

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDT)	6093	-8	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	9315	14	<b>0.2</b>
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	25833	0	0.0
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	2774	-13	-0.5
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	7035	-39	-0.6

## Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences Friday trade with keenly anticipated comments from the governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), ahead of influential regional data and following generally uninspiring overnight international equities and key commodities trade.

**Locally** today, reporting season continues, as the **RBA** governor is quizzed by national MPs.

China's indefinite ban on imports of Australian **coal** (mostly expected for coking coal, used in steel making) at the key five-harbour port of Dalian will impact select stocks and continue to toy with the \$A.

The volumes are estimated at just 1.8% of Australia's coal exports, but industry watchers have voiced fears of broader restrictions.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** include **ANN**, **LNK**, **SUL** and **WPL**. Please see pp4-5 for details.

**Regionally**, **China** is due to report January house prices 12.30pm AEDT.

**Japan's** January **CPI** is expected **10.30am** AEDT.

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

US **gold** futures (April) fell.

**Iron ore** (China port, 62% Fe) was pushed lower for a second consecutive session.

LME **copper** and **nickel** turned lower. **Aluminium** rallied for a second consecutive session.

The **\$A** traded at ~US70.95 after dropping below US71.0c early yesterday evening.

## Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	25851	-104	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2775	-10	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>NASDAQ</b>	7460	-29	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7167	-61	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>DAX 30</b>	11423	21	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	2752	-9	<b>-0.3</b>

## Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets again chopped through overnight trade, investors faced with geopolitical developments and a batch of mixed economic indicators from both sides of the Atlantic.

Indications out of **China-US** trade talks, which yesterday featured the head trade negotiators for each side, suggested both the US and China were prepared to offer further concessions.

Each side spoke of a start to draft wording for potential structural changes, touted conditions including the US approach to Huawei 5G products and

**Australia** – RBA governor Philip Lowe meets with the national parliament's House of Reps standing committee on economics from **9.30am** AEDT today

**Japan** – January **CPI** – **10.30am** AEDT

## Today's Stock Watch

### Westpac Banking Corporation (WBC)

WBC says it will defend the claims against the group in a class action brought by Maurice Blackburn and Harbour Litigation Funding.

### NetComm Wireless (NNT)

Agreeing to a \$A1.10 per share proposed acquisition by NASDAQ-listed Casa Systems. Details lodged this morning.

Also today reporting a 39.7% lower, \$2.25M interim NPAT.

6.5% higher, \$94.31M revenue. 34.28c NTA.

In addition, NTC MD and CEO Ken Sheridan is stepping down from these roles, due to family health reasons, but will continue with NTC as an executive director.

CTO Steve Collins will be interim CEO.

NTC has traded at 70.5c – 75c over the past five trading sessions.

### Genworth Mortgage Insurance Australia (GMA)

49.3% lower, \$75.67M full year NPAT.

24.1% lower, \$281.28M revenue.

9c fully franked final dividend.

### Regis Healthcare (REG)

12% lower, \$24.40M interim NPAT.

8% higher, \$318.23M revenue.

### Charter Hall Group (CHC)

10.7% higher, \$133.5M interim NPAT.

19.5% higher, \$156.0M revenue.

8.3c interim distribution and 8.2c interim dividend, against 9.4c and 6.2c respectively. \$3.82 NTA.

### Automotive Holdings Group (AHG)

Anticipating a \$52M – \$56M FY 2019 operating NPAT, against \$56M – \$59M previous guidance.

\$225.63M interim net loss, following a \$40.7M net profit a year ago. 1.7% higher, \$3.22B revenue.

Adverse one-offs and impairments totalled \$249.8M.

### Auckland International Airport (AIA)

Reducing airline charges by \$NZ33M over five years, equivalent to a NZ31c per passenger cut. Effective 1 July.

18.7% lower, \$NZ147.2M interim NPAT.

38.2% higher, \$NZ370.6M income.

NZ11c interim dividend, against NZ10.75c. \$NZ4.76 NTA.

