

**Markets**

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|--------------------------------------|-------|-----|------|
| <b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEST) | 7026  | 6   | 0.1  |
| <b>NZX 50</b>                        | 12610 | -40 | -0.3 |
| <b>DJIA Futures</b>                  | 33895 | 18  | 0.1  |
| <b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>           | 4182  | 3   | 0.1  |
| <b>NASDAQ Futures</b>                | 14022 | 11  | 0.1  |

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market opens today's trade with material regional domestic indicators and a policy meeting outcomes statement from the Bank of Japan anticipated before ASX close.

This, ahead of a swag of major corporate earnings reports out of the Europe and US tonight.

Overnight, strong international leads were restricted to tech and base metals trade, with Covid-19 management remaining in focus amid varying predictions and renewed promises of international co-operation.

**Locally** today, March quarter reports are expected to feature and keep doing so through week's end.

**Regionally** today, **South Korea** has announced, pre-trade, 1.6% March quarter GDP growth, against expectations of 0.9%, in an initial estimate. Year-on-year, GDP was calculated 1.8% higher.

The **Bank of Japan** convenes a policy meeting from which outcomes are expected **1pm** AEST.

**China** is scheduled to release March industrial profits **11.30am** AEST.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** swung lower.

US **gold** futures turned slightly higher.

Qingdao **iron ore** (CFR 62% fines) rose by \$US7.33/t to \$US193.58/t, but one cargo of 62% blended fines from Brazil reportedly attracted \$US194.4/t.

Nymex iron ore (CFR China, 62%) was also pushed higher, but by a comparatively moderate US62c/t, to \$US177.58/t.

LME **copper** and other key base metals rallied.

The **\$A** essentially trod water after appreciating to ~US77.80c early yesterday evening.

**Overseas Markets.**

| INDEX                | CLOSE | +/- | %    |
|----------------------|-------|-----|------|
| <b>Dow Jones</b>     | 33982 | -62 | -0.2 |
| <b>S&amp;P 500</b>   | 4188  | 7   | 0.2  |
| <b>NASDAQ</b>        | 14139 | 122 | 0.9  |
| <b>FTSE 100</b>      | 6963  | 25  | 0.4  |
| <b>DAX 30</b>        | 15296 | 17  | 0.1  |
| <b>Shanghai Comp</b> | 3441  | -33 | -1.0 |

\* Automotive dealership listing – 12.30pm AEST – PWR \*

**Today's Stock Watch**
**Bingo Industries (BIN)**

Agreeing to a scheme of arrangement under which Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets (MIRA) will acquire BIN for either \$3.45 cash-per-share, or \$1.32 cash-plus-unlisted Recycle and Resource Holdings scrip. BIN has traded at \$3.16 - \$3.32 over the past five trading sessions.

**IRESS Ltd (IRE)**

Raising FY21 NPAT (constant currency) guidance to \$70M - \$77M, from \$56M - \$63M. This is due to the ~eight months' early conclusion of the QuantHouse earn-out.

**Cleanaway Waste Management (CWY)**

Proceeding with the proposed \$501M purchase of post-collection assets in Sydney, having terminated Suez Australian business acquisition agreements. CWY will fund the Sydney assets purchase with the support of new debt facilities.

Cancelled Suez plans may be revived, pending Suez-Veolia transaction progress by 31 December.

**Life360 Inc (360)**

Proposing to acquire wearable location device specialist Jiobit, for an upfront \$US37M and potential total \$US54.5M, pending performance-related earn-outs. The \$37M will likely comprise \$US21.6M worth of 360 shares, \$US14.4M convertible promissory notes and \$US1M in retention consideration.

**Reliance Worldwide Corporation (RWC)**

March quarter net sales rose 14% year-on-year, to \$359.4M. Continuing to raise prices for products for which input costs have risen.

**Viva Energy (VEA)**

Sales volumes fell 17% year-on-year during the March quarter. Additional statistics, including for refining margins and intake, lodged pre-trade.

**Resources**
**BlueScope Steel (BSL)**

Anticipating \$1.0B - \$1.08B 2H FY21 EBIT, in part due to higher steel prices. Previous guidance was for \$750M - \$830M.

