

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5724	-28	-0.5
NZX 50	8109	16	0.2
DJIA Futures	24167	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2619	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	6418	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new week's trade following mixed overnight Friday international equities trade and largely negative commodities trade, and ahead of regional trade disruption from the Lunar New Year and Spring Festival season which officially commences Thursday.

In addition, locally this week, domestic major reporting and dividend season warms.

A banking sector royal commission also commences, disclosures seen as risking industry sentiment.

In overnight Friday commodities trade, US **gold** futures slipped. **Oil** continued to slide.

Iron ore (China port, 62% Fe), LME **copper** and other key base metals fell.

The **\$A** reached US78.15c after trading above US77.95c early Friday evening.

In local data releases today, a weekly capital city residential property price report is due pre-trade.

Regionally, **Japan's** markets are closed today, due to a public holiday.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	24191	330	1.4
S&P 500	2620	39	1.5
NASDAQ	6874	97	1.4
FTSE 100	7092	-78	-1.1
DAX 30	12107	-153	-1.3
Shanghai Comp	3130	-132	-4.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets trade diverged overnight Friday, although waxing and waning sentiment proved a common feature.

In the **US**, a funding bill was approved by both houses of parliament and the president for two years.

Among data releases, December wholesale inventories were reported 0.4% higher for the month, double the rate of increase for November.

Earlier, the **UK's** December trade deficit was calculated at £13.58B from £12.46B in November.

Industrial production fell 1.3% for the month after improving 0.3% in November.

Manufacturing output grew 0.3% for the month, and 1.4% year-on-year, after 0.2% and 3.8% respective figures for November.

Tonight in the US, a monthly budget statement and consumer inflation expectations are due.

Heineken and Michelin are among companies

Today's Stock Watch

Westpac Banking Corporation (WBC)

WBC's latest notes offer has grown to \$1.45B. The margin has been set at 3.20%pa.

Bendigo & Adelaide Bank (BEN)

10.9% higher, \$231.7M interim NPAT. 6.0% higher, \$842.9M revenue. 35c fully-franked interim dividend, up 1c. 8.61% CET1, up 0.64%. 48.1c EPS.

Bad debts grew 16.3% to \$6.5M.

10.7% higher, \$225.3M interim cash earnings.

Ansell Ltd (ANN)

\$428.2M interim NPAT, following \$69.8M net profit a year ago. 1.2% lower, \$766.4M revenue. 20.5c, ~11c-franked interim dividend. \$3.53 NTA. US45.3c EPS. \$600.8M cash and equivalents.

Late last week, UBS cancelled ANN sell advice, assigning a neutral rating.

Aurizon Holdings (AZJ)

52% higher, \$281.5M NPAT. 3% lower, \$1.57B revenue. 14c, 50%-franked interim dividend, up 3%. \$2.30 NTA.

Amcor Ltd (AMC)

15% higher, \$US329.7M interim NPAT. 0.8% higher, \$US4.5B revenue. US21c interim dividend, against US19.5c a year ago. Warning of higher costs and reduced plastic (bottle) packaging demand. Presentation lodged this morning.

JB Hi-Fi (JBH)

37.4% higher, \$151.7M interim NPAT. 41.04% higher, \$3.7B revenue. 86c fully-franked interim dividend, up 19.4%. \$1.31 EPS. \$182.7M cash and equivalents.

GPT Group (GPT)

Chairman Rob Ferguson is proposing to retire from the GPT board following GPT's May AGM.

Appointing former Merrill Lynch (Australia) MD investment banking Vicki McFadden as a non-executive director, and potential chairman, pending shareholder approval at the AGM.

Ms McFadden is president of the Takeovers Panel and is a director of several large-cap ASX-listed companies.

Avita Medical (AVH)

US FDA approval in hand to increase by 20, to up to 88, the number of patients who can be treated with RECELL under the US 'compassionate use' program.

Carnegie Clean Energy (CCE)

Regulatory in-principle approval in hand to negotiate the proposed lease for the WA goldfields Mungari solar farm.

Mitchell Services (MSV)

Paying \$5.3M cash for Radco Drilling. MSV says it will fund the purchase with existing capital, 'idle asset sales' and debt.

Energy

Cooper Energy (COE)

\$19.8M interim NPAT, following an \$8.2M net loss a year ago. 302% higher, \$31.25M revenue. 27.2c NTA.

Results supported by a 327% jump in sales volumes and 185% higher sales revenue.

\$283.2M cash and deposits. \$1.8M worth of equity investments. \$89.6M drawn debt.

scheduled to report earnings or provide trading updates today or tonight.

In overnight Friday corporate news, chip manufacturer **Nvidia** Corp was pushed 6% higher, following better-than-anticipated December quarter revenue and profit.

Fellow chip makers **Qualcomm** and **Broadcom** each appreciated 2.5%, after Qualcomm said it was prepared to continue to talk with rejected suitor Broadcom.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Feb)	1313	oz	-6	-0.3
Silver (NY) (Mar)	16.1	oz	-0.2	-1.2
Gold (LON)	1314	oz	-1	-0.1
Platinum	963	oz	-7	-0.7
WTI Crude (Mar)	59.2	bbl	-2.0	-3.2
Brent Crude (Apr)	62.8	bbl	-2.0	-3.1
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	76.5	t	-0.8	-1.1
Copper	6755	t	-90	-1.3
Nickel	12970	t	-170	-1.3
Aluminium	2123	t	-47	-2.2
Lead	2534	t	10	0.4
Zinc	3385	t	-37	-1.1
Tin	21025	t	-300	-1.4
CBT Wheat (Mar)	4.49	bshl	-0.07	-1.6

Commodities Commentary

Oil – WTI notably settled sub-\$US60/bbl overnight Friday, pushing the week's overall fall to 9.6%, but recovering from a \$US58.07/bbl session low.

