

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7030	11	0.2
NZX 50	12443	32	0.3
DJIA Futures	34302	46	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4161	3	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	13313	10	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade with strong overnight key commodities price gains, a key report due from the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), material data out of Japan and influential euro zone data tonight.

Overnight international equities trade demonstrated reduced risk sentiment.

Locally today, the RBA is due to release policy meeting minutes 11.30am AEST.

At the same time, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes the results of an April survey into household impacts of Covid-19.

Regionally today, Japan is scheduled to reveal an initial March quarter GDP estimate just prior to ASX open.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** continued to rise.

US **gold** futures were pushed to a decisive gain.

Qingdao **iron ore** (CFR China, 62% fines) turned \$US8.98/t higher, to \$US217.77/t.

Nymex iron ore (CFR China, 62%) also reversed direction, approaching \$US215.00/t.

LME **copper** swung higher. **Nickel** and **aluminium** picked up the pace of Friday's gains.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US77.70c after trading at ~US77.50c – ~US77.60c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets.

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34328	-54	-0.1
S&P 500	4163	-11	-0.3
NASDAQ	13379	-51	-0.4
FTSE 100	7033	-11	-0.2
DAX 30	15397	-20	-0.1
Shanghai Comp	3518	27	0.8

Overseas Markets Commentary

Marked vacillations featured across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight.

Earlier yesterday, China had released a batch of economic indicators suggesting continuing strength but some slowing.

Meanwhile regions across the UK eased most Covid-19

*** Hearing device specialist listing – 11am AEST – AUA ***

Today's Stock Watch
James Hardie Industries (JHX)

9% higher, \$US262.8M full year NPAT.

12% higher, \$2.91B net sales. Flat, \$US1.52 NTA.

\$US458M adjusted net income, up 30%.

Anticipating \$US520M - \$US570M FY22 adjusted net income.

Q4 results also disclosed this morning.

JHX plans to host an investor day teleconference pre-trade AEST 25 May.

Ainsworth Game Technology (AGI)

AGI has secured a five-year partnership agreement with NASDAQ-listed internet-based interactive gaming services provider GAN.

Under the agreement, GAN will outlay a minimum \$US30M to licence AGI current and future online real money games.

AGI anticipated \$US10M cash from the deal during 1H FY22.

In addition, AGI is anticipating a \$1M 2H FY21 pre-tax profit, and \$13.1M EBITDA.

FY21 EBITDA is expected to come in at \$19M.

OFX Group (OFX)

Nil final dividend, against 2.35c a year ago.

37% lower, \$12.78M full year NPAT.

3% lower, \$134.69M revenue. 25.91c NTA, from 25.17c.

Imugene Ltd (IMU)

Licensing agreement secured for patents covering a new combination immunotherapy using IMU's CD19 oncolytic virus therapy and CD19 CAR T cell therapy.

Telix Pharmaceuticals (TLX)

Exclusive distribution agreement secured with Eckert & Ziegler Strahlen & Medizintechnik for TLX's Illuccix prostate cancer injection preparation kit in Germany.

Rhythm Biosciences (RHY)

FY22 strategic update lodged this morning.

Targeting first revenue from the cancer detection tool ColoSTAT by late 2022.

Details, including an expected timeline, lodged this morning.

Resources
St Barbara (SBM)

Expecting to produce 330,000oz – 360,000oz of gold for FY21, with an \$A1547/oz - \$A1695/oz AISC.

This, against previous guidance of 370,000oz – 380,000oz, with an \$A1440/oz - \$A1520/oz AISC.

Breakdown operations guidance also lodged pre-trade.

Planning to report for the June quarter 28 July.

containment restrictions, including for travel, albeit with caution against growing diagnoses of the variant first detected in India.

Mainland European nations were also removing some restrictions from the weekend through yesterday.

In addition, US air travel was also reported on the rise and one major airline announced plans for a significant boost to flights to Europe.

This, as nations including India, Japan, Korea and Singapore sought to contain concerning Covid-19 figures.

In scant overnight data releases, a US home builders' housing market index came in flat, at 83.

