

**Markets**

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEST)	7096	-52	-0.7
<b>NZX 50</b>	12636	-23	-0.2
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	34706	38	0.1
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	4183	-1	0.0
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	13328	-28	-0.2

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market opens today's trade with heightened overnight Middle East tensions and key data due out of China late morning, but a strong domestic focus on budget revelations and commentary, ahead of the official budget presentation this evening.

Overnight, Israeli-Palestinian deadly military attacks resumed, and the US revealed it had fired 30 warning shots in the Strait of Hormuz after a US Coast Guard vessel was reportedly approached by 13 vessels from Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps navy.

Saudi Arabia also reported intercepting a potential attack yesterday.

**Locally** today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases a payroll jobs and wages report for the week ending 24 April.

**Regionally**, China's April **CPI** and **PPI** are anticipated **11.30am** AEST.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** settled barely changed.

US **gold** continued to gain.

Qingdao **iron ore** (CFR China, 62% fines) rallied a further \$US18.31/t, to \$US230.56/t.

Nymex iron ore (CFR China, 62%) gains also continued strong, to beyond \$US215.45/t.

LME **copper** closed slightly lower. **Nickel** dropped. **Aluminium** also turned lower, but moderately so.

The **\$A** was pushed back below US78.30c, after trading at ~US78.70c early yesterday evening.

**Overseas Markets.**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	34743	-35	-0.1
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	4188	-44	-1.0
<b>NASDAQ</b>	13402	-350	-2.6
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7124	-6	-0.1
<b>DAX 30</b>	15400	0.76	0.0
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3427	9	0.3

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

The new northern hemisphere trading week commenced with an overnight decline in sentiment across most major European, UK and US equities markets.

**Australia – annual budget presentation – 7.30pm AEST**

 \* Online recruitment listing - **midday** – HMI \*

**Today's Stock Watch**
**Boral Ltd (BLD) / Seven Group Holdings (SVW)**

23.18% BLD shareholder SVW is proposing a \$6.50-per-share off-market BLD takeover by SVW 100% subsidiary Network Investment Holdings.

SVW is planning to conduct the offer 25 May – 25 June.

SVW MD and CEO Ryan Stokes is also a BLD director and has offered to reclude himself from all relevant BLD board and committee members.

BLD has traded at \$6.16 - \$6.51 over the past five trading sessions.

SVW has extended its SPP closing date by one week to 17 May (Monday next week), due to the BLD offer disclosure.

**Woolworths Group (WOW)**

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) is seeking submissions in relation to competition issues determined in relation to WOW's proposed acquisition of 65% of PFD Food Services. A final decision is planned for 10 June, following a review of submissions due early 19 May.

**Suncorp Group (SUN)**

Investor forum today. Video webcast commencing **10am** AEST. Presentation lodged pre-trade.

**Pendal Group (PDL)**

PDL is resuming from a trading halt having completed a \$A190M, \$6.80-per-share fully underwritten placement.

PDL is planning to outlay \$US320M for US-headquartered investment management firm Thompson, Siegel & Walmsley.

PDL anticipates this will boost FUM 30% to \$A132B.

An SPP, at a yet-to-be-determined price (but maximum \$6.80-per-share), is scheduled for 17 May – 7 June.

Yesterday pre-trade, PDL also announced 64.0% higher, \$89.925M interim NPAT.

32.5% higher, \$294.452M income.

17c, 10%-franked interim dividend, from 15c, 10%-franked a year ago. Trading ex-dividend Thursday.

\$1.32 NTA, from \$1.13.

**Centuria Industrial REIT (CIP)**

Hosting a Sydney asset tour today.

Presentation lodged pre-trade.

**Resources**
**Pilbara Minerals (PLS)**

Strategy and outlook forum today.

Presentation lodged pre-trade.



Recent Israeli-Palestinian protests turned deadly with military attacks.

In addition, the US reported being approached by numerous Iranian navy vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, the US deeming it necessary to fire 30 warning shots.

In addition, inflation fears, and hence higher lending rates, were cited as impacting trade.

In late-US trade, the US president promoted the US administration's economic plan, including emergency economic recovery funding.

The president also again espoused fair wages and called for employer support for employee Covid-19 vaccinations.

Meanwhile, the \$US traded near 10-year lows.

In scant overnight data releases, a UK house price index indicated a 1.4% rise in residential property prices during April, following a 1.1% March increase.

Prices were 8.2% higher against April 2020.

A US consumer inflation expectations reading came in at 3.4% from 3.2%.

**Tonight** in the US, small business optimism and March job opening reports are due.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: Daikin Industries, E.ON, Honda Motor, International Game Technology, Kobe Steel, Nissan Motor, Sotfbank Corp, Subaru, Takeda Pharma, ThyssenKrupp, Toyota Motor and Vodafone.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Jun)</b>	<b>1837.6</b>	oz	6.3	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Silver (NY) (Jul)</b>	<b>27.39</b>	oz	-0.09	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Gold (LON) (7 May)</b>	<b>1837</b>	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>1243</b>	oz	-4	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>WTI Crude (NYMEX Jun)</b>	<b>64.92</b>	bbl	0.02	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jul)</b>	<b>68.32</b>	bbl	0.04	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)</b>	<b>215.48</b>	t	11.13	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Copper (LME Ind)</b>	<b>10400</b>	t	-16	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	<b>17695</b>	t	-395	<b>-2.2</b>
<b>Aluminium</b>	<b>2531</b>	t	-11	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Lead</b>	<b>2218</b>	t	-23	<b>-1.0</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	<b>2988</b>	t	-29	<b>-1.0</b>
<b>Tin</b>	<b>29690</b>	t	-20	<b>-0.1</b>

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – prices were pushed and pulled overnight by broadened and heightened Middle East tensions, US fuel supply risk following a cyberattack on a key pipeline network, and Covid-19 containment concerns.

