

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7170	-107	-1.5
NZX 50	11696	-117	-1.0
DJIA Futures	33255	95	0.3
S&P 500 Futures	4172	1	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	12984	-32	-0.3

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens the third last trading day for April with an overnight \$A depreciation and influential domestic and regional data due late morning, amid a continued focus on international economic growth prospects and geopolitical relations, ahead of further large-cap international corporate earnings reports later today and tonight.

Overnight, US equities fell in concert.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics releases its March quarter **CPI** estimate **11.30am** AEST. This is expected to further fuel speculation about the outcomes of next Tuesday's Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) policy meeting, and to potentially swing the \$A.

Regionally today, **China** is scheduled to reveal January - March **industrial profits**, also at 11.30am.

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

US **gold** futures rose, also following two consecutive sessional declines.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) continued to settle lower.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **nickel** turned higher. **Aluminium** continued to fall.

The **\$A** dropped below US71.25c after trading at ~US72.10c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	33240	-809	-2.4
S&P 500	4175	-121	-2.8
NASDAQ	12491	-514	-4.0
FTSE 100	7386	6	0.1
DAX 30	13756	-168	-1.2
Shanghai Comp	2886	-42	-1.4

Overseas Markets Commentary

Early trade sentiment diverged overnight, but major European, UK and US equities markets settled at or near session lows, global economic growth fears and geopolitical strains ultimately dousing general sentiment.

Yesterday, **China** broadened areas of restricted movement within Beijing and ordered additional mass testing, further fuelling disquiet at a potential new major lockdown.

Settlements

Trades executed Friday last week (22 April) settle today

Today's Stock Watch
Downer EDI (DOW)

Today's investor day presentation lodged pre-trade.

360 Capital Group (TGP) / 360 Capital REIT (TOT) / 360 Capital Enhanced Income Fund (TCF)

March quarter update presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Webinar scheduled for **11am** AEST.

Resources
Iluka Resources (ILU)

Produced 43.7% more zircon, rutile and synthetic rutile during the March quarter than for a year earlier, but 17.7% less than for the December quarter 2021.

Sales fell 12.4% and 1.8% respectively.

Revenue tallied \$A414M, up 20.2% and 15.5% respectively.

Northern Star Resources (NST)

\$A937M March quarter gold sales revenue.

\$A533M cash and bullion.

Gold Road Resources (GOR)

Sold 35,080oz of gold at \$A2434/oz during the March quarter.

\$A138M cash and equivalents.

Syrah Resources (SYR)

Produced 46,000t of Balama graphite and sold and shipped 35,000t. Additional details lodged this morning.

Ramelius Resources (RMS)

FY22 output anticipated at the lower end of 260,000oz - 265,000oz of gold, with a \$A1475/oz - \$A1525/oz AISC.

Produced 58,602oz of gold at a \$A1596/oz AISC during the March quarter.

\$164.7M cash and gold.

Panoramic Resources (PAN)

Concentrate production grew 57% during the March quarter, to 17,498t containing 1256t of nickel, 802t of copper and 81t of cobalt. \$A13.7M cash.

Lithium Plus Minerals (LPM)

Lithium explorer completed an outstanding ASX listing yesterday, following a \$10M IPO at 25c per share.

Opened at 60c, LPM's day one low and traded as high as 82c before settling at 70c.

~9.29M shares changed hands across 1810 transactions.

~44.62M quoted shares.



Overnight, Poland's state gas company PGNiG announced **Russia's** Gazprom planned to stop delivering gas to Poland from today, due to Poland not agreeing to pay for Russian gas in roubles.

Bulgaria's Bulgargaz revealed it had received a similar message from Gazprom.

Meanwhile, Geneva-headquartered Trafigura maintained it would cease Russian crude purchases from Rosneft by 15 May, in addition to reducing refined product purchases.

In overnight data releases, **UK** March public sector finances were revealed to include a £13.1B deficit, following a £10.6B deficit for February.

In the **US**, the Conference Board's April consumer confidence reading came in better than expected, representing a 0.3-point decline to 107.3. Forecasters had anticipated 106.0.

March durable goods orders rose 0.8% for the month, following forecasts for a 1.1% boost after February's 1.7% drop.

March new home sales tumbled 8.6%, against expectations of a 0.5% decline to follow February's 1.2% fall.

The Richmond Fed April manufacturing index surprised on the upside, rising to 14 from 13, following expectations of a drop to 8.0.

Moreover the services index improved to 13 from nine, against forecasts for a deterioration to 5.0.

The Dallas Fed (Texas district) services index for April fell to 8.2 from 10.6 however, following expectations for an improvement to 13.0.

February house price indices from the FHFA and Case Shiller respectively indicated 2.1% and 2.4% price increases for the month. Prices were respectively calculated 19.4% and 20.2% higher than for February 2021.

