

**Markets**

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7213	-113	-1.5
NZX 50	11596	-151	-1.3
DJIA Futures	32934	24	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4147	4	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	12877	19	0.2

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market commences Friday trade with an overnight \$A depreciation, a major domestic investment banking and financial services group reporting full year results, new key domestic data in hand, and a quarterly focus and forecasts report from the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) due late morning.

US equities markets tumbled overnight, ahead of monthly workforce figures tonight. International overnight commodities trade again proved mixed.

**Locally today, the RBA releases the quarterly *Statement of Monetary Policy* publication, including conditions and outlooks, at 11.30am AEST.**

April official reserve assets are also due from the RBA today.

Pre-trade, the AiG has announced a **57.8** estimate for the April **services PMI**. This from 56.2 for March, indicating further expansion, against expectations of a slight pullback to 56.0.

**Regionally today, no major economic indicators are scheduled for release.**

**China's trade statistics are keenly anticipated Monday.**

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** continued variously higher.

US **gold** futures turned modestly higher.

**Iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) also swung to record a gain, trading above \$US144.8/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** settled slightly higher. **Aluminium** turned lower. **Nickel** continued to fall.

The **\$A** dropped to US71.15c after trading at US72.20c early yesterday evening.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	32998	-1063	-3.1
S&P 500	4147	-153	-3.6
NASDAQ	12318	-647	-5.0
FTSE 100	7503	10	0.1
DAX 30	13903	-68	-0.5
Shanghai Comp	3068	21	0.7

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

Risk sentiment evaporated across US equities markets overnight, dragging on earlier gains in major European and UK equities trade,

**\* Assaying services & technology listing – 11.30am AEST – C79 \***

**Today's Stock Watch**
**Macquarie Group (MQG)**

\$3.50 40%-franked final dividend, following \$3.35 40%-franked a year ago.

56.09% higher, \$4.706B full year NPAT. 35.62% higher, \$17.324B net operating income. 37% higher, \$774.8B AUM.

**News Corporation (NWS)**

NWS reported in the US overnight, March quarter revenue coming in at \$US2.49B a record for any NWS third quarter, and from \$US2.34B a year ago.

Net income rose 8% to \$US104M.

**REA Group (REA)**

32% higher, \$A869M revenue for the nine months to 31 March, bolstered by \$278M March quarter revenue.

EBITDA for the nine months rose 27% to \$A523M.

**Virgin Money UK (VUK)**

Paying a 2.5p dividend for the six months to 31 March, against no dividend for the six months to 31 March 2021.

£315M interim pre-tax profit, against £72M a year ago and £345M for the six months to 30 September 2021.

1.83% net interest margin (NIM), from 1.56% and 1.69% respectively. Anticipating a 1.80% - 1.85% NIM for FY22.

14.7% CET1 from 14.4% (31 March 2021) and 14.9% (30 September 2021).

A webcast results presentation teleconference was scheduled for yesterday evening AEST.

**Janus Henderson Group (JHG)**

Maximum \$US200M on-market share buy-back of up to 22.6M shares (all quoted shares on issue), from today through 31 March 2023. Dropped 13.0% yesterday, settling at \$37.76.

JHG released March quarter results and hosted the group's AGM Wednesday.

**Resources**
**Calidus Resources (CAI)**

First gold pour achieved for the WA Pilbara region Warrawoona gold project.

**Energy**
**Cooper Energy (COE)**

The Orbost gas processing facility is producing 60TJ/d.

April output averaged 41TJ/d after phase 2B plant works were completed.

Athena gas facility April production averaged 21.8TJ/d, impacted by a compressor trip.



as a batch of disappointing economic data releases underscored global economic growth warnings.

Large tech, communications and consumer spending stocks dropped during US trade, the DJIA and NASDAQ recording their largest sessional falls since 2020.

Late yesterday, the **Bank of England** convened a monetary policy meeting, subsequently warning of economic downturn while announcing a fourth rate rise since December.

