

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDST)	<b>5770</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	7067	-92	-1.3
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	20852	-11	-0.1
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	2373	-3	-0.1
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	5404	-4	-0.1

## Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new week's trade on lacklustre equities but mostly positive commodities leads.

Over the weekend, **G20** finance ministers and central bankers warned against strategic currency devaluations and supported general free trade relationships, rather than declaring as previously, 'We will resist all forms of protectionism'.

**China** reported February residential property prices were higher than a year ago in 67 of 70 surveyed cities. Beijing prices rose 24%; Shanghai 25%; Shenzhen 14%.

In addition, China's vice premier Zhang Gaoli vowed his nation would continue 'to oppose trade and investment protectionism' and would work with other countries to do so.

China's **premier Li Keqiang** is scheduled to visit **Australia** this week, for four days commencing Wednesday.

In overnight Friday commodities trade, US **gold** futures continued a little higher. **Oil** settled little changed. **Copper** extended the week's gains. **Iron ore** (62%Fe; China port) turned modestly lower.

The **\$A** was pushed past US77.05c after briefly slipping to ~US76.75c Friday evening.

Locally today, Reserve Bank of Australia (**RBA**) assistant governor (economic) Luci Ellis is speaking at a Canberra event, 12.40pm AEDST.

This morning, weekly capital city house prices are due from CoreLogic and a monthly Conference Board leading indicators report.

**Ex-dividend** season also continues this week. Please see p3 for a detailed list.

In addition, the March quarterly S&P/ASX **indices** rebalance takes effect on market open today. Please see p4 for additions and deletions.

**Japan's** markets will remain **closed today** due to a public holiday.

## Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	<b>20915</b>	-20	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2378	-3	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>NASDAQ</b>	5901	0.2	<b>0.0</b>
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7425	9	<b>0.1</b>
<b>DAX 30</b>	12095	12	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3237	-31	<b>-1.0</b>

## Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets struggled

**RBA** – assistant governor (economic) Luci Ellis is speaking at a Women in Economics Network launch, 12.40pm AEDST.

**S&P/ASX indices** – quarterly rebalance effective on market open. Please see p3 for details.

## Today's Stock Watch

### Fletcher Building (FBU)

Anticipating up to 20% lower full-year profit than previously forecast, due to an expected construction division loss. FY EBIT is now forecast at \$NZ610M - \$NZ650M. Resuming from a trading halt, having last traded on the ASX at \$8.34. FBU has been sold off on the New Zealand Stock Exchange this morning.

### Seek Ltd (SEK)

Outlaying ~\$118.5M for an additional 30% of Online Education Services, taking its holding to 80%. SEK intends to fund the purchase from existing cash and bank debt facilities.

### Opthea Ltd (OPT)

Encouraged by scientific advice meetings completed with the UK Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency and Sweden's Medical Products Agency, ahead of the Phase 2B clinical trial of OPT-302, OPT's proposed macular degeneration treatment. OPT is targeting trial commencement before year's end.

### Sydney Airport (SYD)

February passenger numbers slipped 0.1%, despite support from a 4.2% increase in international passengers. Domestic passenger numbers fell 2.5%. Year-to-date domestic passenger totals are 0.4% lower; international numbers are up 7.2%.

### MGC Trust (MGC)

Murray Goulburn Co-operative has appointed former Ridley Corporation (ASX: RIC) chair John Spark as chairman, effective 1 April, due to the retirement of Philip Tracy from the MGC board. Mr Spark is also a Newcrest Mining (ASX: NCM) non-executive director.

### GR Engineering Services (GNG) / Gascoyne Resources (GCY)

GNG has secured a LoI with GCY for an EPC contract for the Dalgaranga gold project processing facilities. GCY is targeting commissioning by the June quarter 2018.

### Tech Mpire (Ltd)

Anticipating record \$12M March quarter revenue.

### Resources

### Grange Resources (GRR)

Fatality reported at GRR's Savage River iron ore mine, Tasmania. GRR has called a trading halt.

### Western Areas (WSA) / Kidman Resources (KDR)

WSA has completed its farm-in and JV agreement with KDR, hence securing 5.2% of KDR. Under the agreement, KDR receives northern Forrestania lithium and lithium by-product rights. KDR can earn an initial 50% with \$5M expenditure over three years. WSA retains all non-lithium rights.

### Liontown Resources (LTR)

WA Kathleen Valley initial drilling has returned evidence of significant lithium-tantalum mineralised zones. Assays lodged this morning.

to maintain momentum overnight Friday.

