

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDST)	<b>5820</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	8392	-14	-0.2
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	24577	14	0.1
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	2682	0	0.0
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	6706	-6	-0.1

## Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade following decidedly mixed overnight international equities and commodities settlements, ahead of influential regional data and the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) April policy meeting minutes.

**China** is expected to report March quarter GDP, March industrial production, March retail sales and fixed asset production **midday** AEST.

The RBA's policy meeting minutes are scheduled for release 11.30am AEST.

Also locally today, a weekly consumer sentiment reading is due pre-trade.

In overnight commodities trade, US **gold** futures settled a little higher. **Oil** was pushed lower.

**Iron ore** (China port, 62% Fe) extended Friday's swing lower.

LME **copper** and **nickel** rallied. **Aluminium** was propelled sharply higher.

The **\$A** appreciated beyond US77.80c after trading at ~US77.75c early yesterday evening.

## Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	24573	213	<b>0.9</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2678	22	<b>0.8</b>
<b>NASDAQ</b>	7156	50	<b>0.7</b>
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7198	-66	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>DAX 30</b>	12391	-51	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3111	-48	<b>-1.5</b>

## Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities mostly headed higher on opening overnight but key European indices were ultimately pushed lower.

In addition to a plethora of international and US domestic political commentary, traders considered: a cyber attack seeming to particularly target the UK; a warming earnings season and clinical trial results from some high-profile stocks; and euro and British pound strength; ahead of a batch of influential data out of China today.

Among mixed US data releases, March retail sales pleased, reported 0.6% higher, following falls for both January and February.

February overall business inventories also rose 0.6%.

A homebuilders' sentiment index slipped one point to 69.

An April New York business activity index dropped 6.7 to 15.8. The six-month outlook component tumbled by 26 points to a two-year low of 18.

## China – March quarter GDP due midday AEST

March industrial production, retail sales and fixed asset investment also expected midday

## Today's Stock Watch

### Bank of Queensland (BOQ) / Freedom Insurance Group (FIG)

8% higher, \$174M BOQ interim NPAT. 4% higher, \$182M cash earnings. 4% higher, \$555M revenue. 38c fully-franked interim dividend. 19% fall in loan impairment expenses to \$22M. Common equity tier 1 capital ratio up 0.03% to 9.42%.

In addition, BOQ is selling its St Andrew's Insurance to FIG for \$65M. BOQ anticipates a 0.2% common equity tier one ratio lift and post-tax \$8M profit from the sale. Completion is anticipated by year's end.

BOQ webcast teleconference scheduled to commence 10.30am AEST. Access details lodged this morning.

### Mayne Pharma (MYX)

MYX has achieved the US launch of amiodarone 200mg, a generic version of Cordarone, used to treat ventricular arrhythmia. MYX has already been selling 100mg and 400mg strengths.

### Downer EDI (DOW)

\$660M, 6.5-year underground mining services contract secured with OZ Minerals' (ASX: OZL) Carrapateena copper-gold project, South Australia.

### Nufarm Ltd (NUF)

Proposing to issue \$US450M worth of unsecured notes, in support of repaying bank facility debt and bonds due to mature in October 2019.

### Noxopharm Ltd (NOX)

Initial results from a clinical study targeting late-stage prostate cancer are coming in positive.

### Spectur Ltd (SP3)

Australian Department of Defence supplier authorisation in hand, together with an initial order for HD4 camera systems.

## Resources

### OZ Minerals (OZL)

Produced 27,466t of copper, 30,873t of gold and 180,463oz of silver in concentrate during the March quarter, at a US97c/lb C1 cash cost. Sold 52,131t of concentrate. During the December quarter 2017, OZL produced 29,886t of copper and 39,178oz of gold, before closing the Carrapateena open pit.

### Saracen Mineral Holdings (SAR)

Raising FY 2018 output guidance to 310,000oz – 315,000oz at a \$A1100/oz - \$A1150/oz AISC.

Produced a record 98,886oz of gold during the March quarter at a \$A1181/oz AISC. Sold 81,351oz at \$A1584/oz for \$A128.8M revenue. \$A101.5M cash and equivalents. A webcast teleconference is scheduled to commence 11am AEST.