Tonight in the **US**, March wholesale inventories and pending home sales are due, together with weekly mortgage applications.

Elsewhere, Germany hosts a 15-year bond auction.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include: Automatic Data Processing, Boeing, Boston Scientific, China Coal, Daimler, GlaxoSmithKline, Hino Motors, Ford Motor, Kraft Heinz, LG Chemicals, LG Display, Lloyds Banking, Meta Platforms (Facebook and Instagram parent), PayPal, Qualcomm, Samsung C&T, Sinopec and Sony Group.

In overnight corporate news, **Alphabet** (Google parent) reported post-US trade, March quarter revenue undershooting expectations. This pushed the stock ~5% lower in post-settlement trade.

Meta Platforms, which reports tonight, was also dragged lower in post-US trade.

Earlier, **HSBC** announced no new buy-backs for 2022, due to deteriorating geopolitical relations, inflation and associated economic uncertainty. In the meantime, HSBC's March quarter net profit came in at the best in 15 years, supported by trading income.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Jun)	1904.1	oz	8.1	0.4
Silver (NY) (Jul)	23.54	oz	-0.13	-0.6

Pre-Open Announcements

G8 Education (* GEM)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Etherstack plc (ESK)

Anticipating \$1M revenue from a P25 digital radio network contract secured by subsidiary Auria Wireless with RCS Telecommunications.

The end customer is a major iron ore miner operating in WA's Pilbara region.

The contract represents the seventh order received by ESK for the same miner since May 2020, the orders estimated to be worth a combined \$A2.3M in revenue.

MGC Pharmaceuticals (MXC)

MXC has appointed London-based Angela-Marie Graham as CFO.

BrainChip Holdings (BRN)

\$US31.2M cash at 31 March, from \$US19.4M at 31 December 2021.

March quarter customer receipts tallied \$US200,000, against \$US1.1M for the December quarter.

Sovereign Cloud Holdings (SOV)

SOV has appointed former NEXTDC (ASX: NXT) chief accounting officer and previous Megaport (ASX: MP1) CFO Haidee Van Ruth as CFO, effective 9 May.

Ms Ruth will take over from Michelle Crouch who is returning to her Pitcher Partners PBFA director role.

SOV has also reported \$34.4M cash at 31 March.

March quarter total contract value (TCV) came in at \$1.2M, \$1.3M lower than for the December quarter 2021.

Cash receipts tallied \$900,000, \$200,000 less than for the December quarter.

Energy One (EOL)

EOL has completed its \$36M cash-and-equity acquisition of CQ Energy (Australia).

An initial \$26.4M in cash and \$6M worth of EOL shares (981,999) has been paid together with a \$517,000 working capital adjustment.

The cash component was funded from a recently-secured debt facility and further cash acquisition payments will be made from operating cash flow generated by the combined entity.

EOL expects CQ Energy revenue for the year ending 30 June 2023 to tally ~\$7M.

Spacetalk Ltd (SPA)

March quarter revenue rose 11% year-on-year, to \$4.3M.

Gross profit grew by 9% to \$2.9M.

\$8.7M cash at 31 March.

Halo Technologies Holdings (HAL)

Equities research and trading specialist completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$26.1M IPO at \$1.20 per share.

Opened at \$1.18 and traded at \$1.075 - \$1.185 before settling



Gold (LON) <small>(25 Apr)</small>	1895	oz		
Platinum	920	oz	-1	-0.1
WTI Crude <small>(NYMEX May)</small>	101.70	bbl	3.16	3.2
Brent Crude <small>(ICE EUR Jun)</small>	104.99	bbl	2.67	2.6
Iron Ore <small>(NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)</small>	152.08	t	-0.39	-0.3
Copper <small>(LME 3mth Evening)</small>	9863	t	92	0.9
Nickel	33086	t	446	1.4
Aluminium	3063	t	-27	-0.9
Lead	2322	t	-7	-0.3
Zinc	4190	t	16	0.4
Tin	40603	t	705	1.8

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices swung intra-session overnight, Brent crude trading as low as \$US101.08/bbl and WTI at \$US97.06/bbl on early China demand fears and as the \$US continued to strengthen.

Reassurances of policy support from the People's Bank of China and North Dakota, US production issues due to severe weather supported ultimate gains, however.

Tonight, a US weekly petroleum inventories report is due from government agency the EIA.

Overnight post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) released a report that included a 4.784MMbbl increase in US crude stocks last week.

Gold – perceived bargain prices prompted overnight buying, this supported by some return to gold as a safe-haven asset as US treasury yields receded.

Key economic data Thursday and Friday is also expected to sway some gold sentiment.

