

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7546	52	0.7
NZX 50	11658	-4	-0.0
DJIA Futures	38494	161	0.4
S&P 500 Futures	5018	47	0.9
NASDAQ Futures	17881	204	1.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade with the \$A at ~US64.95c, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) governor meeting with a parliamentary committee, multiple large-cap stocks reporting across key sectors, and influential domestic and regional economic data due, ahead of a plethora of material international economic reports tonight.

US equities markets turned variously higher overnight.

Locally today, **RBA governor** Michele Bullock was scheduled to meet with the Senate economics legislation committee from 9am AEDT.

Among data releases, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases January **workforce** figures at **11.30am** AEDT.

At the same time, the RBA reports January foreign exchange transactions and holdings of official reserve assets.

Also today, the Melbourne Institute is listed to publish its February **consumer inflation expectations** report.

KOV and **SCG** are among stocks trading **ex-dividend** today. *Please see pp2-3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

Regionally today, **Japan** is due report December quarter **GDP** at **10.50am** AEDT.

Meanwhile, Indonesia's defence minister has claimed presidential victory in the nation's general election.

China's markets will remain closed today and tomorrow.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** swung ~1.5% lower.

US **gold** (Comex) futures continued lower, but slightly so, closing below \$US2005/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) remained above \$US129.00/t, adding just US8c/t for the session.

US **copper** futures closed US1c/lb lower, at \$US3.70/lb.

Last night's LME final 3-mth evening price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected to become available via IRESS by 11.30am AEDT.

The **\$A** appreciated to US64.90c after trading at ~US64.75c earlier yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	38424	152	0.4
S&P 500	5001	47	1.0
NASDAQ	15859	204	1.3

Today's Stock Watch
Wesfarmers Ltd (WES)

91c fully franked interim dividend from 88c a year ago. 3.0% higher, \$1.425B interim NPAT. 0.5% higher, \$22.673B revenue. 'Strong' Kmart sales growth for the first five weeks of calendar 2024 (2H FY24).

Telstra Group (TLS)

9c fully franked interim dividend from 8.5c a year ago. 11.4% higher, \$964M interim NPAT. 1.2% higher, \$11.72B income. 30.5c NTA from 39.1c.

Origin Energy (ORG)

27.5c fully franked interim dividend from 16.5c a year ago. 149% higher, \$995M interim NPAT. 9% lower, \$7.996B revenue.

Anticipating a fall in the FY25 energy markets division EBITDA.

Goodman Group (GMG)

Flat, previously disclosed 15c fully franked interim dividend. \$220.1M interim net loss from a \$1.097B profit a year ago. 5% higher, \$1.07B revenue.

Treasury Wine Estates (TWE)

17c, 70%-franked interim dividend from 18c fully franked a year ago. 21.5% lower, \$166.7M interim NPAT. 5% higher, \$1.31B revenue. \$2.85 NTA from \$3.45.

Anticipating 'a stronger' 2H FY24.

Resources
SSR Mining (SSR)

Nine workers are missing following a slip at the Çöpler project heap leach pad. Türkiye's national disaster relief agency has provided 400 personnel to assist.

South32 Ltd (S32)

FID in hand for the US, Arizona Hermosa zinc-lead-silver project Taylor deposit.

0.4c fully franked interim dividend from 7.33c a year ago.

92% lower, \$US53M interim NPAT.

14% lower, \$3.88B underlying revenue.

BHP Group (BHP)

Anticipating a \$US2.5B 1H FY24 impairment for the WA nickel business and a \$US3.2B Samarco charge. Reviewing all WA nickel development plans, with the Kambalda concentrator planned to be in care and maintenance from June. Interim results due Tuesday next week.

Energy
Whitehaven Coal (WHC)

7c fully franked interim dividend from 32c a year ago. 86% lower, \$257.62M interim NPAT. 58% lower, \$1.589B revenue.



FTSE 100	7568	56	0.7
DAX 30	16945	65	0.4
Shanghai Composite	2866	Public	Holiday

Overseas Markets Commentary

Improved overall sentiment amid some chop featured across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight.

Considerations included material economic reports which proved mixed against expectations and implications.

