

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7050	4	0.1
NZX 50	11904	-32	-0.3
DJIA Futures	29232	21	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3371	2	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	9640	4	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade with another plethora of large-cap domestic stocks reporting earnings, key domestic data late-morning, and a major bank trading ex-dividend.

Overnight, Libya's internationally recognised government has suspended UN-negotiated peace talks and threatened retaliation, after fuel tankers within the port of Tripoli came under missile attack.

Libya's key oilfields and crude export ports are already shut-in due to civil conflict, and regional tensions were already high in relation to select and varying support from Libya's neighbours.

Regionally today, Japan is scheduled to publish January trade balance 10.50am AEDT.

Locally, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases a wage price index for the December quarter 2019, 11.30am AEDT.

Westpac and the Melbourne Institute also publish their monthly leading economic index at 11.30am.

Stocks trading ex-dividend today include CBA, NGI and SUN.

In overnight commodities trade, WTI **crude** settled flat and Brent rose just US8c/bbl.

US **gold** futures (CME April) jumped.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) added to Monday's gain.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **nickel** swung lower. **Aluminium** turned slightly higher.

The **\$A** ultimately appreciated to ~US66.85c after trading at ~US66.75c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	29232	-166	-0.6
S&P 500	3370	-10	-0.3
NASDAQ	9733	1	0.0
FTSE 100	7382	-51	-0.7
DAX 30	13681	-103	-0.8
Shanghai Comp	2985	1	0.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets headed lower overnight, following a series of warnings from nations and businesses of the

Australia – wages growth– 11.30am AEDT

Japan – January trade balance – 10.50am AEDT

Today's Stock Watch
Orica Ltd (ORI)

Teleconference scheduled to commence **10.30am** AEDT. Access details lodged this morning. Planning to acquire, for \$US201M, Peru-headquartered explosives manufacturer Exsa, via the acquisition of Breca Soluciones de Voladura.

In association, ORI is conducting a fully underwritten, \$A500M, \$A21.19-per-share institutional placement and \$A100M SPP.

In addition, ORI has this morning confirmed the northern WA Burrup TAN plant start-up has been pushed back from the beginning to the end of April due to impacts from recent cyclone Damien. Trading halt called this morning.

Wesfarmers Ltd (WES) / Coles Group (COL)

WES 4.4% higher, \$1.13B interim (continuing operations) NPAT. 6.0% higher, \$15.25B revenue.

75c fully franked interim dividend, against \$1.00. \$4.81 NTA, against \$6.41. \$2.32B net debt.

WES is selling 4.9% of COL, retaining 10.1%, and maintaining rights to a board nominee.

Stockland (SGP)

68.1% higher, \$504M interim NPAT. 10.0% higher, \$1.24B revenue. 5.6% lower, \$384M funds from operations (FFO). 13.5c interim distribution. \$4.12 NTA, against \$4.19. Webcast teleconference 11.30am AEDT.

Tabcorp Holdings (TAH)

11% higher, \$198.8M interim NPAT. 4% higher, \$2.91B revenue. 11c fully franked interim dividend.

Corporate Travel Management (CTD)

15% lower, \$32.91M interim NPAT. 5% higher, \$222.29M income. 12% higher, \$3.31B total transaction value (TTV). 18c, 50%-franked interim dividend, against 18c fully franked.

McMillan Shakespeare (MMS)

0.3% lower, \$33.95M interim NPAT. 1.0% lower, \$270.39M revenue. 34c fully franked interim dividend.

Lovisa Holdings (LOV)

4.5% higher, \$A26.67M interim NPAT. 22.2% higher, \$162.76M revenue. 15c fully franked interim dividend.

Resources
Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

281% higher, \$US2.45B interim NPAT. 83% higher, \$US6.485B revenue. 76c fully franked interim dividend, against 19c plus an 11c special dividend, each fully franked. \$US4.06 NTA, against \$US3.24.



economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak. The NASDAQ notably recovered losses by settlement, however.

Yesterday, Singapore and South Korea warned of adverse impacts of the coronavirus on their domestic economies and broader international economic growth.

For its part, Monday evening US time, Apple had slipped out a revenue warning related to the coronavirus having delayed ramping to normal operations in China following new year holidays.

Overnight, Apple revealed travel restrictions and quarantine protocols had meant insufficient workers were available to continue supplies, and hence, iPhone production.

Yesterday, BHP warned exports would be materially affected should the virus outbreak remain uncontained past another six weeks.

Later, HSBC Holdings, whose business is significantly exposed to Asia, announced significant asset sales and restructuring plans.

Among overnight data releases, ZEW's economic sentiment index for the **euro zone** tumbled to 10.4 from 25.6, sentiment for Germany alone sliding to 8.7 from 26.7.

The ZEW current conditions index for **Germany** slid to -15.7 from -9.5.

