

Markets

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| SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST) | 7767 | 23 | 0.3 |
| NZX 50 | 11705 | -41 | -0.3 |
| DJIA Futures | 39586 | 50 | 0.1 |
| S&P 500 Futures | 5244 | 5 | 0.1 |
| NASDAQ Futures | 18233 | 19 | 0.1 |

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens Friday trade with the \$A at ~US66.20c, and fluid Middle East alliances, ahead of key economic data and reports out of the UK and euro zone tonight.

US equities markets rose by between 0.3% and 0.8% overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes a March business turnover report at 11.30am AEST.

Also today, a wave of further reaction to, and analysis of, the Australian Government's gas strategy, announced yesterday, is expected.

Regionally today, **Japan** was scheduled to report March household spending and also April bank lending during the half hour prior to the ASX open.

This afternoon, Japan hosts a 30-year government bond auction.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** turned moderately higher.

US **gold** (Comex) futures swung more decisively so, trading above \$US2340.0/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) also turned higher, but by less than US40c/t, settling below \$US117.0/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** settled essentially flat. **Nickel** and **aluminium** were pushed variously higher.

The \$A was propelled to ~US66.20c after trading at ~US65.75c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

| INDEX | CLOSE | +/- | % |
|---------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| Dow Jones | 39388 | 331 | 0.8 |
| S&P 500 | 5214 | 26 | 0.5 |
| NASDAQ | 16346 | 44 | 0.3 |
| FTSE 100 | 8381 | 27 | 0.3 |
| DAX 30 | 18687 | 188 | 1.0 |
| Shanghai Composite | 3154 | 26 | 0.8 |

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets gained in concert overnight.

Key indices on each side of the Atlantic differed however, some chopping and swinging markedly intra-session and others trending more steadily higher.

Today's Stock Watch
QANTM Intellectual Property (QIP) / IPH Ltd (IPH)

QIP has agreed to be acquired by Adamantem under a \$1.817-per-share scheme of arrangement, or a conditional 50:50 cash-scrip alternative.

Additional details lodged this morning.

IPH had also presented an indicative proposal to QIP.

QIP has traded at \$1.67 - \$1.81 for the week to date.

QBE Insurance Group (QBE)

Today's AGM materials lodged, together with March quarter operational statistics, including 2% year-on-year (constant currency) gross written premium growth. January – April claims tallied ~\$300M against a \$1.28B FY24 allowance.

Life360 Inc (360)

\$US9.8M March quarter net loss. 15% higher, \$US78.2M revenue. Additional statistics lodged this morning.

In addition, 360 has lodged details of a proposed NASDAQ (Global Select Market) IPO and listing.

Civmec Ltd (CVL)

16.9% higher year-on-year \$A17.1M March quarter NPAT. 37.6% higher, \$258.3M revenue. \$35.9M net cash.

Metcash Ltd (MTS)

MTS independent hardware (IHG) CEO Annette Welsh is stepping down from 15 years' of IHG senior executive duties to a corporate strategy and governance role, effective 31 August. MTS has appointed IHG merchandise GM Geoff Harris as interim IHG CEO.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) / Omni Bridgeway (OBL)

The Federal Court is scheduled today to rule on a class action brought against the CBA and partly funded by OBL. OBL has called a trading halt this morning.

Resources
St Barbara (SBM)

Papua New Guinea Simberi gold project expansion concept study outcomes, including a minimum 10-year mine plan outlook, lodged this morning.

Kingsgate Consolidated (KCN)

Chatree gold project plant #1 operational permit in hand, enabling commissioning to commence.

Energy
State Gas (GAS)

\$5.5M exploration funding grant in hand.

Details and plans lodged pre-trade.



The FTSE 100 and DAX 30 settled at new record peaks.

A US employment market update pushed expectations of an interest rate cut into the nearer term again.

Meanwhile, the Bank of England (BoE) had convened a policy meeting after which governor Andrew Bailey outlined the reasons for maintaining status quo for the central bank's base interest rate (5.25%) and policy in general.

The governor essentially insisted on 'more evidence' of easing inflation while remaining 'optimistic that things are moving in the right direction'.

Two of the BoE monetary policy committee voted in favour of an interest rate cut, and the other seven opted to hold.