### Ardent Leisure Group (ALG)

\$21.82M interim net loss, following a \$15.64M net loss a year ago. 14.6% lower, \$226.67M revenue.

### Platinum Asset Management (PTM)

26.72% lower \$74.87M interim NPAT. 28.49% lower, \$132.97M revenue. 13c fully franked interim dividend, down 3c. 74c NTA, against 70c.

### Quickstep Holdings (QHL)

\$886,000 interim NPAT, following a \$2.92M net loss a year ago.

21.5% higher, \$33.85M revenue. 1.5c NTA.

services, and China's energy, agriculture, and tech component buying.

Meanwhile the **UK** PM and European Commission (EC) head promoted 'constructive' talks on definitive legal Ireland-UK border arrangements for the planned separation of the UK from the **European Union** (EU).

Talk of a possible 'no-deal' scenario, and associated contingencies, firmed in the UK and from corporate entities, however.

**European Central Bank** (ECB) January policy meeting minutes confirmed concerns at an extended regional economic slowing, and growing expectations that banks could need liquidity boosts.

Mixed **US data** releases included: December durable goods orders, which were reported 1.2% higher for the month (boosted by commercial aircraft business); a 21.1-point slide for the Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index to -4.1; February Markit manufacturing and services PMIs at 53.7 (-1.2) and 56.2 (+2); carries heavier weight in GDP calculations; a 1.2% fall in January existing home sales (following a 4% December drop); and a flat, -0.1 Conference Board leading index.

Weekly new unemployment claims fell 23,000.

Initial February PMIs for the **euro zone** came in at 49.2 (-1.3, into contraction mode) and 52.3 (+1.1) respectively for the manufacturing and services sectors.

**Germany's** manufacturing PMI fell 2.1 points to 47.6.

The services sector activity index, however, rose 2.1 points to 55.1.

In the meantime, a final January **CPI** reading for Germany came in as **0.8% deflation** for the month, following a 0.1% December rise.

Year-on-year January CPI represented a 1.4% gain.

In the **UK**, January public sector finances revealed a £14.9B surplus, against £9.3B at the end of January 2018 and a record for UK January surpluses.

**Tonight** in the US, seven Federal Reserve officials are scheduled to speak publicly, at a monetary policy forum.

Elsewhere, a final January **CPI** for the **euro zone** is due and a final December quarter **GDP** reading for **Germany** are keenly anticipated following last night's data.

**ECB** president Mario Draghi is scheduled to speak publicly, at an awards function.

## Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY)</b> (Apr)	<b>1327.8</b>	oz	-20.1	-1.5
<b>Silver (NY)</b> (May)	15.80	oz	0.38	-2.3
<b>Gold (LON)</b>	1334	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	822	oz	-4	-0.5
<b>WTI Crude</b> (Apr)	<b>56.96</b>	bbl	-0.2	-0.4
<b>Brent Crude</b> (Apr)	<b>67.07</b>	bbl	-0.02	-0.1
<b>Iron Ore</b> (CHN port 62%)	<b>86.68</b>	t	-1.32	-1.5
<b>Copper</b> (LME, 3mth, PM)	<b>6370</b>	t	-47	-0.7
<b>Nickel</b>	12850	t	-65	-0.5
<b>Aluminium</b>	1906	t	32	1.7
<b>Lead</b>	2065	t	19	0.9
<b>Zinc</b>	2676	t	-23	-0.9
<b>Tin</b>	21425	t	175	0.8
<b>CBT Wheat</b> (May)	<b>4.94</b>	bshl	0.09	1.9

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Navitas Ltd (\* NVT)

Agreement secured to operate the University of Leicester Global Study Centre.

### IMF Bentham (IMF)

\$10.69M interim net loss.

36% lower, \$8.14M income.

### Viva Energy REIT (VVR)

Resuming trade having completed a \$100M institutional placement at \$2.32 per security.

VVR last traded at \$2.42.