## Energy

### Whitehaven Coal (WHC)

Produced 5.9Mt of ROM coal during the March quarter, 4% more than a year earlier. Saleable coal production rose 3% to 5.2Mt. Sold 10% more coal, totalling 5.4Mt.

**Tonight** in the US, March industrial production, housing starts and building permits are due.

Companies scheduled to report earnings include: Associated British Foods, CSX, Goldman Sachs, IBM, Johnson & Johnson and Omnicom.

In overnight corporate news, **Netflix** has reported post-US trade, revealing \$US3.7B quarterly revenue and subscriber growth figures that have helped pushed the stock 6% higher post-settlement.

**Bank of America** exceeded profit and revenue forecasts but gained less than 0.5%.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Jun)</b>	<b>1351</b>	oz	3	0.2
<b>Silver (NY) (May)</b>	16.7	oz	0.0	0.0
<b>Gold (LON)</b>	1344	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	928	oz	-1	-0.1
<b>WTI Crude (May)</b>	<b>66.2</b>	bbl	-1.2	-1.8
<b>Brent Crude (Jun)</b>	<b>71.4</b>	bbl	-1.2	-1.7
<b>Iron Ore</b> (CHN port 62%)	<b>63.9</b>	t	1.1	-1.6
<b>Copper</b>	<b>6911</b>	t	81	1.2
<b>Nickel</b>	14335	t	395	2.8
<b>Aluminium</b>	2399	t	114	5.0
<b>Lead</b>	2370	t	67	2.9
<b>Zinc</b>	3137	t	20	0.6
<b>Tin</b>	21025	t	-25	-0.1
<b>CBT Wheat (May)</b>	<b>4.62</b>	bshl	-0.11	-2.2

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – prices were pushed lower on a perception the risk of Middle East crude export disruptions had sufficiently eased.

Meanwhile, figures from US government agency Energy Information Administration (EIA) pointed to a daily 125,000 additional barrels of US shale output during May.

**Gold** – remained buoyed overnight by a comparatively soft \$US index, despite improved risk sentiment demonstrated in US equities trade.

**Base metals** – a relatively weak \$US generally benefited overnight trade.

The broader impacts of sanctions against Russia's Rusal continued to support aluminium, despite stockpiles estimated 9% higher than when the sanctions were announced earlier this month.

**China's** March quarter GDP growth, plus March industrial production, retail sales and fixed asset investment are due today, and are expected to influence at least some of tonight's trade.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7778	-0.0003	-0.04
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.2381	0.0001	0.01

### Australian Data Today

RBA	Policy meeting minutes	3 Apr
ANZ/RyMgn	Consumer sentiment	15 Apr

### Pre-Open Announcements

#### Fletcher Building (\* FBU)

Trading halt called this morning ahead of a \$NZ750M fully-underwritten one-for-4.46 entitlement offer at \$NZ4.80 per share. The retail component is scheduled for 23 April (Monday next week) – 11 May.

FBU has traded at \$5.535 - \$6.38 over the past five trading sessions.

#### Quickstep Holdings (\* QHL)

March quarter report lodged this morning, highlighting \$14.6M worth of sales, a 15% increase on a year earlier.

For the financial year-to-date, QHL sales have reached \$42.5M.

#### Creso Pharma (CPH)

Scrapping plans to issue performance rights and options to Everblu Capital and Everblu directors.

CPH settled steady at 62c yesterday, after dropping from a 70.5c settlement Friday week ago, closing out March at 75.5c and February at 89.5c.

#### Crown Resorts (CWN)

CWN has received all necessary regulatory approvals for Guy Jalland to become a CWN director. CWN announced the appointment early August 2017.

#### Australian United Investment Company (AUI)

AUI has appointed Yarra Capital Management MD and Australian equities head Dion Hershman as a director, effective today.

AUI's portfolio was valued at \$1.186B 31 March.

### Resources

#### Jupiter Mines (\* JMS)

Mining sector investor scheduled to list 11am AEST tomorrow following a \$240M IPO at 40c per share.

HSBC Custody Nominees Australia hold 21.93%; Investec Bank 12.03%; Pallinghurst Steel Feed (Dutch) 6.34%; POSCO Australia 6.93%; Hancock Prospecting 1.02%.

1.948 trillion shares.

#### AngloGold Ashanti (AGG)

CEO Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan CEO has resigned, in favour of the CEO role at Vedanta Resources Plc.