In **US** data releases, February industrial production was reported flat, but manufacturing 0.5% higher, having risen each month for the previous five.

A 97.6 initial March University of Michigan consumer sentiment reading represented a 1.3-point rise on February's final estimate.

Meanwhile, president Donald Trump appeared to barely engage with Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel during official talks in the US.

Yesterday, a presidential representative promised a detailed budget plan from the president in May.

The **euro zone** reported a January trade deficit despite higher exports.

**Tonight** in the US, the Chicago Fed national activity index is due.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Apr)</b>	<b>1230</b>	oz	3	0.3
<b>Silver (NY) (May)</b>	17.4	oz	0.1	0.4
<b>Gold (LON)</b>	1230	oz	0.25	0.0
<b>Platinum</b>	963	oz	8	0.8
<b>WTI Crude (Apr)</b>	<b>48.8</b>	bbl	0.03	0.2
<b>Brent Crude (Apr)</b>	<b>51.7</b>	bbl	0.01	0.0
<b>Iron Ore</b> <small>(CHN port 62%)</small>	<b>92.3</b>	t	-0.3	-0.3
<b>Copper (LME)</b>	<b>5935</b>	t	26	0.4
<b>Nickel</b>	10260	t	40	0.4
<b>Aluminium</b>	1914	t	14	0.7
<b>Lead</b>	2290	t	47	2.1
<b>Zinc</b>	2882	t	53	1.9
<b>Tin</b>	20290	t	140	0.7
<b>CBT Wheat (May)</b>	<b>4.36</b>	bshl	0.0	0.0

### Commodities Commentary

*Oil* – low-volume US trade reported Friday. Overall sessional gains were supported by a softer \$US.

Libya's National Oil Corporation expressed confidence it would again control two key ports from which exports ceased earlier this month due to factional attacks.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig count revealed 14 additional operational oil rigs.

*Gold* – one analyst is predicting \$US1250/oz - \$US1260/oz prices in the near-term, but that resistance will likely appear in that range.

Others, however, are warning that current futures prices will not be sustained.

*Base metals* – a weaker \$US supported Friday's trade, together with positive US manufacturing data and a forecast of increased *aluminium* demand.

Meanwhile, a *nickel* miner in the Philippines plans to resume production before hearing the outcome of an appeal against its suspension.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7703	0.0003	0.04
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.0742	0.0003	0.03

### Australian Data Today

CoreLogic	Capital city house prices	18 Mar
Conf Board	Leading indicators	Feb

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Prophecy International Holdings (PRO)

PRO has appointed Paralympic games medallist and former eMite sales GM Brad Thomas OAM as CEO.

### Dubber Ltd (DUB)

Former Eftel chair Stephe Wilks has been appointed as a DUB non-executive director following the resignation of director Ken Richards. In addition to previous executive roles with BT Asia Pacific, Optus and Hong Kong Telecom, Mr Wilks is also a former NM Rothschild consulting director.

### ServTech Global Holdings (\* SVT)

Real estate sector-focused software operations manager completed a successful ASX listing Friday following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share. Opened at 20c and traded at 19c – 21.5c before settling at 21c. 5.6M shares were traded across 278 transactions.

## Resources

### Millennium Minerals (\* MOY)

MOY GM corporate development Peter Cash has been appointed CEO, on the resignation of Glenn Dovaston.

### Peak Resources (PEK)

Environmental certificate in hand for the Ngualla rare earth project, Tanzania. Bankable feasibility outcomes anticipated within weeks.

### Gindalbie Metals (GBG)

GBG is proposing to earn up to 75% of Torrens Mining's Mount Gunson copper-cobalt project, South Australia. GBG plans to initially spend \$1.37M on three exploration licences, to earn 25% of these. Presentation lodged post-trade Friday.

### GME Resources (GME)

Chairman Michael Perrott has resigned and director Peter Sullivan is assuming the chairman's role. In addition, Peter Huston has been appointed as a GME non-executive director.

## Energy

### Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Canadian transport review completed in association with LNG's Bear Head LNG shipping route and terminal plans. Details lodged this morning.

### Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Australian Rural Capital	ARC	21 Mar
Connexion Media	CXZ	21 Mar
Goldfields Money	GMV	21 Mar
Grange Resources	GRR	21 Mar
Hot Chili	HCH	21 Mar
Inca Minerals	ICG	21 Mar
Red Mountain Mining	RMX	21 Mar
Sacgasco	SGC	21 Mar
Vital Metals	VML	21 Mar
Neuren Pharmaceuticals	NEU	22 Mar

### Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
1-Page Ltd	1PG	10 Mar

**US Data Tonight**

Chicago Fed national activity index Feb

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

<b>Germany</b>	Producer prices	Feb
<b>Euro zone</b>	Wages growth	Dec Q

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Cott Oil & Gas	CMT	3 Mar
Cudoco Ltd	CDU	16 Mar
Ephraim Resources	EPA	13 Mar
GB Energy	GBX	14 Mar
Paladin Energy	PDN	13 Mar
Range Resources	RRS	14 Mar
Rumble Resources	RTR	17 Mar
Surefire Resources	SRN	15 Mar
Tiger Resources	TGS	22 Feb
Titanium Sands	TSL	20 Mar
TTA Holdings	TTA	16 Mar

**Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
<b>AIA</b>	Today	<b>9.4</b>	0	2.78
<b>AYS</b>	Today	<b>4</b>	0	5.11
<b>CGC</b>	Today	<b>4</b>	100	2.30
<b>CII</b>	Today	<b>3</b>	100	4.57
<b>CNU</b>	Today	<b>~7.95</b>	0	4.97
<b>FFI</b>	Today	<b>10</b>	100	5.25
<b>KSC</b>	Today	<b>1.5</b>	100	0.88
<b>LNK</b>	Today	<b>6</b>	0	1.82
<b>SHJ</b>	Today	<b>0.6</b>	0	5.44
<b>SPO</b>	Today	<b>1.35</b>	0	8.76
KME	Tomorrow	0.6	0	7.21
PBP	Tomorrow	0.5	100	4.00
WEB	Tomorrow	7.5	100	1.37
BBL	Wed	0.75	100	1.92
CGR	Wed	0.5	100	4.26
FLT	Wed	45	100	4.75
NCM	Wed	~9.81	0	0.88
NST	Wed	3	100	1.67
PPC	Wed	1.75	100	4.07
SFL	Wed	0.5	100	6.67
AGG	Thu	2.08	0	0.73
AVJ	Thu	1.5	100	7.87
AWN	Thu	0.3	0	0.84
BEL	Thu	0.5	100	6.90
BPS	Thu	2.25	100	4.47
BYI	Thu	2	0	6.70
CAR	Thu	18.7	100	3.41
FBU	Thu	~18.71	0	4.18
IPE	Thu	1.2	0	20.0
MXI	Thu	2	100	4.05
SDI	Thu	1	100	3.67
WPP	Thu	3.9	100	5.04

**Reports & Events**

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Tomorrow</b>	KMD	Interim
	PMV	Interim
	TPM	Interim
<b>Wed</b>	NUF	Interim
<b>Thur</b>	BKW	Interim
	SIP	Interim

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## March quarter S&P/ASX indices re-balance

The following changes will be effective at market open **today**:

### S&P/ASX 50:

**Out:** CCL, SEK

**In:** ALL, FMG

### S&P/ASX 100

**Out:** BKL, SRX

**In:** EVN, MQA

### S&P/ASX 300

**Out:** ADH, AJX, CCV, DNA, EQT, EWC, FSF, KMD, PDN

**In:** ASL, CLW, ING, MHJ, MYS, PLG, SCO, SLC, SLR, SOL, SRV

### S&P/ASX All Ordinaries

**Out:** 1PG, 8IH, ACR, AHZ, APZ, BOC, CAJ, CAQ, CUP, CVN, CVT, CZA, DME, DVN, DYE, FFT, HZN, ICQ, KAM, LAU, LHC, MBE, MEZ, MIG, MIL, MRM, NEU, NWF, NZM, ORL, PAC, PHG, PPG, PRO, PRR, PRT, RHP, SEN, SFH, SGH, SIO, SIT, SLM, SMA, SMX, SRF, TGS, TNG, TOE, TTC, UBN, WLD, WLF

**In:** 88E, ADJ, AGO, AJL, AJM, ALK, AOF, APX, ASG, ASL, ATL, ATU, AVG, AXP, BKY, BLK, BSA, BSE, BVS, CAT, CBL, CDV, CGS, CIA, CLQ, CLW, CMP, CNI, COE, DXF, EDE, EGS, ELX, EMC, ERF, FIG, FND, GCY, GTN, HOM, IIL, IMD, ING, KDR, KGN, KSL, LOM, MHJ, MOY, MTO, MWY, NBL, NMT, NWH, ONE, PLG, PNR, QIP, RAP, RBL, RFX, RND, RXP, SCO, SMN, SMR, UPD, WAF

### S&P/ASX All Australian 50

**Out:** CCL

**In:** FMG

### S&P/ASX All Australian 200

**Out:** OFX

**In:** A2M