### Helloworld Travel (\* HLO)

CEO Andrew Burnes denies allegations made in the Australian Senate regarding a statement he reportedly made about Joe Hockey, Australia's ambassador to the US at the time of the alleged statement.

### Contango Income Generator (\* CIE)

Chairman Andrew MacDonald resigned from the CIE board yesterday.

CIE director Mark Kerr has been appointed CIE chair, in addition to his chairmanships of Hawthorn Resources (ASX: HAW) and Think Childcare (ASX: TNK).

In addition, Contango Asset Management (ASX: CGA) MD and CEO Marty Switzer has been appointed as a CIE director. Mr Switzer will not receive director fees.

CIE lodged its half year results post-trade yesterday.

These included an ~\$6M net loss and revenue losses totalling ~\$8.3M.

### BidEnergy Ltd (BID)

BID has appointed director Andrew Dyer as chairman, to take over from James Baillieu who will remain on the BID board and as a major (8.96%) BID shareholder.

## Resources

### Talisman Mining (TLM)

\$29M, 155.625c-per-share capital return.

Details lodged this morning.

### OceanaGold Corporation (\* OGC)

Non-executive OGC chair Jim Askew is planning to retire from the OGC board at the June 2019 AGM

In association, OGC director Ian Reid has been appointed to take over as OGC chair at that time.

In addition, former Gold Fields VP and previous New Gold chair Craig Nelsen has been appointed as an OGC non-executive director.

Mr Askew has been OGC's chairman since 2007.

### Gold Road Resources (GOR)

Sydney Mining Club presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

GOR settled at 86c yesterday, after closing out last week at 80.5c.

## Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>ALG</b>	Interim
	<b>AIA</b>	Interim
	<b>AHG</b>	Interim



## Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – US government agency the EIA reported a record 12MMbbl/d domestic output for last week (ending 15 Feb).

Exports jumped by 1.2MMbbl/d, however, to another record, 3.6MMbbl/d.

Crude stockpiles rose 3.7MMbbl.

**Gold** – a cocktail of factors contributed to price falls overnight, these including more definitive indications of progress in US-China trade talks, the January US Federal Reserve minutes not indicating total consensus on a stay this year on rate rises, profit-taking on technicals, and a turn higher for the \$US. Key US and euro zone data came in mixed.

**Base metals** – general sentiment bruised overnight by a stronger \$US and some disappointing economic indicators.

Profit-taking was noted for *copper*, following supply-fuelled rallying.

Aluminium was supported by further reports of reduced production from China, and a 3.5% drop in international output during January, to 5.3Mt.

A February manufacturing PMI, reported for **Japan** yesterday, represented a two-point fall to a contraction mode 48.5.

**China** is expected to publish January residential property prices today.

## Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7096	0.0006	0.08
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1336	0.0003	0.03

## Australian Data Today

RBA	Liabilities & assets	22 Feb
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## Overseas Data Today & Tonight

<b>Japan</b>	CPI	Jan
<b>Germany</b>	GDP (final)	DecQ
Germany	IFO business climate	Feb
<b>Euro zone</b>	CPI (final)	Jan

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<b>BWX</b>	Interim
<b>CHC</b>	Full year
<b>GMA</b>	Full year
<b>IVC</b>	Interim
<b>KGN</b>	Interim
<b>MYX</b>	Interim
<b>NAN</b>	Interim
<b>NTC</b>	Interim
<b>REH</b>	Interim
<b>REG</b>	Interim
<b>SPZ</b>	Interim
<b>VRL</b>	Interim

<b>Mon</b>	AJX	Interim
	BSL	Interim
	BLY	Interim
	BLD	Interim
	HUB	Interim
	JHC	Interim
	LLC	Interim
	MAH	Interim
	OML	Interim
	OPT	Interim
	QIN	Interim
	RWC	Interim
	TLX	Interim
	YAL	Interim
<b>Tue</b>	CTX	Full year
	EHE	Interim
	FXL	Interim
	GTK	AGM
	PRT	Interim
	RSG	Interim
	SDA	Interim
	SKI	Interim
<b>Wed</b>	AGI	Interim
	AGY	Interim
	AAC	Interim
	AVH	Interim
	BLA	Interim
	BVS	Interim
	CAJ	Interim
	CGC	Interim
	LNG	Interim
	MHJ	Interim
	NSR	Interim
	OZL	Full year
	PDN	Interim
	REX	Interim
	SEK	Interim
	SHV	Interim
	VEA	Interim
	VOC	Interim

## Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Bellevue Gold	BGL	22 Feb
P2P Transport	P2P	22 Feb
Viva Energy REIT	VVR	22 Feb



Gazal Corporation	GZL	25 Feb
Millennium Minerals	MOY	25 Feb
Pure Minerals	PM1	25 Feb
Tilt Renewables	TLT	25 Feb
Alto Metals	AME	26 Feb
Blina Minerals	BDI	26 Feb
FBR Ltd	FBR	26 Feb

**Suspensions** *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Affinity Energy & Health	AEB	5 Feb
Coolgardie Minerals	CM1	8 Feb
Covata Ltd	CVT	30 Jan
Freedom Insurance Group	FIG	7 Feb
LandMark White	LMW	19 Feb
Niuminco Group	NIU	21 Feb
Reva Medical	RVA	20 Feb
Shree Minerals	SHH	20 Feb
Sinotech Ltd	STC	19 Feb
Sky & Space Global	SAS	6 Feb
Threat Protect Australia	TPS	14 Feb
Titan Minerals	TTM	20 Feb
Vector Resources	VEC	4 Feb

**Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
<b>ANN</b>	Today	<b>29.25</b>	0	2.55
<b>AUI</b>	Today	<b>17</b>	100	4.14
<b>CGL</b>	Today	<b>4.8</b>	100	1.89
<b>DUI</b>	Today	<b>7</b>	100	3.69
<b>HT1</b>	Today	<b>4</b>	100	3.78
<b>INA</b>	Today	<b>5.4</b>	0	3.45
<b>LNK</b>	Today	<b>8</b>	100	2.98
<b>SUL</b>	Today	<b>21.5</b>	100	6.38
<b>WPL</b>	Today	<b>127.56</b>	100	5.41
AZJ	Mon	11.4	70	5.26
BRG	Mon	18.5	60	2.30
CIE	Mon	1.55	100	7.93
NAC	Mon	1.35	100	5.88
NSC	Mon	1.15	100	7.97
NWL	Mon	5.5	100	1.31
SDF	Mon	3.2	100	2.58
WHC	Mon	20	0	6.33
CDA	Tue	6.5	100	2.74
CGF	Tue	17.5	100	4.45
CCL	Wed	26	50	tbc
DMP	Tue	62.7	75	2.53
IFL	Tue	25.5	100	8.10
STO	Tue	US6.2	100	tbc
SGR	Tue	10.5	100	tbc
WOR	Tue	12.5	0	1.81
AMP	Wed	4	90	5.93
BAP	Wed	7.5	100	2.78
BPT	Wed	1	100	1.00
EGG	Wed	2.5	100	3.57
FID	Wed	11	100	4.27
HLO	Wed	8	100	3.68
IRI	Wed	3.5	100	2.97
MAI	Wed	0.75	100	3.18
MOE	Wed	8	100	1.56

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ORA	Wed	6.5	50	4.11
PMC	Wed	6	100	5.14
PPE	Wed	4	100	3.27
SLM	Wed	1	100	tbc
TLS	Wed	8	100	3.88
ABA	Thu	16	100	6.22
AVJ	Thu	1	100	7.77
BBN	Thu	3.3	100	2.61
CIN	Thu	55	100	3.97
FMG	Thu	30	100	4.84
NHF	Thu	10	100	3.75
PTM	Thu	13	100	TBC
SIQ	Thu	21	100	4.85
SKC	Thu	9.51	0	4.94
WLL	Thu	11	100	4.23
WOW	Thu	45	100	3.35