

**Markets**

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDT)	6806	-19	-0.3
<b>NZX 50</b>	12769	95	0.8
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	31549	91	0.3
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	3928	0.25	0.0
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	13700	-68	-0.5

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market commences today's trade with material domestic data due late morning and another long list of high-profile domestic stocks reporting earnings.

Overnight, US equities indices trended higher towards close, but settled decidedly mixed, as did key commodities.

**Locally** today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reports January **employment** statistics **11.30am** AEDT.

At the same time, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) publishes monthly reserve assets and forex transactions.

Stocks trading ex-dividend today include **BEN, GPT, JHX** and **NCM**. Please see p4 for a detailed ex-dividend list.

Regionally today, **China's** markets resume following a week-long lunar new year and Spring festival holiday season.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** rallied on both sides of the Atlantic.

US **gold** futures fell further.

LME **copper** settled little changed. **Nickel** turned lower, albeit slightly. **Aluminium** swung higher.

The **\$A** has traded at ~US\$77.50c this morning, after trading at ~US\$77.40c - ~US\$77.70c early yesterday evening.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	31613	90	0.3
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	3931	-1	-0.0
<b>NASDAQ</b>	13965	-82	-0.6
<b>FTSE 100</b>	6711	-38	-0.6
<b>DAX 30</b>	13915	-150	-1.1
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3655	Public	Holiday

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

European, UK and US equities markets mostly fell on opening overnight, amid a plethora of data releases, associated inflation and policy talk, and with the \$US appreciating.

Key US indices began trending higher before the middle of their sessions however, and closed at or near session highs, albeit with varying recoveries.

During second-half trade, the US Federal Reserve released the minutes of its January policy meeting, these including views of

**Australia – January employment statistics – 11.30am AEDT**

\* Technology services listing – 10.30am AEDT – NNG \*

**Today's Stock Watch**
**Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ)**

Unaudited \$1.624B December quarter NPAT, against a \$1.016B 2H20 quarterly average.

\$1.81B continuing operations cash profit. 11.7% CET1.

**Wesfarmers Ltd (WES)**

88c fully franked interim dividend, from 75c a year ago. 23.3% higher, \$1.39B continuing operations interim NPAT. 16.6% higher, \$17.77B revenue. \$5.08 NTA, from \$4.81.

WES is also reporting a WA Mt Holland lithium project FID. Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

**CSL Ltd (CSL)**

45% higher, \$1.81B interim NPAT. 16.9% higher, \$US5.74B income. \$US1.04 interim dividend, from US95c a year ago.

**Seven Group Holdings (SVW)**

23c fully franked interim dividend, from 21c a year ago. \$362.1M interim NPAT, from \$37.9M. 4.18% higher, \$2.36B revenue. \$4.91 NTA, from \$3.62.

**Sonic Healthcare (SHL)**

36c, 10.8c-franked interim dividend from 34c, 10.2c-franked a year ago. 166.4% higher, \$677.635M interim NPAT. 32.7% higher, \$4.433B revenue.

**MyFiziq Ltd (MYQ)**

Binding term sheet secured with China-headquartered Tinjoy Biotech, under which Tinjoy will gain access and distribution rights to MYQ's CompleteScan for integration into Tinjoy's WinScan.

**Resources**
**Rio Tinto (RIO)**

\$US4.64 final dividend, from \$US3.82 a year ago. 22% higher \$US9.77B full year NPAT. 3% higher \$US44.61B sales revenue. \$US664M net debt. In addition, RIO is reporting a Utah, US Kennecott copper resource increase. Updated overall Bingham Canyon copper, gold and molybdenum resources lodged post-trade yesterday.

**South32 Ltd (S32)**

46% lower, \$US53M interim NPAT. 8% lower, \$US2.94B revenue. US1.4c fully franked interim dividend, against 1.67c plus a 1.67c special dividend a year ago.

