

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7018	-32	-0.5
NZX 50	12721	-47	-0.4
DJIA Futures	33994	36	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4157	2	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	13899	2	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade with Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) policy meeting minutes due late morning, and an \$A appreciation, following overnight falls for major international equities markets and mixed commodities sentiment.

Locally today, the RBA publishes 6 April policy meeting minutes 11.30am AEST.

March quarter reporting season also ramps.

Regionally today, China is due to announce one-year and five-year loan prime rates 11.30am.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** turned moderately higher and US **gold** futures lower.

Qingdao **iron ore** (CFR 62% fines) rose by \$US3.37/t to \$US181.80/t.

Nymex (CFR China, 62% Fe) declined slightly.

LME **copper** and **aluminium** swung higher. **Nickel** fell.

The \$A traded below US77.60c after appreciating to ~US77.85c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets.

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34078	-123	-0.4
S&P 500	4163	-22	-0.5
NASDAQ	13915	-138	-1.0
FTSE 100	7000	-19	-0.3
DAX 30	15368	-91	-0.6
Shanghai Comp	3478	51	1.5

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy trade featured across European, UK and US equities markets overnight, following varying openings, with few new data releases to consider and a smattering of mixed corporate earnings and news reports.

Among Covid-19 developments, India announced a lock down for the capital Delhi after 30% of testing returned positive readings.

The UK promptly added India to its travel 'red list'.

The US State Department confirmed it was considering lengthening its 'Do not travel' list.

Also in the UK, the Bank of England revealed it was beginning to investigate creating a central bank digital currency to be available

* Personal finance listing – midday AEST – LFS *

Today's Stock Watch
Wesfarmers Ltd (WES)

Kmart store tour presentation, plus a link to three videos, lodged ahead of a webcast briefing scheduled for 10.30am.

Stockland Group (SGP)

Comparable retail sales grew 3.2% during the March quarter, and specialty sales by 9.4%.

Additional March quarter statistics lodged pre-trade.

Challenger Ltd (CGF)

Anticipating bottom-end \$390M - \$440M FY21 normalised NPAT. AUM grew 8% during the March quarter, to \$100B. FUM rose 9%.

Kazia Therapeutics (KZA)

Resuming from a trading halt with proposed cancer treatment EVT801 exclusive licensing and master services agreements with Hamburg, Germany-headquartered EVT developer Evotec SE. Under the agreements, KZA is anticipating commencing an EVT801 clinical trial before year's end.

KZA is paying Evotec €1M upfront, and up to €308M worth of milestone payments.

Evotec has developed EVT in partnership with NASDAQ-listed Sanofi, following Sanofi's EVT discovery.

A teleconference was scheduled to commence 8am AEST. KZA lodged a presentation post-trade yesterday.

KZA last traded at \$1.53, after falling for five consecutive sessions prior to calling the halt pre-trade Friday last week.

Resources
Rio Tinto (RIO)

Shipped 77.8Mt of iron ore during the March quarter, 7% more than a year ago, but 12% fewer tonnes than for the December quarter. Produced 14% less IOC iron ore pellets and concentrate than for the December quarter and 8% less than year earlier.

Mined 120,500t of copper, this morning, 9% fewer tonnes against both the December and March quarters 2020.

2021 production guidance unchanged.

Lynas Corporation (LYC)

Produced 4463t of REO during the March quarter, including 1359t of NdPr, against 3410t and 1367t respectively for the December quarter. Sales revenue tallied \$A110M, from \$A119.4M. \$A568.5M cash balance.

Energy
Senex Energy (SXY)

March quarter production, sales and revenue growth lodged.



to households and businesses for use in addition to bank deposits and cash.

Earlier yesterday, Japan's March trade figures exceeded expectations for export and import activity and trade surplus growth.

Later in the day however, February industrial production was confirmed as weak.

In scant overnight data releases, **euro zone** March construction output dropped 5.8% after a 2.6% January fall and forecasts for a new 3.6% decline.

Germany's central bank the Bundesbank published a monthly report, this one confirming the bank's view economic activity had turned lower during the March quarter.

This was notably evident in the services sector, largely due to Covid-19 containment restrictions.

The bank noted however, that while supply constraints persisted within the industrial sector, orders improved from February again.

In the **US**, no major indicators were scheduled for release.

Meanwhile, the \$US traded at six-week lows for a while.