Mr Venkatakrishnan has been AGG's CEO for the past five years and has been with AGG for 18 years.

He currently plans to remain AGG CEO until 30 August.

#### Lithium Power International (\* LPI)

Maricunga lithium brine project samples have been processed to 99.9% lithium carbonate by Veolia Water Technologies.

Clarification of the early April announcement contained in LPI's latest announcement, lodged post-trade yesterday.

#### Atlas Iron (\* AGO)

Shipped 2Mt(wet) of iron ore during the March quarter at a \$A62/t full cash cost (CFR). Realised \$A59/t. \$A64M cash on hand.

AGO commenced manganese exports earlier this month.

#### Tao Commodities (\* TAO)

Completed a successful ASX listing yesterday following a \$4.75M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 24c and traded at 23.5c – 25c before settling back at 24c.

1.575M shares changed hands across 124 trades.

23.75M shares.

**US Data Tonight**

Housing starts	Mar
Building permits	Mar
Industrial production	Mar

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

<b>China</b>	GDP	MarQ
China	Industrial production	Mar
China	Fixed asset investment	Mar
China	Retail sales	Mar
<b>Japan</b>	Industrial production (final)	Feb
<b>UK</b>	Average earnings	Feb
UK	ILO unemployment	Feb
UK	Unemployment count	Mar
<b>Germany</b>	ZEW economic sentiment	Apr
<b>Euro zone</b>	ZEW economic sentiment	Apr

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**Mako Gold (MKG, MKGO)**

Completed its ASX listing yesterday following a \$6M IPO a 20c per share.

Opened at 20c and traded at 19c – 21c before settling at 19.5c. 1.24M shares were traded across 58 transactions. 36.525M shares; ~15.0M three-year options.

**Reports & Events**

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>BOQ</b>	Interim
	<b>OZL</b>	Mar Q
	<b>SAR</b>	Mar Q
	<b>WHC</b>	Mar Q
<b>Tomorrow</b>	AZJ	Mar Q
	RIO	Mar Q
<b>Thu</b>	APO	AGM
	API	Interim
	BHP	Mar Q
	CGF	Mar Q
	GEM	AGM
	ILU	Mar Q
	STO	Mar Q
	S32	Mar Q
WPL	AGM	
<b>23 Apr</b>	MHJ	Mar Q
<b>24 Apr</b>	BPT	Mar Q
	BKL	Mar Q
	FMG	Mar Q
	ILU	AGM
	MQA	Mar Q
	OZL	AGM

**Trading Halts**

Company	Code	Resuming
Alt Resources	ARS	17 Apr
Mount Ridley Mines	MRD	17 Apr
Rision Ltd	RNL	17 Apr
Skin Elements	SKN	17 Apr
Titan Minerals	TTM	17 Apr
Galena Mining	G1A	18 Apr
Goldfields Money	GMY	18 Apr
Interpose Holdings	IHS	18 Apr
MGM Wireless	MWR	18 Apr
PharmAust Ltd	PAA	18 Apr
Sayona Mining	SYA	18 Apr
Fletcher Building	FBU	20 Apr

**Suspensions (selected)**

Company	Code	Since
Astro Resources	ARO	17 Apr
BPH Energy	BPH	13 Apr
eSense-Lab Ltd	ESE	23 Mar
JV Global	JVG	21 Mar

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Poseidon Nickel	POS	22 Mar
Resources & Energy Group	REZ	12 Apr
Samson Oil & Gas	SSN	16 Apr
Syntonic Ltd	SYT	6 Apr
Tikforce Ltd	TKF	21 Mar
TopBeta Holdings	TBH	16 Apr
Wangle Technologies	WGL	13 Apr
Wattle Health Australia	WHA	6 Apr

**Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
<b>GZL</b>	Today	<b>8</b>	100	6.81
<b>NZM</b>	Today	<b>5.6</b>	0	10.31
SOL	Tomorrow	23	100	2.89
1AL	Thu	2	0	5.64
KAT	Thu	0.75	64	2.65
RIC	23 Apr	1.5	100	3.37
EGI	24 Apr	2.5	100	2.71
AMA	27 Apr	0.5	100	2.53
MFF	27 Apr	1.5	100	1.06
SST	27 Apr	13.59	0	1.99
PMV	30 Apr	29	100	3.56