**Energy**
**Woodside Petroleum (WPL)**

\$US4.028B full year net loss. 26% lower, \$US3.6B operating revenue. US12c final dividend, against US83.13c.



varying scenarios of how, and when, and by how much, inflation could rise.

The minutes confirmed the Fed's intention to continue to work towards achieving a 'broad and inclusive' labour market, plus 2% inflation, before any significant policy changes.

The Fed minutes again reiterated views that supportive policy would be needed beyond the short-term, due to indications of 'some time' needed 'for substantial further progress to be achieved'.

In Covid-19 developments, the European Commission was reported to have secured an additional 150M doses of the Moderna vaccine, plus an option for another 150M for 2022.

In overnight data releases, a January CPI reading for the UK surprised on the upside, representing 0.7% growth against January 2020.

For the month however, the reading represented 0.2% deflation, although this followed forecasts of a 0.5% CPI drop.

**Euro zone** January construction output was estimated 2.3% lower than a year earlier.

New domestic vehicle registrations were reported 24% lower than for January 2020.

In **Germany**, a 30-year bond auction produced a 0.10% yield, from -0.13%.

Later in the US, a 20-year bond auction delivered a 1.920% yield, from 1.657%.

Also in the **US**, January retail sales pleased, jumping 5.3% for the month and 7.4% higher than for January 2020.

Producer prices appreciated 1.3% for the month and 1.7% year-on-year.

Some analysts interpreted the sales and prices as indicating a likely 'to-be-feared' jump in inflation.

Industrial production rose 0.9% during January, but output represented a 1.8% fall from that reported for January 2020.

December business inventories were in the meantime calculated 0.6% higher.

A home builders' housing market index for February rose by one point to 84, against forecasts of a decline to 81.

Weekly mortgage applications dropped 5.1% following a 4.1% fall the previous week.

The mean 30-year mortgage rate rose to 2.98% from 2.96%.

**Tonight** in the **US**, January housing starts, building permits and import and export prices are due, together with weekly new unemployment claims, and the Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index.

Elsewhere, the **European Central Bank** releases the minutes of its January policy meeting.

In the UK, BP, GlaxoSmithKline, Imperial Brands, Royal Dutch Shell and Tesco trade ex-dividend on the FTSE 100.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: Airbus, Air France-KLM, Applied Materials, Barclays, Barrick Gold, Carrefour, Credit Suisse, Daimler, Marriott, Nestle, Newmont Goldcorp, Petrobras, Roku, Vale and Walmart.

In overnight corporate news, **News Corp** announced a three-year plan to provide premium news content to **Google** News Showcase.

Meanwhile, **Facebook** revealed, via a blog, plans to block news

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Iress Ltd (\*\* IRE)

5% higher, \$155.6M full year NPAT.

2% higher, \$535.5M revenue. Flat 30c, 40%-franked final dividend.

In addition, IRE chair Tony D'Aloisio is stepping down 6 May, at the end of the IRE AGM. Webjet (ASX: WEB) chair Roger Sharp has been appointed to the IRE board, effective today, and will take over from Mr D'Aloisio.

### Primero Group (PGX) / NRW Holdings (NWH)

Based on unaudited calculations, PGX is anticipating record, 78% higher (year-on-year) \$A198.5M interim revenue.

Expecting \$7.4M underlying EBITDA.

NWH's recommended off-market takeover offer for PGX is due to close Friday evening, but NWH has already moved to compulsory acquisition, having achieved a 98.43% holding.

### Vortiv Ltd (VOR)

VOR non-executive director and former chairman Gary Foster has resigned in favour of other business interests.

### Nexion Group (\* NNG)

Cloud services technology provider scheduled to list on the ASX **10.30am** AEDT, following an \$8M IPO at 20c per share.

## Resources

### PVW Resources (PVW)

The former Thred Ltd was reinstated to ASX quotation, as a mineral exploration company, yesterday, following a \$A4.5M capital rising at 20c per share.