**South32 Ltd (S32)**

For the nine months to 31 March, aluminium production is down 1%, at 741,000t and alumina output up 1%, at 3.91Mt. Energy coal production has fallen 13% to 18.47Mt. Metallurgical coal output is 20% higher, at 3.03Mt. Manganese production is up 5%, to 4.12Mt. Payable nickel output has dropped 25%, to 30,900t. \$US517M net cash.



## Overseas Markets Commentary

Vacillating sentiment featured variously through major European, UK and US equities trade overnight.

The FTSE 100 and NASDAQ settled at or near session highs, but the DJIA at or near session lows, the NASDAQ and S&P 500 supported to new settlement peaks.

Several high-profile corporate reports were under consideration, or anticipated for release just after US close.

Covid-19 management also remained in focus, several nations offering emergency assistance to India, and a further easing of restrictions in parts of the UK.

Vaccination supply debates continued in the meantime.

Among overnight **data** releases, **Germany's** April business climate index, as calculated by the Ifo Institute, came in at 96.8, from 96.6, and followed forecasts of 97.8.

The current conditions component index rose to 94.1 from 93.1, but the expectations component index slipped to 99.5 from 100.3.

In the **US**, March durable goods orders grew by 0.5% following a 0.9% February fall and against expectations of a 1.7% gain.

The Dallas Fed (Texas region) manufacturing index pleased on the upside, calculated at 37.3 from 28.9, following forecasts of a decline to 26.

**Tonight** in the **US**, a two-day US Federal Reserve policy meeting commences. Outcomes will be known overnight tomorrow (early Thursday morning AEST).

Releases anticipated tonight include the Richmond Fed manufacturing index, Conference Board's consumer price index and two February home price indices.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: Advanced Micro Devices, Alphabet, Archer Daniels Midland, Atlas Copco, Banco Santander, Baoshan Iron & Steel, BP, Chubb, Eli Lilly, Fuji Electric, General Electric, Hasbro, Hino Motors, Hitachi Construction, HSBC, Kikkoman, LG Household, Microsoft, Mondelez, NEC Networks, Nomura Research, Novartis, Pinterest, Raytheon Technologies, Starbucks, Texas Instruments, UBS and Visa.

In overnight corporate news, **Tesla** has reportedly released slightly better than anticipated quarterly revenue.

### Commodities

| COMMODITY                        | CLOSE         | \$/US/ | +/-   | %    |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------|------|
| <b>Gold (NY) (Jun)</b>           | <b>1780.1</b> | oz     | 2.3   | 0.1  |
| <b>Silver (NY) (May)</b>         | <b>26.21</b>  | oz     | 0.13  | 0.5  |
| <b>Gold (LON) (23 Apr)</b>       | <b>1782</b>   | oz     |       |      |
| <b>Platinum</b>                  | <b>1238</b>   | oz     | 12    | 1.0  |
| <b>WTI Crude (NYMEX May)</b>     | <b>61.91</b>  | bbbl   | -0.23 | -0.4 |
| <b>Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jun)</b> | <b>65.65</b>  | bbbl   | -0.46 | -0.7 |
| <b>Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)</b>  | <b>177.58</b> | t      | 0.62  | 0.4  |
| <b>Copper (LME Ind)</b>          | <b>9753</b>   | t      | 198   | 2.1  |
| <b>Nickel</b>                    | <b>16670</b>  | t      | 274   | 1.7  |
| <b>Aluminium</b>                 | <b>2403</b>   | t      | 38    | 1.6  |
| <b>Lead</b>                      | <b>2089</b>   | t      | 29    | 1.4  |
| <b>Zinc</b>                      | <b>2922</b>   | t      | 68    | 2.4  |

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Peter Warren Automotive Holdings (\* PWR)

Auto dealer scheduled to list on the ASX **12.30pm** AEST, following a \$260M IPO at \$2.90 per share.

Trading commences on a conditional and deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 3 May (Monday next week).

166.555M quoted shares.

### Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ)

Planning to redeem \$A700M worth of floating rate subordinated notes, due May 2026, at \$A1000 each.

### IOOF Holdings (IFL)

In response to yesterday's Australian Securities Investment Commission, regarding client advice, and following regular industry surveillance which covered IFL dealings, IFL says fewer than five files 'contained indications of some potential client detriment'.