Tonight in the **US**, again no major date releases are scheduled for release.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: Abbott Laboratories, Associated British Foods, CSX, Danone, Johnson & Johnson, Lockheed Martin, Netflix, Procter & Gamble, Sandvik, Tenet Healthcare and Travelers.

In overnight corporate news, **Tesla** was pushed decidedly lower following weekend reports of a fatal car crash involving a driverless Tesla vehicle.

United Airlines' March quarter loss came in worse than feared.

Nvidia suffered a 3.5% fall after UK regulators indicated disapproval of Nvidia's proposed acquisition of **Arm**.

Coca-Cola surpassed quarterly expectations, but sounded a Covid-19 – restrictions-related sales warning.

IBM reported seemingly pleasing results, at least for the cloud computing services business, post-US trade.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Jun)	1770.6	oz	-9.60	-0.5
Silver (NY) (May)	25.84	oz	-0.27	-1.0
Gold (LON) (16 Apr)	1774	oz		
Platinum	1203	oz	6	0.5
WTI Crude (NYMEX May)	63.38	bbbl	0.25	0.4
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jun)	67.05	bbbl	0.28	0.4
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	174.72	t	-0.17	-0.1
Copper (LME Ind)	9318	t	107	1.2
Nickel	16125	t	-239	-1.5
Aluminium	2332	t	16	0.7
Lead	2057	t	10	0.5
Zinc	2847	t	-10	-0.4
Tin	26800	t	184	0.7

Pre-Open Announcements

Latitude Group Holdings (* LFS)

Personal finance (loans and payments) specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **midday** AEST following a \$200M IPO at \$A2.60 per share.

1B quoted securities.

Trade will commence on a conditional and deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence Thursday.

Irongate Group (* IAP)

Acquiring two Brisbane, Queensland industrial properties, each for the proposed construction of warehouse and distribution facilities.

IAP will pay \$14.32M for a Kingston property, with facilities to be leased to Construction Sciences and Waco Kwikform.

IAP will initially pay \$3.05M for the land and the balance through to the completion of construction, expected to be by year's end.

The other property, in Morningside, will be purchased for \$5.932M, on a fund-through basis, with facilities, including a State head office, to be leased to 3M.

Steadfast Group (* SDF)

SDF has boosted its unisonSteadfast international insurance brokers network holding to 60%.

Details, including changes to the supervisory board, lodged post-trade yesterday.

Keytone Dairy (* KTD)

FY21 sales revenue estimated at \$A50.7M, representing 125% growth.

Additional details and commentary lodged this morning.

Temple & Webster (* TPW)

112% higher, year-on-year March quarter revenue.

April revenue-to-date has grown 20%.

Bapcor Ltd (BAP)

Conference presentation lodged pre-trade.

WiseTech Global (WTC)

Founder and CEO Richard White has sold WTC shares under a 12 April – 30 June trading program through which he expects to sell, via small daily trades, the equivalent of 0.5% - 0.7% of all issued WTC shares.

This means Mr White's WTC shareholding could fall from 44.79% to 44%.

Overall, WTC directors and employees hold 56.9% of WTC securities.

Damstra Holdings (DTC)

A webinar was scheduled to commence 9am AEST and continue until 11am.

DTC March quarter plus strategy presentation materials lodged pre-trade.



Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices settled higher overnight, despite increased demand risk.

The UK and US announced they would boost the numbers on their nations' travel ban lists, and a lockdown was declared for India's capital Delhi.

This followed a list of flight suspensions announced by Hong Kong late-weekend, and due to commence today, for select nations.

Overnight oil sentiment was supported, however, by a yet weaker \$US.

In addition, Saudi Arabia's February oil exports were estimated at their least in eight months.

Gold – some profit-taking was cited for an overnight move lower for gold.

The ICE \$US index fell 0.5% and 10-year US bond yields were reported slightly higher.

No new data releases were scheduled for release in the US overnight, and none are anticipated tonight.

Base metals – the \$US at six-week lows, new weekly inventories, varying international Covid-19 reports and select positive data pushed and pulled overnight LME trade.

Yesterday, Japan reported a ¥663.7B March trade surplus, from ¥215.9 reported for March and against expectations of ¥300B.

Imports rose by 5.7% year-on-year, 1% more than expected, and following an 11.8% February rise.

Exports jumped 16.1%, following expectations of 11.6% growth and against a 4.5% February drop.

February industrial production fell 1.3% for the month, following a 3.1% January increase. Forecasters had anticipated a 2.1% decline, however.