The ISM's New York manufacturing activity index fell two points to 24.3, against forecasts of a smaller decline to 25.

Tonight in the US, April housing starts and building permits are due.

Elsewhere, the euro zone releases a final March quarter GDP estimate.

The UK hosts a 20-year treasury gilt auction.

Companies listed to report earnings later today and tonight include: Baidu, Home Depot, Honda Motor, Imperial Brands, Macy's, NetEase, Take-Two, Tata Motors, Vodafone and Walmart.

In overnight corporate news, **AT&T** revealed plans to spin off the group's **WarnerMedia** and to merge this with **Discovery**, to bolster competition against the likes of Disney and Netflix.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Jun)	1867.6	oz	29.5	1.6
Silver (NY) (Jul)	28.27	oz	0.91	3.3
Gold (LON) (14 May)	1838	oz		
Platinum	1235	oz	13	1.1
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jun)	66.27	bbbl	0.90	1.4
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jul)	69.46	bbbl	0.75	1.1
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	214.99	t	4.91	2.3
Copper (LME Ind)	10345	t	103	1.0
Nickel	17950	t	402	2.3
Aluminium	2500	t	37	1.5
Lead	2212	t	55	2.6
Zinc	3031	t	93	3.2
Tin	29925	t	440	1.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – positive reports of improving travel conditions within and between Europe, the UK and US helped support demand views overnight.

On the flip side, refineries in India were reported to have sold significantly less petrol and diesel during the first half of May.

China's April industrial production remained strong, but at a slower pace than previously, and retail sales undershot expectations, this flagging a possible easing of China's recovery.

Gold – weaker equities sentiment, a lower \$US (ICE \$US index - 0.2%), and cryptocurrency caution combined to support overnight gold sentiment.

Comex futures were pushed beyond \$US1850/oz, supporting

Pre-Open Announcements

Audeara Ltd (* AUA)

Hearing device and health specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEST, following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share. 63.92M quoted shares.

Baby Bunting Group (BBN)

BBN non-executive chair Ian Cornell plans to retire from the BBN board at the conclusion of the 5 October AGM.

BBN has appointed BBN non-executive director and former retail sector senior manager Melanie Wilson to succeed Mr Cornell.

Ms Wilson is a JB Hi-Fi (ASX: JBH), EML Payments (ASX: EML) and iSelect (ASX: ISU) non-executive director.

BBN has turned higher again the past two sessions, settling at \$5.71 yesterday.

MAAS Group Holdings (MGH)

MGH will be included in the MSCI Global Small Cap Australia index from close of trade 27 May (Thursday next week).

Veris Ltd (VRS)

VRS 100% subsidiary Aqura Technologies has secured a private LTE network project works contract with the WA Pilbara Roy Hill iron ore mine site operations.

Cipherpoint Ltd (CPT)

CPT has appointed finance manager David Grinham as CFO and joint company secretary, effective yesterday.

Mr Grinham joined CPT 1 March.

Flexiroam Ltd (FRX)

\$2.44M full year (to 31 March) net loss, following a \$2.46M net loss a year ago.

Revenue dropped 65.4% to \$2.52M.

Anticipating partnership agreements secured during FY21 will underpin growth to recovery when Covid-19 – related international travel restrictions are progressively lifted.

VIP Gloves (VIP)

Mourning the death of VIP executive director and significant shareholder Wee Min Chen.

Mr Wee Chen held 7.80% of VIP shares.

Resources

3D Resources (* DDD)

DDD's Cosmo Gold, which is conducting an IPO, has in the meantime secured a mining entry permit to explorer within the Cosmo Newbery (West) Reserve.

The Cosmo Gold IPO is expected to close 4 June.

Caravel Minerals (CVV)

CVV expects to reveal an updated resource for the company's namesake copper project, Wongan Hills, Western Australia, early in the September quarter.

Meanwhile, CVV has appointed Ausenco as PFS lead



further interest.

In addition, data which yesterday and overnight suggested uneven economic recovery in China and the US, boosted views of significant fiscal and monetary policy aid for longer.