The figures pushed the euro to an ~three-year low against the \$US.

In the **UK**, unemployment claims were reported to have grown by 5,500 during January.

December average earnings were estimated to have grown 3.2%, following 3.4% November growth.

In the US, the New York Fed (Empire State) manufacturing index pleased, jumping to 12.9 from 4.8.

A home builders' sentiment index slipped one point to 74.

Tonight in the **US**, **Federal Reserve** January policy meeting minutes are keenly anticipated, together with January producer prices, housing starts and building permits.

Elsewhere, the UK provides a January CPI estimate.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Apr)	1603.6	oz	17.2	1.1
Silver (NY) (Mar)	18.15	oz	0.416	2.4
Gold (LON) (17 Feb)	1581	oz		
Platinum	990	oz	21	2.2
WTI Crude (Mar)	52.05	bbl	0	0.0
Brent Crude (Apr)	57.75	bbl	0.08	0.1
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	85.43	t	0.57	0.7
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	5769	t	-51	-0.9
Nickel	12840	t	-300	-2.3
Aluminium	1719	t	2	0.1
Lead	1888	t	19	1.0
Zinc	2144	t	-25	-1.2
Tin	16500	t	-100	-0.6

Commodities Commentary

Oil – pushed and pulled overnight by demand fears, data and a stronger \$US.

Pre-Open Announcements

Domino's Pizza Enterprises (* DMP)

29.8% higher, \$A69.2M interim NPAT. 29.0% higher, \$905.8M revenue.

66.7c fully franked interim dividend.

In addition, DMP Europe CEO Andrew Rennie is retiring from DMP effective 28 June.

DMP Europe COO Andre ten Wold will take over from Mr Rennie.

Seven Group Holdings (* SVW)

37.9% lower, \$37.9M interim NPAT.

11.66% higher, \$2.26B revenue.

21c fully franked interim dividend. \$3.46 NTA.

Anticipating single digit FY20 underlying EBIT growth.

Webjet Ltd (* WEB)

64% lower, \$9.0M interim NPAT.

24% higher, \$218.2M revenue.

9c fully franked interim dividend, against 8.5c.

Spark New Zealand (* SPK)

\$NZ181M interim NPAT, against \$NZ222M.

4% higher, \$NZ1.82B revenue.

NZ12.5c 75%-franked interim dividend.

Fletcher Building (* FBU)

\$NZ82M interim NPAT, against \$NZ89M. 5% lower, \$NZ3.96B revenue. NZ11c interim dividend.

Immutep Ltd (* IMM)

Heralding positive response rates from the ongoing Phase II TACTI-002 clinical study.

Further, IMM will present the interim data to the German Cancer Congress in Berlin later today.

Mastermyne Group (MYE)

37.2% higher, \$4.34M interim NPAT.

16.8% higher, \$136.35M revenue.

2c fully franked interim dividend. Flat, 50c NTA.

Australian Agricultural Company (AAC)

AAC has negotiated a \$50M boost to borrowing capacity under two existing facilities. Total borrowing capacity from the two facilities is now \$550M.

Holista Colltech (HCT)

Pleading ignorance in response to an ASX price and volume query. HCT appreciated 51.6% yesterday, settling at 23.5c.

BNK Banking Corporation (BBC)

The former Goldfields Money is resuming from a trading halt having raised \$7M in a select offer at 60c per share.

A \$5.65M, one-for-10 entitlement offer, at the same price, is also planned, for 2 – 16 March.

BBC traded at 59.5c – 66c the five sessions immediately prior to calling a trading halt.



Libya's key oil field and port shutdowns were again noted, and Saudi Arabia revealed domestic stocks had fallen by 11.8MMbbl during December.

Overnight, fuel tankers within Libya's Tripoli port came under missile attack, prompting the internationally-recognised Libyan government to suspend UN-negotiated peace talks and to threatened retaliation.

Meanwhile, the US placed sanctions on Russia's major oil company Rosneft (in particular subsidiary Rosneft Trading), for its support with Venezuelan crude sales and shipments.

US government agency the Energy Information Administration forecast US shale output to reach a record 9.18MMbbl/d in March.

Gold – safe-haven assets, including gold, were sought overnight, following a string of warnings regarding economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak.

US Federal Reserve policy meeting minutes could sway some sentiment overnight.

Base metals – overnight trade was largely influenced by coronavirus economic impact revelations and a 0.4% rise in the ICE \$US index.

Meanwhile, a satellite surveillance-based survey concluded refined copper output in China during January was likely at its least in 20 months.

For its part, China research group Antaika declared China's full year 2020 refined copper imports would likely fall.

Among the forecasters, Chile's mining minister predicted China and global business would pick up from the coronavirus within a couple of months, and that this would push copper prices higher.

Japan's January trade figures are anticipated **today** and could influence some trade tonight.