The key rate is nonetheless only at 1.00% after the series of increases, the Bank of England's post-meeting statement declaring a 'material deterioration in the outlook for world and UK GDP growth'.

The central bank ventured a 0.25% fall in UK GDP for 2022, this from a previous 1.25% growth forecast.

UK inflation growth could exceed 10% by year's end the bank noted, citing Russia's invasion of Ukraine as exacerbating energy price growth.

Earlier yesterday, Caixin released another weaker-than-expected economic indicator for **China**, the services PMI tumbling to 36.2 from 42.0 and against forecasts for 42.1.

Among overnight **data** releases, the **euro zone's** April construction PMI fell to 50.4 from 52.8, following expectations for a decline to 51.5.

In **Germany**, April domestic vehicle registrations tumbled by 21.5% against April 2021. Forecasters had predicted a 6.5% decline.

The nation's April construction PMI slid firmly into contraction territory, estimated at 46.0 from 50.9 for March. Economists had anticipated a fall to a remaining expansionary 50.2.

March factory orders also surprised on the downside, dropping 4.7% for the month. This followed a 0.8% February decline and forecasts for a new 0.5% fall.

Meanwhile, a 10-year bond auction hosted by France produced a yield of 1.51% against 1.17%.

In the **UK**, the 58.9 final April services PMI represented a 3.7 point fall for the month.

April domestic vehicle sales were calculated 15.8% lower than for April 2021.

In the **US** overnight, initial weekly new unemployment claims tallied 200,000, against forecasts for 185,000, following the previous week's 181,000.

An April job cuts report included 24,286 job losses following 21,387 for March.

March quarter productivity (hourly output) was calculated 7.5% lower than for the March quarter 2021, against forecasts of a 2.5% decline.

**Tonight** in the **US**, April employment statistics are keenly anticipated. March consumer credit change is also expected.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include: Adidas, Alibaba, IAG, ING, Japan Airlines, Marubeni Corp and Reliance Industries.

In overnight corporate news, **Shell** reported \$US9.13B March quarter profit from \$US3.2B a year earlier, at the same time pointing out Russia's war on Ukraine had produced 'significant disruption to global energy markets'.

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Chrysos Corporation (\* C79)

Assaying technology and services specialist scheduled to list on the ASX 11.30am, following an ~\$183.5M IPO at mostly \$6.50 per share.

~59.58M quoted shares.

CSIRO holds 21.99%.

### Atomos Ltd (\* AMS)

Revising anticipated FY22 revenue to \$80M - \$90M and the company's EBITDA margin to 6% - 8%.

This follows 'slower than expected sales' for January through April and Shanghai Covid containment measures which could impact short-term Connect production.

AMS has closed lower each session for the week to date, settling at 60c yesterday after closing out last week at 73c.

### Immuron Ltd (\* IMM)

IMM has appointed recent Anantara Lifesciences (ASX: ANR) CEO Steven Lydeamore as CEO, effective 27 June.

Jerry Kanellos, who has been IMM interim CEO for the past two years, will resume his COO role.

### Seafarms Group (SFG)

Executive chairman and CEO Mick McMahon is stepping down, effective immediately.

Subsequently, the requisitioned 29 April EGM has been cancelled.

SFG has appointed SFG director Ian Trahar as non-executive chairman.

### Opthea Ltd (OPT)

Efficacy and safety data from a clinical study using OPT-302 with Ranibizumab for polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy (PCV) has been presented at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology annual meeting.

Figures lodged pre-trade.

## Resources

### Rio Tinto (RIO)

Results of the RIO AGMs in hand in late ASX trade yesterday, following the RIO Ltd AGM (yesterday). The RIO Plc meeting was convened in April.

### Lynas Rare Earths (LYC)

Conference presentation lodged post-ASX trade yesterday.

LYC presented yesterday and regained 4.0% for the session, settling at \$9.31.

## Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Black Rock Mining	BKT	6 May
Pearl Global	PG1	6 May



Tesla founder Elon Musk revealed financial backers for his **Twitter** bid.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY)</b> (Jun)	1875.7	oz	6.90	0.4
<b>Silver (NY)</b> (Jul)	22.44	oz	0.04	0.2
<b>Gold (LON)</b> (4 May)	1863.7	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	981	oz	-9	-0.9
<b>WTI Crude</b> (NYMEX Jun)	108.26	bbbl	0.45	0.4
<b>Brent Crude</b> (ICE EUR Jul)	110.90	bbbl	0.76	0.7
<b>Iron Ore</b> (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	144.90	t	2.00	1.4
<b>Copper (LME 3mth Evening)</b>	9486	t	12	0.1
<b>Nickel</b>	30133	t	-515	-1.7
<b>Aluminium</b>	2917	t	-37	-1.2
<b>Lead</b>	2278	t	-4	-0.2
<b>Zinc</b>	3902	t	-59	-1.5
<b>Tin</b>	40509	t	-117	-0.3

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – overnight trade appeared largely pushed and pulled by international economic growth views, \$US strength and inflation outlooks.

OPEC+ members met to discuss the continuing easing of production curbs, agreeing to raise June output by a combined 432,000bbbl/d.

Meanwhile, Japan reiterated stopping oil purchases from OPEC+ member Russia would prove difficult.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report is due tonight.

**Gold** – the \$US at fresh 20-year peaks and 10-year US bond yields at 3.5-year highs contained overnight gold prices.

Safe-haven interest provided support.

**Base metals** – overnight trader considerations included new data for China, \$US strength and production scenarios.

Yesterday, Caixin released a weaker-than-forecast April services PMI for China.

Meanwhile, reports using surveillance data, estimated international *copper* and *nickel* smelting activity had risen in April, even as China broadened Covid containment measures across large populated areas in China.

Commenting at its AGM, Rio Tinto Ltd warned sanctions against Rusal would disrupt the international *aluminium* market to the extent that prices would rise significantly.

Among the price forecasters, Bank of America offered \$US9999/t for *copper* for 2022 and \$US9500/t for 2023.

**China's** April **trade** statistics are anticipated **Monday**. This could produce some extra end-of-week caution during tonight's trade.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7120	-0.0121	-1.67
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.0538	-0.0075	-0.70

Aeon Metals	AML	9 May
Great Western Exploration	GTE	9 May
QuickFee Ltd	QFE	9 May
Tombola Gold	TBA	9 May

### Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Canyon Resources	CAY	4 May
Osprey Medical	OSP	3 May
Resource Mining Corporation	RMI	4 May

### Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ANZ	Mon	72	100	5.28
FPC	Mon	3	100	6.55
NAC	Mon	1.6	100	4.70
NSC	Mon	1.35	100	4.70
UOS	Tue	1.35	0	3.17
RMD	Wed	4.14	0	0.55
SSR	Thu	7.39	0	0.69
JHG	Fri (13 May)	39	0	5.40

### Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>JRV</b>	AGM (9am)
	<b>MQG</b>	Full year
	<b>REA</b>	Mar Q
<b>Tue</b>	PDL	Interim
	WPL	AGM
<b>Wed</b>	GRR	AGM
	SIQ	AGM
	URW	AGM (Paris, 10.30am)
<b>Thu</b>	ALD	AGM
	SIG	AGM
	XRO	Full year
<b>Fri (13 May)</b>	VMT	AGM
	WAF	AGM

**Australian Data Today**

RBA	Statement on monetary policy (condtns, forecasts)	May
RBA	Official reserve assets	Apr

**US Data Today & Tonight**

Workforce (incl jobs, wages, unemployment, hours, participation)	Apr
Consumer credit change	Mar

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

UK	Construction PMI	Apr
Germany	Industrial production	Mar

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