Against February 2020, output was 2.0% lower.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7759	0.0021	0.27
EUR – USD	1.2039	0.0072	0.60

Australian Data Today

RBA	Policy meeting minutes	6 Apr
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Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	One- & five-year loan prime rates	Apr
Japan	Tertiary industry index (2.30pm AEST)	Feb
UK	Unemployment claims	Mar
UK	Average earnings	Feb
UK	ILO unemployment	Feb
Germany	Producer prices	Mar

Resources

Resolute Mining (** RSG)

Chifeng Jilong Gold Mining Co has terminated the agreement for RSG's proposed sale of the Ghana Bibiani gold mine to Chifeng.

This is due to previously-disclosed recent action by the government in Ghana, including notice that it would not allow the sale.

Chifeng is asking RSG for return of the \$US5M deposit, plus interest, within five business days.

Gold Road Resources (* GOR)

Produced 66,213oz of gold during the March quarter, at a \$A1386/oz AISC, against 70,794oz and \$A1265/oz respectively for the December quarter 2020.

Sold 32,100oz at \$A2138/oz.

\$149.8M cash and equivalents.

Perseus Mining (* PRU)

Produced 88,458oz of gold during the March quarter, at a \$US999/oz AISC.

This represents 29% output growth from the December quarter 2020 and a 3.5% AISC reduction.

Sold 31% more (87,215oz) gold at an average \$US1628/oz, the price representing a 3.5% decline for the quarter.

\$US6M net cash.

Aeon Metals (* AML)

NW Queensland Walford Creek copper-cobalt project resources updated.

The Vardy & Marly combined copper resource is estimated at 19.6Mt @ 1.08% Cu, 0.15% Co, 31g/t Ag, 1.03% Pb, 0.73% Zn and 0.07% Ni.

A cobalt peripheral resource is calculated at 19Mt @ 0.24% Cu, 0.09% Co, 21g/t Ag, 0.96% Pb, 1.07% Zn and 0.04% Ni.

Accompanying commentary lodged post-trade yesterday.

Queensland Pacific Metals (QPM)

Boosting the initially targeted \$3M SPP to \$5M after receiving \$10.6M worth of subscriptions by early-close.

Magnum Mining & Exploration (MGU)

MGU has appointed former Kumba Iron Ore, Glencore and Noble Group executive Dano Chan as MD, effective immediately.

Mr Chan was appointed as an MGU director last week.

In addition, MGU has secured RK Equity Advisors, Pickwick Capital Partners and Shape Capital to assist with the company's green steel strategy in the US.

Energy

88 Energy (* 88E)

March quarter activities report lodged pre-trade.

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Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Exopharm Ltd	EX1	20 Apr
Merchant House International	MHI	20 Apr
Antipa Minerals	AZY	21 Apr
AssetOwl Ltd	AO1	21 Apr
Elixir Energy	EXR	21 Apr
Emyria Ltd	EMD	21 Apr
Greenland Minerals	GGG	21 Apr
HomeCo Daily Needs REIT	HDN	21 Apr
Impact Minerals	IPT	21 Apr
Perpetual Resources	PEC	21 Apr
Seven Group Holdings	SVW	21 Apr
White Rock Minerals	WRM	21 Apr

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Tubi Ltd	2BE	8 Apr
Infinity Lithium Corporation	INF	13 Apr
WooBoard Technologies	WOO	19 Apr

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
KPG	Tomorrow	0.33	100	2.07
SOL	Tomorrow	26	100	1.81
ACF	Thu	0.75	100	2.76
MFF	Fri	3	100	2.02
CDM	29 Apr	2	100	3.72
SST	29 Apr	~28	0	2.27

Reports & Events*(selected; all times AEST)*

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	88E	Mar Q
	CGF	Mar Q
	DTC	Mar Q (webinar 9am-11am)
	GCY	Mar Q
	GNE	Mar Q
	GOR	Mar Q (w/cast tele 10.30am)
	HUB	Mar Q
	LYC	Mar Q
	PRU	Mar Q (webinar/tele 9am)
	RIO	Mar Q
	SXY	Mar Q (tele 10am)
	SGP	Mar Q
	TPW	Mar Q



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Tomorrow	BHP	Mar Q (& 9mths review)
Thu	API	Interim (w/cast tele 10.30am)
	DXS	AGM (3.30pm)
	EVN	Mar Q
	OZL	Mar Q
	STO	Mar Q
	WPL	Mar Q