

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5703	-16	-0.3
NZX 50	7083	-6	-0.1
DJIA Futures	20777	-10	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	2365	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	5343	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market will open a new week's trade continuing to be influenced by domestic corporate reports, large stocks trading dividend and key commodity price moves.

In overnight Friday commodities trade, **gold** continued higher. **Oil** turned lower. **Copper** swung higher and rallied, together with other key base metals.

Iron ore (China port, 62% Fe) continued to fall Friday, but overnight Friday, iron ore futures were pushed higher again. This suggests spot prices could follow today.

The **\$A** fell notably after trading at ~US77.15c early Friday evening.

Locally today, the ABS publishes a December quarter business indicators report 11.30am AEDST.

CoreLogic is due to release capital city house prices for the past week.

AZJ, **CCL** and **ORA** are among stocks trading ex-dividend today. *Please see p3 for a detailed list.*

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	20822	11	0.1
S&P 500	2367	4	0.1
NASDAQ	5845	10	0.2
FTSE 100	7244	-28	-0.4
DAX 30	11804	-144	-1.2
Shanghai Comp	3253	2	0.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets headed lower on opening overnight Friday, but key US indices were propelled higher in the last 30 minutes of trade.

Since then, **US** treasury secretary Steven Mnuchin promised president Donald Trump would reveal more detail on planned tax relief Tuesday, and that social entitlement cuts were not planned for the first Trump budget.

In US data releases, a 96.3 University of Michigan final February consumer sentiment reading represented a 2.2-point fall for the month.

January new home sales were reported 3.7% higher.

Meanwhile, **Greece** insisted it would need more bailout funding to be released during the June quarter, contradicting creditors who last week claimed the nation would not need support until July.

Tonight in the **US**, January pending home sales

Second last trading day of the month

Today's Stock Watch

QBE Insurance Group (QBE)

23% higher, \$US844M full-year NPAT. 4% higher, \$US17.3B revenue. A33c, 50%-franked final dividend, up 10%. Webcast teleconference scheduled to commence 10.30am AEDST. Access details lodged this morning.

Aviva Plc Europe CEO and Global Health Insurance chair David McMillan has been appointed QBE COO, effective later this year. Mr McMillan will be based in London.

Lend Lease Corporation (LLC)

\$A394.5M interim NPAT, following \$353.6M a year ago. \$A7.9B revenue, against \$7.3B. 67.8c EPS. 33c dividend/distribution. \$1B cash and equivalents.

Slater & Gordon (SGH)

\$425.1M interim net loss, following a \$958.3M net loss a year ago. 33.8% lower, \$322.7M revenue.

Japara Healthcare (JHC)

9.7% lower, \$14.6M interim NPAT. 15.0% higher, \$177.1M revenue. 5.5c fully-franked interim dividend. 26c NTA. Anticipating 7% - 10% FY 2017 EBITDA growth. Investor briefing scheduled to commence 10.30am AEDST.

TFS Corporation (TFC)

58% lower, \$28.3M interim NPAT. 4.6% lower, \$152.6M revenue. \$1.2553 NTA. 7.12c EPS.

Austal Ltd (ASB)

44.1% lower, \$A9.3M interim NPAT. 13.1% lower, \$A649.2M revenue. 2c fully-franked interim dividend. \$1.353 NTA. 2.6c EPS. \$153.5M cash and equivalents.

Amaysim Australia (AYS)

\$8.3M interim NPAT, following \$681,000 net profit a year ago. 16.5% higher, \$136.6M revenue. 4c interim dividend. 4.3c EPS. \$9.1M cash and equivalents.

Spark New Zealand (SPK)

Offering a 12-month Netflix plan to customers who purchase a 24-month SPK broadband plan.

Aristocrat Leisure (ALL)

AGM today.

Resources

Perseus Mining (PRU)

Founding PRU chairman Reg Gillard is planning to retire, effective 31 March. Non-executive PRU director Sean Harvey will succeed Mr Gillard.

