addition, SLC has appointed Stephanie Lai as an independent director and as audit committee chair.

Eagle Health Holdings (EHH)

\$3.1M raised in a 17.715c-per-share placement, under a 'controlled placement agreement' (CPA) with Acuity Capital.

The CPA has been revised to boost the maximum that can be raised by \$5M to \$10M.

Hence, EHH could raise another \$6.9M under the CPA.

EHH has traded at 16c – 23c the past three trading sessions, yesterday trading as high as 20c and settling at 17.5c.

IMF Bentham/Omni Bridgeway Ltd (IMF)

The former IMF Bentham, now registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) as Omni Bridgeway, will change its ASX code to OBL from 24 March.

IMF's dividend payment is due to be completed 20 March (Friday next week).

IMF lodged a conference presentation early yesterday.

Meanwhile, IMF director Christine Feldmanis has acquired an additional 15,000 IMF shares on-market at \$4.18 each.

IMF has traded at \$3.55 - \$4.28 over the past five sessions, recouping ~7.5% yesterday, to settle at \$4.16.

Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co (MGC)

A hearing for approval of the Webster class action settlement has been rescheduled to 7 April.

Resources

Galaxy Resources (* GXY)

Resources and reserves update lodged this morning.

Lake Resources (LKE)

LKE's SPP is due to close Friday, with greater than \$2.5M worth of applications already in hand.

This means the 4c-per-share SPP is oversubscribed.

LKE has traded at 3.1c – 4c over the past five sessions.

Energy

Paladin Energy (* PDN)

Maintaining no uranium spillage has occurred at the Kayelekera mine, despite Malawi media reports.

PDN says runoff from record rainfall has been contained within rainfall runoff storage ponds, and that a continuously-



Copper (LME,3mth,PM 9 Mar)	5645	t
Nickel	12650	t
Aluminium	1687	t
Lead	1800	t
Zinc	1979	t
Tin	16700	t

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices gained essentially on economic support promises and promotions from several governments, amid revelations from several OPEC+ members that behind-the-scenes production talks were occurring.

On the flip side, Saudi Arabia again announced plans to boost customer production, to a record 12.3MMbbl/d in April, from a current ~9.7MMbbl/d.

For its part, the Russian government announced it planned to meet with domestic oil producers later today, and that the agenda would include OPEC co-operation.

The US administration said the US president had spoken with the Saudi crown prince Monday, the call including global energy market conditions.

In the meantime, Mexico offered to mediate between Russia and Saudi Arabia.

Fitch Ratings nominated Angola, Iraq, Nigeria, Oman and Saudi Arabia, whose economies rely on crude exports, as in line for sovereign rating downgrades.

In the meantime, the US Department of Energy revealed an up to 12MMbbl sale had been suspended, due the crude price plunge.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report is due tonight from government agency the EIA. Overnight, an industry report indicated an ~6.4MMbbl rise in stored crude.

Gold – a strengthening \$US, higher US bond yields, and economic support promises from multiple governments damaged overnight gold sentiment.

Key data tonight from both the US and UK will nonetheless be watched, and US Democratic presidential candidate election results from six States overnight (last night) analysed, ahead of a European Central Bank policy meeting tomorrow night.

Base metals – China's February CPI and producer prices, released yesterday, were just one influence on overnight LME trade, after China's president declared Covid-19 had been 'basically curbed' in Hubei province, including the city of Wuhan, and following supportive economic measures promised by multiple governments. The \$US also appreciated.

China's February CPI growth came in at 5.2% year-on-year, supported by food prices. Inflation rose 0.8% for the month, following a 0.4% January rise.

Producer prices fell 0.4% year-on-year, after January's had been assessed 0.1% higher than for January 2019.

Yesterday, Japan reported a 30.1% year-on-year fall in February machine tool orders, following a 35.6% January drop.

In production news, Codelco reported a 6.8% year-on-year drop in January copper output, and BHP Billiton, a 10% increase from the Escondida (also Chile) operation.

measured and analysed minor release of runoff water commenced 5 March (Thursday last week).

Results to date confirm the water complies with WHO (World Health Organisation) and statutory licence uranium and other contaminant limits.

In addition, there has been no tailings storage breach. PDN recouped 4% yesterday, settling at 7.8c.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Anglo Australian Resources	AAR	11 Mar
Empire Resources	ERL	11 Mar
Global Oil & Gas	GLV	11 Mar
NeuroScientific Biopharmaceuticals	NSB	11 Mar
Oliver's Real Food	OLI	11 Mar
ResApp Health	RAP	11 Mar
Sayona Mining	SYA	11 Mar
Silver City Minerals	SCI	11 Mar
Smiles Inclusive	SIL	2 Mar
Creso Pharma	CPH	12 Mar
Galan Lithium	GLN	12 Mar
Horizon Minerals	HRZ	13 Mar

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Collection House	CLH	18 Feb
Consolidated Tin Mines	CSD	2 Mar
Decmil Group	DCG	27 Feb
HHY Fund	HHY	27 Feb
Kalium Lakes	KLL	24 Feb
LionHub Group	LHB	24 Feb
Moreton Resources	MRV	20 Feb
Netlinkz Ltd	NET	5 Mar
Pensana Rare Earths	PM8	10 Mar
Real Estate Investar Group	REV	3 Mar
Rent.com.au Ltd	RNT	11 Mar
Skin Elements	SKN	10 Mar

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ARA	Today	0.7	70	1.75
BGA	Today	5	100	2.51
BWX	Today	1.3	100	0.82
BXB	Today	13.38	30	1.32
CSL	Today	141.6	0	0.86
FRI	Today	2	100	3.64
ICS	Today	4.5	0	3.41
IGL	Today	8.6	100	9.67
KME	Today	1.5	100	2.76

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6506	0.0017	0.27
EUR – USD	1.1300	0.0007	0.06

Australian Data Today

ABS	Business, personal lending (incl property)	Jan
Wstpc/MInst	Consumer sentiment	Feb

US Data Tonight

CPI		Feb
Treasury budget statement		Feb
MBA mortgage applications		6 Mar

Overseas Data Today & Tonight

UK	GDP	Jan Q
UK	Trade balance	Jan
UK	Industrial production	Jan
UK	NIESR GDP tracker	Feb

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OZL	Today	15	100	2.75
REG	Today	4.02	50	11.72
AGG	Tomorrow	33	0	0.25
AIZ	Tomorrow	10.53	0	11.08
CGC	Tomorrow	2	100	2.58
DWS	Tomorrow	3	100	8.89
EBO	Tomorrow	31.78	95.77	2.61
GNG	Tomorrow	2	0	7.69
GTN	Tomorrow	1.4	70	8.36
LBL	Tomorrow	0.5	100	2.56
MCY	Tomorrow	6.12	0	3.31
MHJ	Tomorrow	1.5	0	7.84
NTD	Tomorrow	1.25	100	9.57
SHJ	Tomorrow	1.5	0	3.11
SPK	Tomorrow	11.54	0	4.36
TGG	Tomorrow	2	100	5.76
VGL	Tomorrow	1.71	0	0.37
VTH	Tomorrow	3.25	0	7.74
WSA	Tomorrow	1	100	0.90
BLD	Fri	9.5	50	3.50
D2O	Fri	2.8	100	3.84
GRR	Fri	1	100	9.76
HUB	Fri	3.5	0	0.61
ING	Fri	7.3	100	5.42
TGR	Fri	9	25	4.81
YAL	Fri	21.21	0	4.21