Opened at 16c and traded as high as 20.5c before settling at 17.5c. 1.846M shares changed hands across 166 transactions. 67.46M quoted shares.

## Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Deep Yellow	DYL	18 Feb
Fe Ltd	FEL	18 Feb
Helix Resources	HLX	18 Feb
Infinity Lithium Corp	INF	18 Feb
IOUpay Ltd	IOU	18 Feb
Minbos Resources	MNB	18 Feb
Venturex Resources	VXR	18 Feb
AusQuest Ltd	AQD	19 Feb
Bounty Oil & Gas	BUY	19 Feb
BPH Energy	BPH	19 Feb
Fitzroy River Corporation	FZR	19 Feb
Happy Valley Nutrition	HVM	19 Feb
LiveTiles Ltd	LVT	19 Feb
Montem Resources	MR1	19 Feb



content in Australia, in protest at proposed content payment legislation.

Late-Tuesday, *Berkshire Hathaway* had filed an investment update, this including significant purchases of **Verizon** Communications and **Chevron** Corp. The disclosure pushed both Verizon and Chevron stock higher overnight, supporting the DJIA.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Apr)</b>	<b>1772.8</b>	oz	-26.2	<b>-1.5</b>
<b>Silver (NY) (Mar)</b>	<b>27.315</b>	oz	-0.01	<b>-0.0</b>
<b>Gold (LON) (16 Feb)</b>	<b>1794</b>	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>1246</b>	oz	-10	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>WTI Crude (NYMEX Mar)</b>	<b>61.14</b>	bbbl	1.09	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Brent Crude (ICE EUR Apr)</b>	<b>64.34</b>	bbbl	0.99	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%) (16 Feb)</b>	<b>161.0</b>	t	1.35	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Copper (LME Ind)</b>	<b>8397</b>	t	-7	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	<b>18770</b>	t	-43	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Aluminium</b>	<b>2103</b>	t	16	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Lead</b>	<b>2109</b>	t	2	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	<b>2813</b>	t	-15	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>Tin</b>	<b>24440</b>	t	190	<b>0.8</b>

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – the unprecedented cold weather conditions across the US south east, including Texas, again supported price gains overnight. Energy and petroleum industry analysts estimated 1MMbbl/d of crude production had been shut in, and that refining capacity had dropped by 4MMbbl/d.

In addition, several ports were reported essentially non-operational, and power outages were predicted to continue through the week.

Earlier, OPEC's secretary general repeated expectations of some demand recovery this year, but again coupled this with a caution regarding 'uncertainties'.

Weekly US petroleum inventories, as calculated by US government agency the EIA, are due tonight.

An API report, published post overnight US trade, has included an estimated 5.8MMbbl draw on domestic crude stocks last week.

**Gold** – gold interest appeared damaged further overnight by a higher \$US and some better-than-anticipated US data, US equities sentiment improving as the respective sessions advanced.

**Base metals** – a \$US appreciation damaged some sentiment during overnight LME trade, which remained relatively thin due to the last day of China's lunar new year – Spring festival holiday season.

Among data releases, **Japan** reported, early yesterday, a ¥323.9B January trade deficit, following a ¥749.6B December surplus, but less than a feared ¥430B - ¥600B shortfall.

Japan's December machinery orders were 11.8% higher than for December 2019 however, against forecasts of a 5% decline.

*China's markets resume trade today, after having been closed for a week, due to the lunar new year – Spring festival holiday season.*

Odin Metals	ODM	19 Feb
Pursuit Minerals	PUR	19 Feb
Resolution Minerals	RML	19 Feb
Resonance Health	RHT	19 Feb
Volt Resources	VRC	19 Feb

### Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Atrum Coal	ATU	11 Feb
Calima Energy	CE1	16 Feb
Impelus Ltd	IMS	27 Jan
MSM Corporation International	MSM	9 Feb
Myanmar Metals	MYL	3 Feb
Pacific Nickel Mines	PNM	3 Feb
Pathfinder Resources	PF1	4 Feb
Pilot Energy	PGY	12 Feb
Skin Elements	SKN	28 Jan

### Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
<b>BEN</b>	Today	<b>28</b>	100	2.80
<b>GPT</b>	Today	<b>13.2</b>	0	2.13
<b>JHX</b>	Today	<b>67.94</b>	0	0.00
<b>KOV</b>	Today	<b>15</b>	100	5.67
<b>NCM</b>	Today	<b>19.38</b>	100	1.46
<b>ZIM</b>	Today	<b>53.72</b>	0	4.31
ARG	Tomorrow	14	100	1.58
GUD	Tomorrow	25	100	0.93
INA	Tomorrow	5	0	1.98
RHP	Tomorrow	1.5	100	1.12
ANN	Tomorrow	42.66	0	1.80
AMC	Tue	15.21	0	4.60
CGF	Tue	9.5	100	2.64
DUI	Tue	7	100	3.22
RKN	Tue	2	100	5.99
AGL	Wed	41	0	9.46
DOW	Wed	9	0	2.42
TLS	Wed	8	100	3.02
BBN	25 Feb	5.8	100	1.82
BPT	25 Feb	1	100	1.22
BRG	25 Feb	13	100	1.33
CL1	25 Feb	2.5	100	2.27
EGG	25 Feb	10.5	100	1.99
JBH	25 Feb	180	100	3.70
PAI	25 Feb	4	100	3.58
VIP	25 Feb	0.18	0	0.00
CIN	26 Feb	26	100	4.04
FID	26 Feb	12.3	100	3.77

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7752	0.0001	0.01
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.2044	0.0006	0.05

**Australian Data Today**

ABS	Workforce (incl jobs, unemployment, wages)	Jan
RBA	Forex transactions	Jan
RBA	Official reserve assets	Jan

**US Data Tonight**

Housing starts	Jan
Building permits	Jan
Import & export prices	Jan
Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index	Feb
Initial jobless claims	13 Feb

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

<b>Euro zone</b>	Consumer confidence	Feb
Euro zone	ECB monetary policy meeting minutes	21 Jan

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**Reports & Events**

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>ABP</b>	Interim (tele 10am)
	<b>AIA</b>	Interim; Dec traffic
	<b>ANZ</b>	Dec Q
	<b>BLX</b>	Interim
	<b>BLD</b>	Interim
	<b>CCL</b>	Full year
	<b>CDA</b>	Interim
	<b>CWN</b>	Interim
	<b>CSL</b>	Interim
	<b>DTL</b>	Interim
	<b>FMG</b>	Interim
	<b>HPI</b>	Interim
	<b>IRE</b>	Full year (w/cast tele 9.30am)
	<b>M7T</b>	Interim (webinar midday)
	<b>NWH</b>	Interim (tele 1pm)
	<b>OSL</b>	Update (tele 4.30pm)
	<b>ORG</b>	Interim
	<b>ORA</b>	Interim
	<b>OZL</b>	Full year
	<b>PPT</b>	Interim
<b>QFE</b>	Interim (tele 10am)	
<b>STO</b>	Full year	
<b>SVW</b>	Interim	
<b>SKC</b>	Interim	
<b>SHL</b>	Interim (tele 8.30am)	
<b>S32</b>	Interim	
<b>SGR</b>	Interim	
<b>WES</b>	Interim	
<b>WSP</b>	Interim (tele 9am)	
<b>WPL</b>	Full year	
<b>Tomorrow</b>	CWY	Interim
	COH	Interim (tele 10am)
	EOL	Interim (tele 2pm)
	GMG	Interim
	IPD	Interim
	ING	Interim
	LOV	Interim (tele 10.30am)
	MAI	Interim
	MDC	Interim
	OGC	Full year (post-TSX Thurs trade)
	PTM	Interim
	QBE	Full year
	SSG	Interim (tele 11.30am)