

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7751	-4	-0.1
NZX 50	11856	-24	-0.2
DJIA Futures	38848	61	0.2
S&P 500 Futures	5311	7	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	18736	35	0.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences mid-week trade with the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) governor meeting with parliamentarians, plus influential domestic and regional economic data due, and some in hand, ahead of a North American interest rate decision tonight.

US equities markets gained 0.2% - 0.4% overnight.

Locally today, RBA governor Michele Bullock and RBA assistant governor (financial markets) Christopher Kent meet with the Australian Government's Senate economics legislation committee.

Pre-trade, AiG has released national **industry indices** for May.

The **overall** industry index slumped to **-40.3** from -8.9 for April.

The **manufacturing** index tumbled to **-31.9** from -13.9.

The **construction** index plunged to **-68.1** from -25.6.

At 11.30am AEST, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes **March quarter GDP**.

Regionally today, Caixin is due to release a May **services PMI** for **China** at 11.45am AEST.

Pre-trade, **South Korea** has published a **final 1.3% March quarter GDP** growth reading for the three months, and 3.3% on an annualised basis.

This, against respective 0.6% and 2.2% growth recorded for the December quarter 2023.

In Japan, April cash earnings and a final May services PMI reading are expected this morning.

Meanwhile, South Korea's markets will be closed tomorrow due to a public holiday.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** settled a further ~1% lower.

US **gold** (Comex) futures swung 0.9% lower to settle below \$US2350/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) continued to drop, this time by ~2% to close beneath \$US108/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** turned 2% lower. **Nickel** fell a further 1.8%. **Aluminium** recorded a second consecutive slight gain.

The **\$A** maintained ~US66.50c after trading at ~US66.40c - ~US66.50c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	38711	140	0.4

The ASX will be closed Monday 10 June
Settlements

Tomorrow's trades will settle Tuesday next week (11 June)
Trades executed Friday will settle Wednesday next week (12 June)

Today's Stock Watch
Immutep Ltd (IMM)

Resuming from a trading halt having completed an \$A89.6M fully underwritten 38c-per-share placement and entitlement offer. IMM has also scheduled a \$10.6M retail entitlement offer, at the same price, for 7 – 20 June.

After calling the halt, IMM announced a clinical trial collaboration and supply agreement with MSD (Merck & Co; Rahway), to assess IMM's eftilagimod alfa in combination with MSD's anti-PD-1 therapy pembrolizumab and chemotherapy, to treat metastatic non-small cell lung cancer.

IMM traded at 43c – 45.5c last week.

PharmAust Ltd (PAA)

Heralding updated monepantel analysis and the completion of enrolment for the OLE study.

Treasury Wine Estates (TWE)

Presentation, including an ongoing review of premium brands, lodged post-trade yesterday. TWE is scheduled to present today in Paso Robles, US. The presentation webcast presentation is expected to be available ~1pm AEST.

Xero Ltd (XRO)

Conducting an \$US850M guaranteed senior unsecured convertible notes offer. XRO intends to list the notes, due 2031, on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading (SGX-ST) list. In addition, XRO will buy back existing convertible notes due 2025. Additional details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Garda Property Group (GDF)

Anticipating \$13.1M FY24 funds from operations (FFO) and hence a higher distribution payout ratio.

Resources
Northern Minerals (NTU)

An NTU call for an investigation into investors, followed by an Australian government order for some investors to relinquish NTU holdings, was in turn reported post-trade yesterday to have been followed by the release of NTU data 'on the dark web' following an NTU data security breach.

NTU says it was aware of the breach late March.

Magnum Mining & Exploration (MGU)

Heralding metallurgical test work results on a bulk magnetite sample from the Buena Vista iron project, Nevada, US.



S&P 500	5291	8	0.2
NASDAQ	16857	28	0.2
FTSE 100	8232	-31	-0.4
DAX 30	18406	-203	-1.1
Shanghai Composite	3091	13	0.4

Overseas Markets Commentary

Early falls and marked vacillations featured across most major European, UK and US equities markets overnight, US sentiment ultimately proving the most resilient.

Energy stocks fell on yet weaker prices. In addition, the FTSE 100 was impacted by a reduced credit rating for BP. Broader commodity price falls also impacted select trade.

The \$US swung, lower on strengthening views of a US interest rate cut prior to any potential new rise, but later regaining early ground, with the \$US index moving to +0.1%.

In geopolitical developments, the results of India's general election were declared, with the Modi government securing a third term in office but with a reduced lead.

Election results in Mexico and South Africa also delivered abundant market commentary, together with a push by a new conservative group in the UK amid a major-parties election debate that appeared to unsettle.

In **economic data** releases, the **UK** BRC retail sales monitor for April indicated a 0.4% year-on-year rise in like-for-like retail sales, soundly undershooting expectations for a 1.2% increase following March's annualised 4.4% drop.

A 40-year treasury gilt auction hosted by the UK resulted in a 4.557% yield.

Earlier yesterday, Japan conducted a 10-year government bond auction which delivered a 1.048% yield from 0.857%.

In the **US**, April factory orders were calculated 0.7% higher for the month, the same rate of increase for March and against expectations for a 0.6% new rise.

