

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7014	-8	-0.1
NZX 50	11251	22	0.2
DJIA Futures	32053	-34	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3992	-5	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	12338	-11	-0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade with a major domestic bank trading ex-dividend, and a key domestic economic indicator report and material economic figures expected out of China by late morning, ahead of a US CPI update tonight.

International equities markets settled mixed overnight.

Locally today, the monthly Westpac-Melbourne Institute consumer sentiment report is due **10.30am AEST**.

Two large-caps, **NAB** and **RMD**, trade **ex-dividend**. Please see p3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.

Also today, the 21 May national parliamentary election remains in focus with the third televised debate between the PM and opposition leader scheduled for this evening.

Regionally today, **China** is scheduled to release April **producer prices** and an April **CPI** reading at **11.30am AEST**.

A preliminary March leading economic index reading is due for **Japan** 3pm.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** again settled decidedly lower.

US **gold** futures fell for a second consecutive session, pushed below \$US1845/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) also declined further, beneath \$US132/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **aluminium** settled slightly lower. **Nickel** swung higher.

The **\$A** fell to US69.40c after trading at ~US69.70c early yesterday evening, and has traded lower this morning.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	32161	-85	-0.3
S&P 500	4001	10	0.3
NASDAQ	11738	114	1.0
FTSE 100	7243	27	0.4
DAX 30	13535	154	1.2
Shanghai Comp	3035	32	1.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets bounced on open overnight, but vacillations across a majority of the key indices underscored fragile sentiment ahead of some key economic

Today's Stock Watch
CSR Ltd (CSR)

18c fully franked final dividend, against 14.5c final and 9.5c special fully-franked dividends a year ago.

85% higher, \$A270.6M full year NPAT.

9% higher, \$2.312B ordinary activities revenue.

\$1.93 NTA from \$2.16.

GrainCorp Ltd (GNC)

Paying 12c interim and 12c special dividends, each fully franked, from an 8c fully franked interim dividend a year ago.

\$246.0M interim NPAT, from \$50.5M.

49.9% higher, \$3.84B ordinary activities revenue.

\$311M cash and equivalents.

Pushpay Holdings (PPH)

7% higher, \$US33.40M full year NPAT. 13% higher, \$US202.89M revenue.

Planning to transfer intellectual property from a PPH New Zealand subsidiary to a PPH US subsidiary. PPH expects this to reduce income tax by ~\$US7M each year for several years. Additional details lodged.

Integral Diagnostics (IDX)

Proposing to outlay \$37.5M for south-east Queensland – focused Exact Radiology. The acquisition includes 11 clinics and six radiologists.

Resources
Australian Mines (AUZ)

AUZ disclosed late trade yesterday that the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) has commenced Federal Court proceedings against AUZ and AUZ MD Benjamin Bell. ASIC alleges AUZ contravened disclosure obligations in relation to the Sconi project. AUZ is planning to defend the proceedings. AUZ called a trading halt yesterday, last trading at 15.75c after closing out last week at 18c.

Latin Resources (LRS)

Exercising an option to acquire a lithium-prospective tenement in Brazil. The tenement will become part of LRS subsidiary Belo Lithium Mineracao's Salinas lithium project.

Consideration includes \$US15,000 cash, \$US15,000 worth of LRS shares, plus \$US75,000 to be paid 12 months after the option is exercised.

Strategic Elements (SOR)

Heralding a research breakthrough in potentially converting air moisture to electrical energy. Details of the research by SOR's AAM and The University of NSW lodged pre-trade.

Galileo Mining (GAL)

Declaring a major palladium-platinum discovery within the WA Norseman project. 33m intersection assays lodged.

indicator releases to come this week.

This also amid a deluge of commentary on likely international economic scenarios.

A bevy of central bankers spoke publicly, the US Federal Reserve Cleveland president offering 0.5% interest rate increases from each of the next two Fed policy meetings seemed appropriate.

The head of Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, ventured the European Central Bank (ECB) ought raise rates in July.