Brent crude settled ~11% lower for the week.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig count maintained an additional 26 oil rigs had become operational, pushing the total to an almost three-year peak of 791.

Gold – prices fell in early overnight trade but recovered some despite a rising \$US and further fall in oil prices.

Inflation views and associated \$US moves are seen by industry analysts as a major influence in the medium term.

The comments came as a **European Central Bank** official again spoke of concerns regarding exchange rate US political influence.

Also over the weekend, the **Bank of England's** chief economist Andy Haldane assured UK interest rate rises were unlikely to turn aggressive.

Base metals – China's January PPI and CPI growth rates, reported Friday, each slowed.

Meanwhile, **Lunar new year** and the broader **Spring festival holiday season** commence Thursday and industry watchers have already been noticing pre-holiday positioning.

China's markets will be closed for a full week beginning Thursday.

Other regional markets will be closed for select days.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7819	0.0004	0.05
EUR – USD	1.2248	-0.0002	-0.02

Pre-Open Announcements

Chapmans Ltd (CHP)

CHP is planning to outlay \$US4M for a holding in US-headquartered Securrency Inc.

CHP has already paid \$US500,000 on a refundable note basis.

The company intends to fund the total investment in part with existing investment capital. CHP will also sell some investments and/or raise new capital via convertible note or placement.

CHP is resuming from suspended trade with the proposed investment announcement and one regarding completion of a \$1.05M placement at 1.5c per share.

CHP last traded at 1.4c.

Eden Innovations (EDE) / Tasman Resources (TAS)

EDE and TAS are resuming from suspended trade with the postponement, due to market conditions, of EDE's proposed minimum \$6M capital raising.

TAS holds 39.09% of EDE shares and 52.26% of EDE options.

EDE last traded at 15c and TAS at 11c.

Resources

Westgold Resources (* WGX)

WGX has added 60,000oz of gold at \$A1710/oz to its hedge list, pushing the total position to 123,750oz at \$A1678/oz.

Fourteen months' worth (17,500oz) of WGX gold is also pre-paid to be delivered at a rate of 1250oz/month.

Castillo Copper (* CCZ)

CCZ has appointed former Extract Resources (ASX: EXT) chair Peter Meagher as chairman, following the resignation of David Wheeler in favour of other business and board responsibilities.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
88 Energy	88E	12 Feb
Empire Energy Group	EEG	12 Feb
Thor Mining	THR	12 Feb
Creso Pharma	CPH	13 Feb
De Grey Mining	DEG	13 Feb
Dreamscape Networks	DN8	13 Feb
iCollege Ltd	ICT	13 Feb
NSL Consolidated	NSL	13 Feb
Pan Asia Corporation	PZC	13 Feb

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
The Agency Group Australia	AU1	31 Jan
Buddy Platform	BUD	2 Feb
CBL Corporation	CBL	6 Feb
Fletcher Building	FBU	12 Feb
Genetic Technologies	GTG	31 Jan
GetSwift Ltd	GSW	24 Jan
Haranga Resources	HAR	22 Jan
Prospect Resources	PSC	9 Feb
Pura Vida Energy	PVD	5 Feb
Quest Minerals	QNL	22 Jan
Raven Energy	REL	1 Feb
Ventnor Resources	VRX	2 Feb

**Australian Data Today**

CLgc Capital city resdntl property prices 10Feb

US Data Tonight

Budget statement Jan

Consumer inflation expectations Jan

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**China** New yuan loans (8pm AEDST) Jan**Need More Information?**

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Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
BKI	Today	3.63	100	4.23
OCA	Today	1.64	0	1.75
CL1	Tomorrow	2.5	100	1.98
GUD	Tomorrow	24	100	4.03
PL8	Tomorrow	0.45	100	2.48
SCG	Tomorrow	10.87	0	5.52
TAH	Tomorrow	11	100	5.16
WFD	Tomorrow	12.75	0	3.30
CBA	Wed	200	100	5.64
MLT	Wed	8.8	100	4.00
IBC	Thu	1.1	100	3.63
JHG	Thu	40.8	0	6.41
MIN	Thu	25	100	3.00
ARG	Fri	15.5	100	3.76

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AMC	Interim
	ANN	Interim
	AZJ	Interim
	BEN	Interim
	COE	Interim
	JBH	Interim
Tomorrow	BLD	Interim
	CGF	Interim
	COH	Interim
	GPT	Full year
	MGX	Interim
	SGF	Interim
	TCL	Interim
Wed	AOG	Interim
	CPU	Interim
	CSL	Interim
	DXS	Interim
	DMP	Interim
	GMG	Interim
	IAG	Interim
	ORA	Interim
	RIC	Interim
VCX	Interim	
Thu	ASX	Interim
	GNC	AGM
	HT1	Interim
	MTR	Interim
	NCM	Interim
	ORG	Interim
	S32	Interim
	SHL	Interim
	SUN	Interim
TLS	Interim	
Fri	ABP	Interim
	AIA	Interim



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