IFL also assured an upgraded governance program has been operational since 1 January 2020.

### Crown Resorts (\* CWN)

CWN will continue to offer reduced accommodation at Crown Perth under Covid-19 containment restrictions across the Perth metropolitan and Peel regions.

Gaming, food and beverage (apart from takeaway and meal delivery services), banqueting and conference facilities will remain shut down as they have since 2am AEST Saturday.

### Spark Infrastructure (SKI)

Moody's Investor Services has revised SKI's issuer rating from Baa1 with a negative outlook to Baa2 with a stable outlook.

The decision is based on new regulatory decisions, and expected decisions, for SA Power Networks and Victoria Power Networks (CitiPower and Powercor) respectively.

SKI holds 49% of the network businesses.

### Wide Open Agriculture (WOA)

March quarter revenue grew 15% for the three months to \$1.136M, this also representing a 196% year-on-year.

### Cirralto Ltd (CRO)

Cash receipts grew 25% during the March quarter to \$294,000.

Customer numbers rose by 12.5% for the three months. \$24.3M cash. Nil debt.

### Genetic Technologies (GTG)

The commercial release of GTG's Covid-19 serious disease risk test through US-headquartered Infinity BiologiX is expected to be achieved by 31 May.

### DomaCom Ltd (DCL)

Investigating potential legal action in relation to social media posts, deemed racist and anti-Semitic, regarding the proposed



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### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – prices fell early, but commentary out of OPEC+ sources, indicating a potential stay on output from OPEC and OPEC+ meetings later this week, appeared to support some recovery.

Intra-session, Brent crude traded as low as \$US64.57/bbl and WTI at \$US60.66/bbl.

OPEC+ production curbs are set to ease further 1 May (Saturday this week), and again at the beginning of June and July. These decisions were made at last month's meetings.

The OPEC+ joint technical/monitoring committee meeting is reportedly this week advising supply caution however, in light of potential longer term reduced demand, arising from Covid-19 containment concerns in several nations including India and Japan.

One industry consultancy estimates India's petrol demand will prove to have fallen by 100,000bbl/d this month and will drop a minimum 170,000bbl/d during May.

Diesel demand is expected to fall by 220,000bbl/d for April and 400,000bbl/d in May.

Also overnight, force majeure was reported to have been lifted from exports from a key port in Libya, meaning an additional 300,000bbl/d is expected to be shipped from this port from this week.

**Gold** – prices swung overnight, Comex futures trading as low as \$US1768.2/oz before settling with a slight gain for the session.

Commentary ahead of a two-day US Federal Reserve policy meeting commencing tonight, and also a major US presidential speech tomorrow night, kept sentiment fluid.

Outcomes of a Bank of Japan policy meeting today were also more keenly awaited than usual amid Japan's Covid-19 containment struggle.

India's Covid-19 crisis continued, broadened international attention and promised assistance adding to overnight trade considerations.

**Base metals** – copper prices were further supported overnight by threatened industrial action by port workers in Chile.

Trade in general was supported by a relatively weaker \$US and influenced variously by new inventories data.

China's March industrial profits, due today, could influence some of tonight's trade.

### Exchange Rates

| CURRENCIES | LAST   | +/-     | %     |
|------------|--------|---------|-------|
| AUD – USD  | 0.7796 | 0.0026  | 0.33  |
| EUR – USD  | 1.2081 | -0.0026 | -0.22 |

### US Data Tonight

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Richmond Fed manufacturing index    | Apr |
| Conference Board consumer sentiment | Apr |
| FHFA residential property prices    | Feb |
| Case-Shiller home price index       | Feb |

acquisition of Cedar Meats by Austagri.

### Resources

#### Copper Mountain Mining (\* C6C)

Produced a record 30.4Mlb of copper equivalent during the March quarter at a \$US1.46/lb AISC.

Output comprised 25.5Mlb of copper, 8187oz of gold and 160,484oz of silver.

Sold 27.5Mlb of copper, 8553oz of gold and 161,657oz of silver.

Revenue rose to a record \$C162.207M, from \$C49.564M.

\$C52.118M March quarter net profit, against a \$C43.458M net loss a year earlier.

\$C137.065M cash and equivalents.