Base metals – a softer \$US, new data, and weekend reports of a dispute at two BHP-led copper operations heading to mediation were cited as the major influences on overnight LME trade considerations.

In addition, Chile's recently delayed election, remains in focus.

A batch of material April data updates out of **China** yesterday proved mixed against expectations and reported March figures, but nonetheless remained internationally enviably strong.

Meanwhile, **Japan** reported a 0.7% increase in producer prices for April, and a 3.6% year-on-year rise.

March machine tool orders were estimated 120.8% greater than for March 2020, following expectations of a 50% increase.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7771	0.0021	0.27
EUR – USD	1.2155	0.0029	0.24

Australian Data Today

RBA	Policy meeting minutes	4 May
ABS	Covid-19 – household impacts	Apr

US Data Tonight

Building permits	Apr
Housing starts	Apr

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	GDP	Mar Q
Japan	Tertiary industry index (2.30pm AEST)	Mar
UK	Unemployment claims	Apr
UK	Average earnings	Mar
UK	ILO unemployment	Mar
Euro zone	GDP (final)	Mar Q
Euro zone	Trade balance	Mar

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PFS outcomes are anticipated during the March quarter 2022. CVV says it can complete the PFS using existing cash resources.

Metro Mining (MMI)

Non-executive director Philip Hennessy AO has resigned from the MMI board due to health reasons.

Mindax Ltd (MDX)

Gold and iron ore activities update lodged post-trade yesterday.

MDX resumed ASX trade Friday last week following a lengthy suspension.

Yesterday, MDX traded as high as 11.5c, and Friday up to 23.5c, after entering suspended trade at 0.3c.

A total ~342.5M shares changed hands over the two sessions. MDX settled at 8.6c yesterday.

Lithium Energy (* LEL) / Strike Resources (SRK)

SRK spinoff and Argentina Solaroz brine lithium project 90% holder LEL is scheduled to list on the ASX midday **AEST tomorrow**, following a \$9M IPO at 20c per share. 45M quoted shares.

LEL also owns the Queensland Burke graphite project.

SRK holds 43.01%.

Energy

Strike Energy (STX)

Full binding documentation completed for STX's proposed acquisition of Mid West Geothermal Power.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Agrimim Ltd	AMN	19 May
Boadicea Resources	BOA	19 May
BPM Minerals	BPM	19 May
EML Payments	EML	19 May
Great Boulder Resources	GBR	19 May
IXU Ltd	IXU	19 May
Latitude Consolidated	LCD	19 May
Tymlez Group	TYM	19 May
Zuleia Gold	ZAG	19 May
Wiluna Mining Corporation	WMX	20 May

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
DomaCom Ltd	DCL	11 May
Holista Colltech	HCT	18 May
Horizon Minerals	HRZ	17 May
Roots Sustainable Agricultural Tech	ROO	17 May

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Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
WAA	Today	3	100	2.59
AST	Thu	4.75	40	5.50
KMD	Thu	1.57	100	0.00
KPG	Thu	0.33	100	2.00
ZEL	Thu	13.03	0	0.00
CNI	24 May	5.5	38.18	3.53
PWG	24 May	2.9	64.48	3.30
AMC	25 May	15.12	0	4.14
IAP	27 May	4.53	0	5.78
CSR	28 May	24	100	1.38
PIA	28 May	1.25	100	4.10
FPC	31 May	3	100	0.00
ORI	31 May	7.5	0	2.33
WAM	31 May	7.75	100	3.33
WGB	31 May	5	100	1.47

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	JHX	Mar Q; full year (tele 9am)
	OFX	Full year
Tomorrow	GEM	AGM (11am)
	SKO	Full year (tele 9.30am)
	WEB	Full year
Thu	APE	AGM (9am)
	AAC	Full year (w/cast 10am)
	GXY	AGM (4pm)
	NUF	Interim (w/cast tele 10am)
Fri	88E	AGM (midday)
	ABC	AGM (10am)
	BRK	AGM (midday)
	SYD	AGM (11am)
	SYR	AGM (10am)