Meanwhile, three April output survey results came in, putting OPEC's April crude output at 24.96MMbbl/d – 25.28MMbbl/d, up 70,000bbl/d -80,000bbl/d for the month.

Iran was calculated to have produced 2.35MMbbl/d – 2.5MMbbl/d during April, the most in a month in almost two years.

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Hiremii Ltd (\* HMI)

Online labour hire and recruitment specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **midday** AEST, following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share.

53.336M quoted shares.

### Incitec Pivot (\* IPL)

IPL has appointed former Hambros Bank and Societe Generale investment banking director Tonianne Dwyer as an independent, non-executive director, effective 20 May.

### InvoCare Ltd (\* IVC)

IVC has appointed former Southern Star Entertainment, PBL and NineMSN executive Kim Anderson as a non-executive director from today.

Ms Anderson's current board memberships include with Carsales.com (ASX: CAR), Marley Spoon (ASX: MMM) and Infomedia (ASX IFM).

### MotorCycle Holdings (\* MTO)

Planning to resume paying regular dividends this year.

Anticipating \$42M - \$45M FY 21 underlying EBITDA.

### Incannex Healthcare (IHL)

IHL's Phase 2b trial of IHL-42X in relation to the apnoea hypopnea index will also be conducted within the University of Western Australia's Centre for Sleep Science.

The trial has already commenced at the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne.

### SeaLink Travel Group (SLK)

~6.24M shares released from escrow in January have been sold in a block trade at \$9.80 each.

SLK recouped 2.88% yesterday, settling at \$10.00.

Details of sellers and buyers lodged post-trade yesterday.

### Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Challenger Exploration	CEL	11 May
DomaCom Ltd	DCL	11 May
New Age Exploration	NAE	11 May
Victory Mines	VIC	11 May
Artemis Resources	ARV	12 May
Blaze International	BLZ	12 May
Carpentaria Resources	CAP	12 May
CFOAM Ltd	CFO	12 May
Okapi Resources	OKR	12 May
Thomson Resources	TMZ	12 May
Trigg Mining	TMG	12 May
Vitalharvest Freehold Trust	VTH	12 May



**Gold** – overnight prices were again buoyed by \$US weakness, mostly attributed to US inflation predictions.

**Base metals** – prices swung yesterday and overnight, an ultimate turn lower in overnight equities sentiment appearing to also fuel base metals trade caution.

In the meantime, 15 *copper* smelters in China were reported, by China research firm Antaika, to be reducing copper concentrate buying by 8.8% this year.

Analysts continued to report anticipated increased demand for copper through to 2030.

Also overnight, the Chile Escondida and Spence copper operations were again reported to be facing potential industrial action.

In new material data releases, **China** is expected to report April producer prices and CPI this morning (AEST).

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7833	-0.0022	<b>-0.28</b>
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.2139	-0.0014	<b>-0.11</b>

### Australian Data Today

ABS	Payroll jobs & wages	24 Apr
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### US Data Tonight

NFIB small business optimism	Apr
JOLTS job openings	Mar

### Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

<b>China</b>	CPI	Apr
China	PPI	Apr
<b>Japan</b>	Household spending	Mar
Japan	BoJ summary of opinions	Apr
<b>Germany</b>	ZEW current conditions	May
Germany	Wholesale prices	Apr
<b>Euro zone</b>	ZEW economic sentiment	May

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### Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Buddy Technologies	BUD	23 Apr
Titanium Sands	TSL	23 Apr
Walkabout Resources	WKT	6 May

### Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
<b>UOS</b>	Today	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.56</b>
RMD	Tomorrow	3.5	0	0.61
NAB	Thu	60	100	1.11
PDL	Thu	17	10	tbc
WBC	Thu	58	100	1.17
ASG	Fri	2	100	0.00
PL8	Fri	0.4	100	4.03
SSR	Fri	4.84	0	0.22
MQG	17 May	335	40	1.99
QVE	17 May	1.1	100	4.31
SNC	17 May	2.5	100	2.60
WAA	18 May	3	100	2.65
KMD	20 May	1.57	100	0.00
AMC	25 May	15.12	0	4.11
IAP	27 May	4.53	0	5.91
PIA	28 May	1.25	100	3.91
FPC	31 May	3	100	0.00
WAM	31 May	7.75	100	3.30
WGB	31 May	5	100	1.48

### Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>MMM</b>	Strategy day (Q&A tele 3pm)
	<b>PLS</b>	Strategy forum
	<b>SUN</b>	Investor forum (10am)
<b>Tomorrow</b>	AST	Full year
	CSR	Full year
	PPH	Full year (tele 9am)
	SIG	AGM
	SIQ	AGM
	TLX	AGM
	URW	AGM (6.30pm)
<b>Thu</b>	ALD	AGM
	GPT	AGM
	GNC	Interim
	IME	AGM

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