Among overnight **data** releases, the ZEW May economic sentiment index for the **euro zone** improved, albeit to -29.5, from -43. Economists had forecast a further deterioration to -45.

Germany's ZEW May economic sentiment index was estimated at -34.3 from -41, following predictions for -43.

The current conditions component index fell to -36.5 from -30.8. Forecasters had anticipated -32.5.

In the **UK** earlier yesterday, the BRC April retail sales monitor was reported 1.7% lower than for April 2021, against expectations for just 0.1% lower.

Yesterday afternoon, Japan hosted a 10-year bond auction which produced a 0.245% yield from 0.201%.

In the **US**, an April small business optimism index remained flat at 93.2, following forecasts for a slight decline to 93.0.

The May IBD/TIPP economic optimism index fell from 45.5 to 41.2, defying predictions for an improvement to 47.0.

Tonight in the **US**, the April CPI is due, together with weekly mortgage applications and the monthly budget statement.

In addition, the US hosts a 10-year note auction.

Also in the US tonight, another US Federal Reserve district president is scheduled to speak publicly.

Elsewhere, Germany reports a final April CPI growth figure and hosts a 10-year bond auction.

European Central Bank president Christine Lagarde is scheduled to speak publicly and the **Central Bank of Russia** to release a monetary policy report.

Companies listed to report earnings later today or tonight include: Asics Corp, Banco Santander, Bridgestone Corp, Fujifilm Holdings, Japan Steel Works, Mitsui Mining & Smelting, Panasonic, Sinopec (China Petroleum & Chemical Corp), Softbank Corp, Suzuki Motor Corp, Toyota Motor Corp, Walt Disney and Yamaha Corp.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$/US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Jun)	1841	oz	-17.6	-1.0
Silver (NY) (Jul)	21.42	oz	-0.40	-1.9
Gold (LON) (9 May)	1861	oz		
Platinum	966	oz	15	1.6
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jun)	99.76	bbf	-3.33	-3.2
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jul)	102.46	bbf	-3.48	-3.3
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	131.9	t	-1.41	-1.1
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	9226	t	-10	-0.1
Nickel	28416	t	227	0.8
Aluminium	2752	t	-2	-0.1
Lead	2114	t	-40	-1.8
Zinc	3596	t	-18	-0.5
Tin	35517	t	-1602	-4.3

Pre-Open Announcements

Irongate Group (* IAP)

4.67c final distribution, from 4.53c a year ago.

\$A266.324M full year NPAT, from \$A110.739M. \$117.335M revenue from \$32.224M. \$1.74 NTA from \$1.43.

IAP is reporting for the period 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022, and previously had reported 3 September 2020 – 31 March 2021.

For the Irongate Property Fund I, full year results correspond to a previous 12 months to 31 March, and include a 57.6% higher, \$259.596M NPAT and 17.4% higher, \$108.840M revenue. Presentation and annual report also lodged post-trade yesterday.

GPT Group (* GPT)

March quarter operational update lodged pre-trade.

AGM this morning.

MMA Offshore (* MRM)

~\$US16.5M offshore construction support services contract secured in Qatar.

Orbital Corporation (* OEC)

MoU secured with US-headquartered defence products specialist Anduril Industries Asia Pacific covering collaboration on concepts and potential products.

MGC Pharmaceuticals (* MXC)

The Slovenian Intellectual Property Office has granted a patent for MXC's CannEpi drug delivery system in relation to treating drug-resistant epilepsy with an MXC investigative phyto-cannabinoid product.

Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

PharmAust Ltd (PAA)

New trial site secured for the Monepantel B cell pet canine lymphoma trial, this one representing the first such site in the US.

Judo Capital Holdings (JDO)

Today's investor day materials lodged pre-trade.

Opthea Ltd (OPT)

Presenting at the Retina World Congress in Florida later this week (early Saturday AEST).

OPT's MD will speak during an age-related macular degeneration session, the presentation entitled *OPT-302 as and Add on to Anti-VEGF Therapy*.