Earlier yesterday, China's April international trade surplus undershot expectations, but this was due to proportional improvements in exports and imports.

Exports grew greater than expected year-on-year, but also imports, by much more so.

Exports and imports had each declined year-on-year in March, and hence the new figures were interpreted as signalling recovery, in particular for domestic demand.

Oil and copper imports were reported lower for the month, although this was in part attributed to price gains.

Also yesterday, China published draft regulatory measures for the lithium battery sector, interpreted in part as a move to protect prices for both batteries and raw materials.

In scant, but significant, overnight **economic data** releases, **US** weekly new unemployment claims tallied 231,000, the most since August 2023, against consensus for 210,000, following the previous week's 209,000.

A 30-year US note bond auction resulted in a 4.635% yield from 4.671%.

Tonight in the **US**, an initial May consumer sentiment reading is due from the University of Michigan. The April national budget is also expected.

In addition, three Federal Reserve officials are scheduled to speak publicly.

Elsewhere, the UK reports March GDP.

Also tonight, the European Central Bank (ECB) releases April monetary policy meeting minutes.

Companies listed to report earnings later today or tonight include: AngloGold Ashanti, Asics, CRH, Foxconn, Honda Motor, ITM Semiconductor Co, Korean Air Lines, Mazda Motor, Olympus and Toshiba Tec.

Commodities

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | \$US/ | +/- | % |
|--|--------|-------|------|------|
| Gold (COMEX 100 Jun) | 2340.3 | oz | 18 | 0.8 |
| Silver (COMEX 5000 Jul) | 28.37 | oz | 0.77 | 2.8 |
| Platinum | 981 | oz | 8 | 0.8 |
| WTI Crude (NYMEX Jun) | 79.26 | bbbl | 0.27 | 0.3 |
| Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jul) | 83.88 | bbbl | 0.30 | 0.4 |
| Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe) | 116.96 | t | 0.37 | 0.3 |
| Copper (LME 3mth Evening) | 9920 | t | -2 | -0.0 |
| Nickel | 19071 | t | 150 | 0.8 |
| Aluminium | 2565 | t | 12 | 0.5 |

Pre-Open Announcements

News Corporation (* NWS)

March quarter operational details, as lodged in the US overnight Wednesday, lodged this morning.

NWS reported to the ASX yesterday morning, subsequently falling 3.29% for the session to settle at \$37.31.

Resources

Southern Cross Gold (SXG)

93.985M SXG shares will be released from escrow 16 May (Thursday next week).

Additional information lodged post-trade yesterday.

Horseshoe Metals(HOR)

In response to an ASX price and volume query, HOR has pointed out recent increased gold and copper prices, and statements lodged in April regarding discussions with potential off-take partners, could have sparked fresh interest in HOR.

HOR settled at 0.9c Wednesday, but was pushed to 1.6c yesterday, on no new news.

The company closed with a 77.78% gain for the session, during which ~4.375M shares were traded across 55 transactions.

Litchfield Minerals (LMS)

In response to an ASX price query, LMS has offered that current Northern Territory Silver King copper prospect drilling could be responsible for this week's new interest.

LMS settled at 17c Tuesday, but traded as high as 22c yesterday.

Energy

88 Energy (* 88E)

The contract for a 2D seismic program for PEL 93, onshore Namibia, paid for upfront by 88E, is set to commence, due to finalising of the contract award.

To date, 88E has earned 20% of PEL 93.

D3 Energy (* D3E)

Natural gas and helium explorer scheduled to list on the ASX at 11am AEST **Monday**, following a \$10M IPO at 20c per share.

~79.475M quoted shares.

Holds (exploration right) ER315, Free State Province, South Africa.

Trading Halts

| Company | Code | Resuming |
|-------------------|------|----------|
| Artemis Resources | ARV | 10 May |
| Aurum Resources | AUE | 10 May |



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|-------------|-------|---|-----|-----|
| Lead | 2242 | t | 5 | 0.2 |
| Zinc | 2913 | t | 3 | 0.1 |
| Tin | 32589 | t | 585 | 1.8 |

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight sentiment was pushed and pulled by: China’s April trade figures; a \$US fall, in part related to perceptions a US interest rate cut could come earlier than anticipated just a week ago; moves by some international banks to lower rates or appear closer to doing so; a watch on the next Middle East moves by the US, Hamas, Israel and groups such as the Houthis; and remaining relatively weak diesel and petrol demand in the US.