Base metals – a People's Bank of China assurance of policy support for Covid-impacted businesses helped support general overnight sentiment.

A yet stronger \$US on an anticipated US interest rate rise next week, plus Beijing lockdown jitters, constrained gains however.

LME cash prices for *copper* were recorded as much as \$US15/t higher than for three-month contracts overnight.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7145	-0.0074	-1.03
EUR – USD	1.0650	-0.0082	-0.77

Australian Data Today

ABS	CPI	March Q
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US Data Today & Tonight

Wholesale inventories	Mar
Pending home sales	Mar
MBA mortgage applications	22 Apr

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

at \$1.10.

194,696 shares changed hands across 92 transactions.

~129.5M quoted shares.

Resources

Enterprise Metals (* ENT)

Heralding elevated lithium levels in four- and one-metre RC samples from the 2021 gold-focused WA Mandilla project RC drilling program.

Details lodged pre-trade.

Lake Resources (* LKE)

Presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Copper Mountain Mining Corporation (* C6C)

\$C4.16M March quarter net loss, against a \$C52.118M net profit for the March quarter 2021.

Produced 15.6Mlb of copper equivalent during the quarter, 48% fewer tonnes than a year earlier.

The AISC came in at \$US4.45/lb, against \$US1.46/lb.

Sold 13.5Mlb of copper, 5076oz of gold and 60,038oz of silver for a total \$C93.9M revenue.

\$C143.5M cash and equivalents at 31 March.

Detailed commentary also lodged post-trade yesterday.

C6C hosted a webcast teleconference overnight.

Link lodged post-trade yesterday.

AIC Mines (A1M)

Produced 10,493t of concentrate containing 2825t of copper during the March quarter.

The AISC came in at \$A4.42/lb.

\$33.9M cash at 31 March; \$700,000 worth of listed investments; \$6.8M held as the Eloise performance bond.

Consolidated Zinc (CZL)

Plomosas mine indicated and inferred resource updated to 986,000t @ 13.2% Zn & 3.7% Pb, for 166,500t of contained metal.

Total tonnage has increased by 5%.

The indicated tonnage has grown by 40%.

Australian Silica Quartz Group (* ASQ)

ASQ has been unable to secure silica sand export capacity at the (Perth, WA southern suburbs) Kwinana Port for 2022.

ASQ had wanted to export 45,000t/month of Bullsbrook silica sand in accordance with an MoU terms sheet executed in February with customer C&D Logistics Group Co.

Kwinana bulk terminal operator the Fremantle Port Authority has invited ASQ to approach them during the September quarter, regarding any available capacity for 2023.

Energy

Buru Energy (BRU)

Presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.



China	Industrial profits	Mar
UK	CBI distributive trades	Apr
Germany	GfK consumer confidence	May

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Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Actinogen Medical	ACW	27 Apr
Hexagon Energy Materials	HXG	27 Apr
New Talisman Gold Mines	NTL	27 Apr
Torque Metals	TOR	27 Apr
Alice Queen	AQX	28 Apr
Carbine Resources	CRB	28 Apr
Environmental Clean Technologies	ECT	28 Apr
Jade Gas Holdings	JGH	28 Apr
Lithium Energy	LEL	28 Apr
Petratherm Ltd	PTR	28 Apr
Revolver Resources Holdings	RRR	28 Apr

Suspensions *(selected)*

Company	Code	Since
Elmore Ltd	ELE	26 Apr
Pathfinder Resources	PF1	8 Apr
Prodigy Gold	PRX	26 Apr

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ACF	Tomorrow	1.2	20	2.15
GCI	Tomorrow	0.76	0	4.55
KAT	Tomorrow	0.5	100	1.32
KKC	Tomorrow	1	0	5.23
PCI	Tomorrow	0.39	0	3.88
QRI	Tomorrow	0.76	0	5.51
SST	Tomorrow	22.95	0	3.45
TCF	Tomorrow	3	0	6.26
MOT	Fri	1.53	0	6.19
MXT	Fri	0.72	0	4.07
PGG	Fri	0.68	0	4.63

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	DOW	Investor day
	GEM	AGM
	GOR	Mar Q
	ILU	Mar Q
	MMM	Mar Q (tele 8.30am THU)
	NST	Mar Q
	PAN	Mar Q
	RMS	Mar Q
	SYR	Mar Q

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	TGP	Mar Q (webinar 11am)
	URW	Mar Q
Tomorrow	B4P	Mar Q (webinar 9.30am)
	FMG	Mar Q
	IGO	Mar Q
	PPM	AGM
	RRL	Mar Q (w/cast 11am)
	RSG	Mar Q (teles/Q&As 11am & 7pm)
	SPT	AGM
	WOW	Mar Q
Fri	PXS	Mar Q (tele & Q&A 11am)