China's monthly loan prime rate update is expected tomorrow.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6687	-0.0002	-0.03
EUR – USD	1.0794	0.0002	0.02

Australian Data Today

ABS	Wage price index	Dec Q
Wstpc/MelbInstitute	Leading index	Jan

US Data Tonight

Federal Reserve policy meeting minutes	29 Jan
Housing starts	Jan
Building permits	Jan
PPI	Jan
MBA mortgage applications	14 Feb

Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Trade balance	Jan
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Resources

Mt Gibson Iron (* MGX)

\$A44.6M interim NPAT, against \$45.1M. \$230.1M FOB iron ore sales revenue, against \$138.6M.

Independence Group (IGO)

Conference presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Mincor Resources (MCR)

Roadshow presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Focus Minerals (FML)

Corporate presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Pioneer Resources (PIO)

In response to an ASX price query, PIO notes an Egina gold project JV partner last week announced positive regional exploration results.

PIO recouped ~23.1% in early trade Monday, settling at 1.6c and trading as high as 1.7c intra-(shortened)session, immediately prior to a trading halt.

Post-trade yesterday, PIO also lodged an updated on the company's three gold JVs.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Alice Queen	AQX	19 Feb
Impact Minerals	IPT	19 Feb
Petsec Energy	PSA	19 Feb
Vital Metals	VML	19 Feb
Zelira Therapeutics	ZLD	19 Feb
(The) Citadel Group	CGL	20 Feb
Kingwest Resources	KWR	20 Feb
Magnetic Resources	MAU	20 Feb
Odin Metals	ODM	20 Feb
Alloy Resources	AYR	21 Feb
Orica Ltd	ORI	21 Feb

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
American Pacific Borates	ABR	18 Feb
Collection House	CLH	18 Feb
Dacian Gold	DCN	3 Feb
Fiji Kava	FIJ	11 Feb
Gulf Manganese Corporation	GMC	10 Feb
Hampton Hill Mining	HHM	18 Feb
Identitii Ltd	ID8	5 Feb
ParaZero Ltd	PRZ	18 Feb
Speedcast International	SDA	5 Feb
Vulcan Energy Resources	VUL	17 Feb
Ziptel Ltd	ZIP	28 Jan



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Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
CBA	Today	200	100	2.56
CVF	Today	0.46	100	8.54
GC1	Today	1	100	3.66
IBC	Today	1.2	100	3.40
NGI	Today	12.63	0	6.98
SUN	Today	26	100	5.58
FSI	Tomorrow	4.25	100	2.16
GWA	Tomorrow	8	100	4.68
JBH	Tomorrow	99	100	3.45
KOV	Tomorrow	15	100	4.77
MAM	Tomorrow	1	100	3.81
NCM	Tomorrow	11.15	100	1.17
QVE	Tomorrow	2.2	100	4.25
DUI	Fri	7	100	2.98
MFD	Fri	7.71	100	8.04

Reports & Events

(selected)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ADI	Interim
	AHY	Full year (str/cast 10am AEDT)
	AIA	December (operational statistics)
	CBR	Interim
	CWY	Interim
	CTD	Interim
	CWN	Interim
	DMP	Interim
	DTL	Interim
	FBU	Interim (tele 9am AEDT)
	FMG	Interim
	GNC	Interim (tele 10am)
	LOV	Interim (tele 10.30am)
	MMS	Interim
	MVP	Interim
	MGX	Interim
	NEA	Interim
	NEW	Full year (tele 9.30am)
	OPC	Interim (post-ASX trade; tele 9am Thu)
	OTW	Interim
	PLS	Interim
	RCG	Interim
	RDC	Interim (w/cast tele 9.30)
	RRL	Interim
	SBM	Interim
	SFR	Interim
SIQ	Full year (post-ASX trade; tele 9am Thu)	



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	SHL	Interim
	SGP	Interim
	SPK	Interim (tele 8am)
	TAH	Interim
	VCX	Interim
	WES	Interim
	WSA	Interim
	WTC	Interim
Tomorrow	ALL	AGM
	APE	Full year
	AIA	Interim
	ASB	Interim (10.30am AEDT)
	AX1	Interim
	BIN	Interim (10am)
	BLX	Interim (11am)
	BVS	Interim (w/cast tele 9.15am)
	CQR	Interim
	CCL	Full year
	EBO	Interim
	GXY	Interim
	ILU	Full year
	IDX	Interim
	IRI	Interim
	MPL	Interim
	NWH	Interim
	OGC	Full year (post-ASX trade; tele 8.30am Fri)
	OPT	Interim
	ORG	Interim
	PSQ	Interim
	PPT	Interim
	QAN	Interim
	QIP	Interim
	RDY	Interim (10am)
	STO	Full year
	SGR	Interim
	SUL	Interim
	SYD	Full year
	VVR	Full year (w/cast tele 10am)
	WHC	Interim