In the US, select stock moves by the likes of Uber (\$US7B buy-back), Nvidia (further expected AI lift), and Lyft (better-than-anticipated earnings), buoyed risk sentiment.

A UK January CPI reading represented 0.6% deflation for the month, against consensus for 0.4% deflation following December's 0.4% inflation growth.

Against January 2023, CPI inflation came in at 4.0%, the same annualised growth rate as recorded for December.

Speaking to a House of Lords economic affairs committee, Bank of England (BoE) governor Andrew Bailey reiterated UK inflation remained too high to consider lowering interest rates.

In overnight economic data releases, a second estimate of December quarter GDP growth for the **euro zone** confirmed no change for the three months following a 0.1% September quarter decline.

On an annualised basis December quarter GDP was up 0.1% against a flat year-on-year result for the September quarter.

December industrial production, in the meantime, improved 2.6% for the month, defying forecasts for a 0.2% decline following 0.4% November growth.

Against December 2022, output was up 1.2%, against the 5.4% year-on-year drop recorded for November.

The **UK's** January core (food and fuel excluded) CPI estimate represented 0.9% deflation for the month.

Annualised core CPI inflation growth came in at 5.1%, the same year-on-year growth rate recorded for both December and November 2023.

Russia reported 0.9% January inflation for the month and 7.4% on an annualised basis. This followed 0.7% and 7.4% respectively for December.

Among debt offers, a 10-year UK treasury gilt auction resulted in a 4.132% yield from 3.973%.

Earlier in Germany, a 30-year bond auction had produced a 2.53% yield from 2.45%.

In the **US**, December producer prices were revised to represent a 0.2% year-on-year decline rather than the initially reported 0.1% fall.

0.1% and 0.4% annualised declines were retained for November and October.

Weekly mortgage applications fell 2.3% following the previous week's 3.7% increase.

The mean average 30-year mortgage rate was estimated by the MBA at 6.87% from 6.80%.

Tonight in the **US**, weekly new unemployment claims are anticipated, together with January import and export prices, retail

Pre-Open Announcements

Orica Ltd (* ORI)

\$260M property sale and business update lodged this morning.

Imugene Ltd (* IMU)

Dosing underway in the phase one clinical trial of IMU's CF33-CD19 to treat metastatic solid tumours.

The Australian Wealth Advisors Group (* WAG)

Financial services group scheduled to list on the ASX 11am AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$5M IPO at 25c per share. 74.365M quoted shares.

Resources

De Grey Mining (DEG)

DEG has appointed Sarah Standish as general counsel and company secretary, effective Monday next week.

Ms Standish will take over from current DEG company secretary Craig Nelmes who has been with DEG for greater than 10 years.

Ms Standish is a former St Barbara (ASX: SBM) general counsel and company secretary. She is also a former Imdex (ASX: IMD) general counsel.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Kin Mining	KIN	16 Feb
Suvo Strategic Minerals	SUV	15 Feb
Wide Open Agriculture	WOA	16 Feb

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Advanced Health Intelligence	AHI	5 Feb
Credit Intelligence	CI1	12 Feb
DomaCom Ltd	DCL	12 Feb
European Lithium	EUR	6 Feb
Lion One Metals	LLO	14 Feb
Moab Minerals	MOM	5 Feb
Pan Asia Metals	PAM	1 Feb
Revasum Inc	RVS	5 Feb
Reward Minerals	RWD	7 Feb

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
KOV	Today	25	100	6.29
RG8	Today	5	100	4.90



sales and industrial production, February manufacturing indices from the Philadelphia Fed and New York Fed, a February home builders' market index, and December business inventories.

Elsewhere, the UK releases a December quarter GDP estimate.

In addition, European Central Bank (ECB) president Christine Lagarde is scheduled to speak publicly.

Companies listed to report earnings or provide updates later today and tonight include: Airbus, Applied Materials, Archer-Daniels-Midland, Coinbase Global (higher overnight on a 4.2% bitcoin market value boost), Commerzbank, Deere & Co, DoorDash, Pernod Ricard and Seoul Semiconductor.

BP and Shell are among stocks scheduled to trade ex-dividend on the FTSE 100.

In overnight corporate news, Lyft after-hours prices swung, after a typo was identified in outlook figures.