\$22.3M interim net loss, following a \$12.1M net profit a year ago. 25% lower, \$110.9M revenue. Results were impacted by legal action and adverse forex. \$1.30 NTA.

Energy

Cooper Energy (COE) / APA Group (APA)

APA is proposing to acquire the Orbest gas processing plant and to upgrade and operate this, in support of COE's development of the offshore Sole gas field. Details lodged this morning.

and durable goods orders are due, together with a Texas region manufacturing index.

In overnight Friday corporate news, **Royal Bank of Scotland** (RBS) did not help early UK market sentiment, reporting a £7B full-year loss.

IAG (owns British Airways) reported improved profits, adverse forex impacts, lower fuel costs and a revenue pullback.

In the US, retailer **JC Penney** suffered after sounding a 2017 sales warning while reporting December quarter results which undershot expectations.

Fellow department store **Nordstrom** gained on the opposite, a sales growth outlook and better-than anticipated quarterly figures.

Gap and **Foot Locker** also received a boost on results.

Hewlett Packard Enterprise trimmed full-year guidance and accordingly depreciated.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Apr)	1258	oz	8	0.7
Silver (NY) (Mar)	18.4	oz	0.2	1.3
Gold (LON)	1254	oz	6	0.5
Platinum	1027	oz	20	2.0
WTI Crude (Apr)	54.0	bbl	-0.5	-0.8
Brent Crude (Apr)	56.0	bbl	-0.6	-1.0
Iron Ore (China port)	90.5	t	-0.8	-0.9
Copper (LME)	5928	t	69	1.2
Nickel	10860	t	280	2.6
Aluminium	1885	t	18	1.0
Lead	2259	t	21	0.9
Zinc	2829	t	39	1.4
Tin	19150	t	370	2.0
CBT Wheat (Mar)	4.31	bshl	-0.07	-1.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – a report, released overnight Friday, estimated US crude exports had increased by 100% in two weeks, and had grown by a factor of seen in a year. Five additional oil rigs were reported operational in a weekly US petroleum drill rig count.

Gold – a presidential address to Congress Tuesday, a swag of influential US data reports, and several scheduled public appearances by US Federal Reserve officials, are expected to toy with gold this week.

Some analysts are suggesting resistance is likely within \$US1271.5/oz - \$US1274/oz.

Overnight Friday, futures again traded at 3.5-month highs.

Base metals – some bargain-buying was indicated overnight Friday, together with a renewed focus on output suspensions at two large copper operations.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7681	-0.0001	-0.02
EUR – USD	1.0564	0.0001	0.01

Australian Data Today

CoreLogic	House prices	25 Feb
ABS	Business indicators	Dec Q

Pre-Open Announcements

Spotless Group (* SPO)

Confirming shareholder class action has been launched in the Federal Court of Australia, based on alleged breach of continuous disclosure.

GR Engineering Services (* GNG)

9.7% lower, \$7.9M interim NPAT. 16.7% lower, \$105.9M revenue. 5c fully-franked interim dividend. 33.91c NTA.

Macmahon Holdings (MAH) / CIMIC Group (CIM)

MAH \$23.3M interim net loss. 7% higher, \$168.3M revenue. 16c NTA.

Eildon Capital (* EDC) / CVC Ltd (CVC)

CVC-founded real estate-focused investment fund scheduled to list on the ASX 11am AEDST tomorrow following a \$10M IPO at \$1.06 per share. CVC holds 38.17%; Chemical Trustee 10.16%.

Sky & Space Global (SAS)

Interim financial report lodged post-trade Friday.

Resources

Lithium Australia (** LIT) / Lepidico Ltd (* LPD)

Litigated dispute settled by mutual agreement, on confidential commercial terms. LIT says three L-Max licence agreements with LPD subsidiary Li-Technology remain valid and enforceable. LPD has reportedly agreed that LIT's Sileach process is not an improvement, enhancement or modification of the L-Max process.

CuDeco Ltd (CDU)

Queensland Rocklands copper project operations are underway again, following approval from the Department of Natural Resources & Mines.