China imported 44.72Mt of crude during April, equivalent to ~10.88MMbbl/d, up 5.45% against April 2023.

Imports were down 5.8% for the month, however, although this was attributed in part to higher prices.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report is due tonight from Baker Hughes.

Gold – overnight price gains were mostly attributed to a \$US pullback and technicals, but fresh US employment market figures also supported a potential earlier US interest rate reduction than anticipated a week ago.

Base metals – overnight base metals trade was influenced by China’s April trade figures, a weaker \$US, and interpretations of international central bank moves and comments.

Yesterday, China reported a \$US72.35B April trade surplus, against expectations for \$US76.7B, following \$US58.55B for March.

Exports grew in value year-on-year by 1.5% following a 7.5% annualised March drop and against forecasts for a 1.0% turn higher.

Imports jumped by 8.4%, against consensus for a 5.4% turn higher following March’s 1.9% decline.

China’s April *copper* (unwrought and products) imports fell 7.6% for the month, to 438,000t.

Copper concentrate imports for January through April were calculated at 9.34Mt, against 8.74Mt for the same period in 2023. For April, these tallied 2.35Mt from 2.33Mt for March.

Aluminium and aluminium product exports tallied 520,000t, from 512,000t reported for March.

Iron ore imports rose by 1.1% for the month, to 101.82Mt. Against April 2023 however, iron ore imports were up 12.6%.

China’s April producer prices and CPI are anticipated over the weekend.

Exchange Rates

| CURRENCIES | LAST | +/- | % |
|------------------|--------|--------|------|
| AUD – USD | 0.6622 | 0.0046 | 0.70 |
| EUR – USD | 1.0784 | 0.0040 | 0.38 |

Australian Data Today

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| ABS | Business turnover indicator | Mar |
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| Byron Energy | BYE | 13 May |
| Errawarra Resources | ERW | 13 May |
| Iceni Gold | ICL | 13 May |
| IPB Petroleum | IPB | 10 May |
| Jayex Technology | JTL | 13 May |
| Magnum Mining & Exploration | MGU | 10 May |
| Omni Bridgeway | OBL | 14 May |
| Riversgold Ltd | RGL | 13 May |
| Rumble Resources | RTR | 10 May |
| Thor Energy | THR | 13 May |

Suspensions (selected)

| Company | Code | Since |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| Nexion Group | NNG | 26 Apr |
| Openn Negotiation | OPN | 3 May |
| Scout Security | SCT | 19 Apr |

Ex-Dividends

| Code | Ex-Div | Div (c) | Franking (%) | Yield (%) |
|------------|--------|---------|--------------|-----------|
| EVO | Today | 1.5 | 100 | 8.03 |
| ANZ | Mon | 83 | 65 | 6.08 |
| FFG | Mon | 3.6 | 100 | 2.78 |
| MQG | Mon | 385 | 40 | 3.69 |
| NAC | Mon | 1.5 | 100 | 6.12 |
| NSC | Mon | 1.25 | 100 | 6.30 |
| QVE | Tue | 1.3 | 100 | 5.31 |
| TEA | Tue | 2.5 | 100 | 0.00 |
| SNC | Wed | 2.75 | 100 | 7.38 |
| WMA | Wed | 2.6 | 100 | 2.51 |

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

| When | Company | Report/Event |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Today | 360 | Mar Q |
| | CVL | Mar Q |
| | QBE | AGM; Mar Q |
| | WAF | AGM |
| Mon | 88E | AGM |
| Tue | A1N | AGM |
| Wed | AIA | Apr |
| | GUD | Investor day |
| | WPR | AGM |
| Thu | ALX | AGM |
| | FDV | AGM |



US Data Tonight

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| Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (initial) | May |
| Budget statement | Apr |

Other Overseas Data Today and Tonight

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Japan | Household spending | Mar |
| Japan | Bank lending | Apr |
| UK | GDP (initial) | Mar |
| UK | NIESR GDP tracker | Apr |
| UK | International trade | Mar |
| UK | Industrial production | Mar |
| Euro zone | ECB monetary policy meeting minutes | Apr |

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