Meanwhile, the US is heading towards a Monday public holiday weekend.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Apr)	2004.3	oz	-2.9	-0.1
Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar)	22.39	oz	0.24	1.1
Platinum (Spot)	891	oz	19	2.2
WTI Crude (NYMEX Mar)	76.64	bbl	-1.23	-1.6
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Apr)	81.60	bbl	-1.17	-1.4
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	129.10	t	0.08	0.1
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (13Feb)	8259	t	25	0.3
Nickel	16266	t	220	1.4
Aluminium	2226	t	-1	-0.1
Lead	1998	t	-27	-1.3
Zinc	2314	t	-6	-0.3
Tin	27572	t	271	1.0

Commodities Commentary

Oil – near-term supply and demand considerations appeared a major influence on overnight crude trade.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report, published overnight by government agency the EIA, included a 12MMbbl surge in US crude stocks last week, with refinery demand continuing relatively slow.

Petrol stocks declined by 3.66MMbbl.

With US interest rates considered higher for longer, demand constraint also continued a factor in crude trade.

Supply insecurity from both the Israel-Gaza and Russia-Ukraine conflicts remained a risk, however.

In addition, some market watchers attributed some overnight price moves to a warning delivered by the chair of the US House of Representatives committee of a 'serious national security threat', although others viewed the information behind the statement as 'nothing new'.

Overnight Tuesday, post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) published a weekly report which included an 8.52MMbbl build for US crude stocks last week.

The International Energy Agency's (IEA) monthly petroleum

SCG	Today	8.35	0	5.36
ARG	Tomorrow	16.5	100	3.83
SYM	Tomorrow	35	100	1.13
DVR	Mon	10	100	6.00
CGF	Tue	13	100	3.39
CPU	Tue	40	20	2.66
KPG	Tue	0.44	100	0.86
AGL	Wed	26	0	3.58

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AIA	Jan
	ARF	Interim
	BFG	Full year
	BLX	Interim
	DTL	Interim
	DUI	Interim
	GMG	Interim
	HPI	Interim
	MFG	Interim (tele 11.30am)
	MGH	Interim
	NWH	Interim
	ORG	Interim
	PGH	Interim
	PME	Interim (w/cast tele 11am)
	RUL	Interim (webinar 10am, Fri 16 Feb)
	S32	Interim
TLS	Interim	
TWE	Interim (w/cast tele 10.30am)	
VCX	Interim	
VVA	Interim (webinar 11am)	
WES	Interim	
WHC	Interim	
Tomorrow	ASX	Interim
	COF	Interim (w/cast 11am)
	CQR	Interim
	CWY	Interim
	DRR	Interim
	HDN	Interim (w/cast tele 10.30am)
	IAG	Interim
	ING	Interim
IPL	Interim	
QBE	Full year	
Mon	A2M	Interim (tele 9am)
	ALD	Full year (w/cast tele 10am)
	BEN	Interim
	BSL	Interim



market report is tonight.

Gold – a further Comex futures overnight decline was mostly attributed to technical selling prompted by Tuesday’s fall, combined with improved US equities risk sentiment.

The \$US index turned ~0.1% lower overnight, constraining gold’s decline.

Meanwhile, pending data to come this week, some analysts anticipate a turn higher for gold prices, due to some bargain-hunting.

Base metals – mixed overnight trade was attributed to a combination of interest rates commentary, Indonesia’s national election, currency moves, inventory updates and the wait for China’s markets to reopen.

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Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6493	0.0031	0.48
EUR – USD	1.0731	0.0016	0.15

Australian Data Today

ABS	Workforce (incl wages, jobs, unemployt, prtctptn)	Jan
MelInst	Consumer inflation expectations	Feb
RBA	Foreign exchange transactions & Holdings of official reserve assets	Jan

US Data Tonight

Initial jobless claims	9 Feb
Import & export prices	Jan
Retail sales	Jan
Industrial production	Jan
Philadelphia Fed manufacturing	Feb
NY Fed (Empire State) manufacturing	Feb
Business inventories	Dec
NAHB housing market index	Feb

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	GDP	Dec Q
UK	GDP (initial)	Dec Q
UK	NIESR GDP tracker	Jan
UK	Industrial production	Dec
UK	International trade	Dec
Euro zone	International trade	Dec

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