MetalsTech Ltd (* MTC) / Lithium Australia (LIT)

Canada-focused lithium explorer completed a successful ASX listing Friday following a \$4.3M IPO at 20c per share. Opened at 26c and slipped to 25c before settling at 27c. 921,000 shares changed hands across 71 trades. MTC secured a lithium processing partnership agreement with LIT earlier this month.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Australis Oil & Gas	ATS	27 Feb
Quantum Resources	QUR	27 Feb
SMS Management & Tech	SMX	27 Feb
Valor Resources	VAL	27 Feb
Estrella Resources	ESR	28 Feb
Exports Mogul Asia Pacific	ESH	28 Feb
Metro Mining	MMI	28 Feb
Mustang Resources	MUS	28 Feb
Reedy Lagoon Corporation	RLC	28 Feb

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Frontier Capital Group	FCG	15 Feb
Gateway Mining	GML	10 Feb

**US Data Tonight**

Durable goods orders	Jan
Pending home sales	Jan
Dallas Fed manufacturing	Feb

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Germany	Retail sales	Jan
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LatAm Autos	LAA	2 Feb
Magnum Gas & Power	MPE	10 Feb
Manalto Ltd	MTL	6 Feb
migme Ltd	MIG	7 Feb
Mobilarm Ltd	MBO	15 Feb
Onterran Ltd	OTR	14 Feb
Pixie Group	PEG	22 Feb
Protean Energy	POW	7 Feb
Tiger Resources	TGS	22 Feb
Western Mining Network	WMN	21 Feb

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migme Ltd	MIG	7 Feb
Mobilarm Ltd	MBO	15 Feb
Moko Social Media	MKB	25 Jan
Onterran Ltd	OTR	14 Feb
Pixie Group	PEG	22 Feb
Protean Energy	POW	7 Feb
Suda Ltd	SUD	27 Jan
Tiger Resources	TGS	22 Feb
Western Mining Network	WMN	21 Feb

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
AOD	Today	0.35	77.14	6.11
ATL	Today	0.5	100	0.36
AUF	Today	1.1	100	1.77
AZJ	Today	13.6	70	5.03
CCL	Today	25	75	4.32
CEN	Today	~9.93	0	5.05
CIE	Today	3	50	6.67
IBC	Today	1.05	100	6.90
ORA	Today	5	30	3.31
AHY	Tomorrow	6	50	5.90
APD	Tomorrow	1.25	100	4.32
BGA	Tomorrow	5	100	1.76
CAA	Tomorrow	1.25	100	5.95
CGF	Tomorrow	17	100	2.84
CIN	Tomorrow	48	100	3.63
CMI	Tomorrow	3	100	6.06
GEG	Tomorrow	1.2	100	1.05
GXL	Tomorrow	9.5	100	2.67
IAG	Tomorrow	13	100	4.24
IDX	Tomorrow	3	100	5.74
NCK	Tomorrow	14	100	4.06
NVT	Tomorrow	9.4	100	3.85
PIC	Tomorrow	2.2	100	4.04
PTL	Tomorrow	1.15	100	5.08
QIP	Tomorrow	3.6	100	1.87
AWC	Wed	~4.03	100	4.23
AWQ	Wed	2	0	6.45
BAF	Wed	1	100	5.20
CWN	Wed	113	60	5.68
EVT	Wed	20	100	4.01

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FSA	Wed	3	100	5.04
HLO	Wed	6	100	1.88
MNF	Wed	3.75	100	1.58
PPT	Wed	130	100	5.17
PTM	Wed	15	100	6.07
TLS	Wed	15.5	100	6.44

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ALL	AGM
	ASB	Interim
	AYS	Interim
	BLY	Full-year
	CDD	Interim
	GTY	Interim
	ISD	Interim
	JHC	Interim
	LLC	Interim
	QBE	Full-year
	SKI	Full-year
	TFC	Interim
Tomorrow	AWE	Interim
	HVN	Interim
	SHV	Interim
	SPO	Interim
	SRF	Interim