The JOLTS April job openings report included the least number of opportunities in three years, 8.059M against consensus for 8.34M following 8.355M recorded for March.

The RCM/TIPP June economic optimism index fell to 40.5 from 41.8, rather than improving, as expected by forecasters, to 45.2.

Tonight in the US, the ISM's influential non-manufacturing index and a private sector employment report for May are due, together with weekly mortgage applications and 30-year mortgage rates and a final S&P Global May services PMI.

Elsewhere, the **Bank of Canada** convenes a policy meeting and announces outcomes.

In addition tonight, the euro zone releases April producer prices. UK and euro zone final May services PMI readings are also due.

Commodities				
COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Aug)	2347.4	oz	-21.9	-0.9
Silver (COMEX 5000 Jul)	29.62	oz	-1.16	-3.9
Platinum	989	oz	-26	-2.6
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jul)	73.25	bbl	-0.97	-1.3

Pre-Open Announcements

LiveTiles Ltd (LVT, receivers & managers appointed)

Certain LVT subsidiaries are being sold to Sweden-headquartered Omni Digital Workplace.

My NetZero and Human Link are not part of the sale.

The LVT group and subsidiaries have been operating on a 'business-as-usual' basis.

LVT trade remains suspended.

Resources

Turaco Gold (* TCG)

Heralding additional high-grade and/or significant results from diamond drilling within the Afema gold project, Côte d'Ivoire. Assays lodged this morning.

MetalsTech Ltd (* MTC)

Slovakia Sturec gold mine potential strategic transaction update lodged this morning, together with company plans.

Sarytogan Graphite (SGA)

Investor presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Miramar Resources (M2R)

Investor presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Arrow Minerals (AMD)

72.79M AMD shares will be released from escrow 12 June (Wednesday next week).

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Ausgold Ltd	AUC	5 Jun
Australian Unity	AYU	5 Jun
De.mem Ltd	DEM	5 Jun
Equinox Resources	EQN	6 Jun
Firetail Resources	FTL	6 Jun
Generation Development Group	GDG	5 Jun
Genetic Signatures	GSS	6 Jun
LTR Pharma	LTP	6 Jun
Many Peaks Minerals	MPK	6 Jun
Mindax Ltd	MDX	5 Jun
Star Minerals	SMS	6 Jun
Stealth Group Holdings	SGI	6 Jun

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Australian Vintage	AVG	27 May
NT Minerals	NTM	24 May
Orexplore Technologies (in admin)	OXT	13 May



Brent Crude (ICE EUR Aug)	77.52	bbl	-0.84	-1.1
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	107.69	t	-2.41	-2.2
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	9964	t	-202	-2.0
Nickel	19115	t	-357	-1.8
Aluminium	2674	t	3	0.1
Lead	2249	t	-46	-2.0
Zinc	2942	t	-7	-0.3
Tin	31982	t	-423	-1.3

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices fell to new ~four-month lows overnight, amid concerns OPEC+ plans to start unwinding some output curbs from October will come as demand remains relatively sluggish.

A media survey, based on shipping figures and ‘industry sources’, estimated OPEC May output had risen by 145,000bbl/d for the month, to 26.63MMbbl/d.

Brent crude traded as low as \$US76.76/bbl intra-session.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report is due tonight from US government agency the EIA.

Overnight post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) published a weekly report which included a 4.052MMbbl build for US crude stocks last week.

Gold – overnight trade appeared to react to broader commodities sentiment and \$US moves (higher in early gold trade), with general profit-taking also noted.

Material international economic data and broad geopolitical scenarios on watch are expected to keep sentiment fluid through the remainder of the week.

Base metals – demand and supply considerations, plus currency swings appeared to mostly influence overnight base metals trade.

Increased *copper* inventories were cited for a turn below \$US10,000/t.

Caixin is due to release a May services PMI for China today.

China’s May international trade figures are anticipated Friday.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6649	-0.0020	-0.30
EUR – USD	1.0881	-0.0022	-0.20

Australian Data Today

ABS	GDP	MarQ
AiG	Industry index	May
AiG	Manufacturing index	May
AiG	Construction index	May

US Data Tonight

ISM non-manufacturing	May
ADP employment change	May
S&P Global services PMI (final)	May
MBA mortgage applications; 30-year rates	31 May

Provaris Energy	PV1	4 Jun
Zeus Resources	ZEU	27 May

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
HNG	Today	1	100	2.82
IFT	Today	10.73	0	0.59
QRI	Today	1.17	0	8.77
ALQ	12 Jun	19.6	20	2.70
TWR	12 Jun	2.36	0	0.00
CIA	13 Jun	11.02	0	3.33
IPL	13 Jun	4.3	0	5.02
PL8	13 Jun	0.55	100	5.48
WQG	13 Jun	1.74	100	4.42



Other Overseas Data Today and Tonight

China	Caixin services PMI	May
South Korea	GDP (final)	Mar Q
Japan	Average cash earnings	Apr
Japan	Services PMI (final)	May
UK	New car sales	May
UK	S&P Global services PMI (final)	May
Germany	S&P Global services PMI (final)	May
Euro zone	Producer prices	Apr
Euro zone	S&P Global services PMI (final)	May
Canada	BoC policy meeting outcomes	5 Jun

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