Simble Solutions (SIS)

CEO Ronen Ghosh has resigned this role, due to plans to relocate to Europe for an extended period. In the meantime he will be SIS's part-time CFO.

SIS non-executive chairman Ben Loiterton will assume the role of interim executive chair.

SIS is reviewing operations and plans to not appoint a CEO until the process is complete.



Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices swung overnight before ultimately settling significantly lower for a second consecutive session.

The UAE offered market supply and demand issues were not the major factor behind market volatility, but rather boycotts on some suppliers, and that higher refining margins were also pushing fuel prices higher in general.

For its part, Saudi Arabia also promoted a broader focus, pointing to petrol and diesel markets and agreed with his UAE counterpart that OPEC acted outside of political scenarios.

Tonight, a weekly US petroleum reserves report is due from government agency EIA.

Overnight, the EIA forecast 11.9MMbbl/d US production for 2022, against last month's 12.0MMbbl/d prediction.

Also overnight, post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute published a weekly report which included a 1.618MMbbl increase in US crude stocks last week.

Gold – a continuing strong \$US and the wait for a fresh US CPI reading tonight were considered major factors in pushing Comex futures yet lower overnight.

Base metals – overnight trade was pushed and pulled again by the same cocktail of currency, inflation, China Covid management and Russia-Ukraine conflict considerations, with the addition of commentary from China's April trade figures, reported Monday.

China's April producer prices and CPI will attract attention today, producer prices expected by some to influence some trade tonight.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6936	-0.0038	-0.54
EUR – USD	1.0534	-0.0043	-0.41

Australian Data Today

Westpac/Melbourne Institute	Consumer sentiment	May
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US Data Today & Tonight

CPI	Apr
MBA mortgage applications	6 May
Budget statement	Apr

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	PPI	Apr
China	CPI	Apr
Japan	Leading economic index (prelim)	Mar
Germany	CPI (final)	Apr
Russia	CBOR monetary policy report	May

Resources

Calidus Resources (CAI)

WA Pilbara Spear Hill prospect rock chip sampling and mapping has extended the known strike length of lithium pegmatite to 2.5km.

Samples have assayed up to 2.75% Li₂O.

Additional details lodged this morning.

Spear Hill is held 50:50 by CAI and Haoma Mining, under a JV company named Pirra Lithium.

Panoramic Resources (PAN)

Additional \$C1.5M payment in hand from the Ontario, Canada Thunder Bay North PGM project sale, pushing the sale proceeds to date to \$C9.0M.

A deferred \$C1.5M final instalment is due May 2023.

AVZ Minerals (AVZ)

Conference presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

AVZ presented overnight.

AVZ trade has been suspended.

Traka Resources (TKL)

TKL has appointed Ira Gibbs as company secretary following the resignation of Peter Ruttledge.

Mr Ruttledge had been TKL company secretary since 2007.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Broo Ltd	BEE	11 May
DRA Global	DRA	11 May
Wiluna Mining Corporation	WMC	11 May
Agua Resources	AGR	12 May
Amaero International	3DA	12 May
Australian Mines	AUZ	12 May
Dart Mining	DTM	12 May

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
AVZ Minerals	AVZ	11 May
Canyon Resources	CAY	4 May
Osprey Medical	OSP	3 May

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
NAB	Today	73	100	4.00
RMD	Today	4.14	0	0.57
SSR	Tomorrow	7.39	0	0.75
JHG	Tomorrow	39	0	5.15

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Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	CSR	Full year (w/cast 10am)
	GPT	AGM; Mar Q
	GNC	Interim (w/cast 10am)
	GRR	AGM
	JDO	Investor day
	PPH	Full year (teleconf 9am)
	SIQ	AGM
	URW	AGM (Paris, 10.30am)
Tomorrow	ALD	AGM
	CBA	Mar Q
	ORI	Interim (w/cast 11am)
	SIG	AGM
	TAH	AGM
	WPR	AGM
	XRO	Full year
Fri	VMT	AGM
	WAF	AGM