C6C added 8.06% during ASX trade yesterday, settling at \$4.02.

#### Venturex Resources (VXR)

Pointing to a proposed Copper Springs copper-zinc project drilling program, and a 23 April industry news article, as possible influences on yesterday's trade.

VXR added 31.25%, settling at 63c following 1311 trades.

Friday last week (23 April), VXR appreciated 11.63%, to close at 48c.

### Trading Halts

| Company          | Code | Resuming |
|------------------|------|----------|
| Volt Resources   | VRC  | 27 Apr   |
| AnteoTech Ltd    | ADO  | 28 Apr   |
| Fin Resources    | FIN  | 28 Apr   |
| Rumble Resources | RTR  | 28 Apr   |
| Security Matters | SMX  | 28 Apr   |
| TZ Ltd           | TZL  | 28 Apr   |

### Suspensions (select)

| Company                      | Code | Since  |
|------------------------------|------|--------|
| Tubi Ltd                     | 2BE  | 8 Apr  |
| Buddy Technologies           | BUD  | 23 Apr |
| Infinity Lithium Corporation | INF  | 13 Apr |
| Merchant House International | MHI  | 20 Apr |
| Titanium Sands               | TSL  | 23 Apr |
| WooBoard Technologies        | WOO  | 19 Apr |

### Ex-Dividends

| Code | Ex-Div | Div (c) | Franking (%) | Yield (%) |
|------|--------|---------|--------------|-----------|
| CDM  | Thu    | 2       | 100          | 3.54      |
| GCI  | Thu    | 0.73    | 0            | 4.21      |
| SST  | Thu    | 23.8    | 0            | 2.27      |
| TCF  | Thu    | 3       | 0            | 0.94      |

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

|                    |                             |        |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| <b>China</b>       | Industrial profits          | Mar    |
| <b>Japan</b>       | BOJ policy meeting outcomes | 27 Apr |
| <b>South Korea</b> | GDP (pre-ASX trade)         | Mar Q  |
| <b>UK</b>          | CBI distributive trades     | Apr    |

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|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| WPP | Thu | 15.6 | 100 | 4.43 |
| NAC | Thu | 1.4  | 100 | 4.98 |
| NSC | Thu | 1.25 | 100 | 5.56 |

**Reports & Events**

(selected; all times AEST)

| When            | Company    | Report/Event                |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>    | <b>ALX</b> | AGM (10am)                  |
|                 | <b>AGY</b> | AGM (4.30pm)                |
|                 | <b>CRO</b> | Mar Q                       |
|                 | <b>RWC</b> | Mar Q (tele 10am)           |
|                 | <b>S32</b> | Mar Q                       |
|                 | <b>VEA</b> | Mar Q                       |
|                 | <b>WOA</b> | Mar Q                       |
| <b>Tomorrow</b> | ALC        | Mar Q (w/cast Q&A 11.30am)  |
|                 | COL        | Mar Q                       |
|                 | ERA        | AGM                         |
|                 | IGO        | Mar Q (w/cast 10am)         |
|                 | TNY        | Mar Q (video conf 8.30am)   |
| <b>Thu</b>      | FMG        | Mar Q                       |
|                 | GMA        | Mar Q                       |
|                 | GPT        | Mar Q                       |
|                 | ILU        | AGM (11.30am)               |
|                 | JHG        | Mar Q (post-ASX trade)      |
|                 | MMM        | Mar Q (tele 6pm)            |
|                 | NCM        | Mar Q                       |
|                 | PBH        | Mar Q                       |
|                 | RRL        | Mar Q (w/cast tele 10.30am) |
|                 | SM1        | Interim (tele 8am)          |
| WOW             | Mar Q      |                             |
| <b>Fri</b>      | AMP        | AGM (10am)                  |
|                 | CIM        | Mar Q                       |
|                 | LEG        | AGM (5pm)                   |
|                 | MIN        | Mar Q                       |
|                 | OGC        | Mar Q (w/cast tele 7.30am)  |
|                 | OSH        | AGM (1pm)                   |
|                 | ORG        | Mar Q                       |
|                 | PBH        | Mar Q (w/cast tele 10am)    |
|                 | RMD        | Mar Q (w/cast 6.30am)       |