

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6412	19	0.3
NZX 50	10085	13	0.1
DJIA Futures	25108	-82	-0.3
S&P 500 Futures	2781	-9	-0.3
NASDAQ Futures	7229	-27	-0.4

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences *end-of-month* trade on a Friday, following modest positive settlements across major US international equities indices overnight.

This, ahead of a swag of material data for China, Japan and Australia today, plus closely-watched economic indicators out the US and Germany tonight.

China is expected to release official May PMIs **11am AEST**.

Japan's April industrial production and retail sales are scheduled for release **9.50am AEST**.

Locally today, March quarter the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) publishes April financial aggregates, including **private sector credit**, **11.30am AEST**.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** dropped.

US gold futures (Aug) extended Wednesday's gain.

Iron ore (China port, 62% Fe) fell further, but remained above \$US103.5/t.

LME **copper** and **aluminium** continued to decline, but **nickel** turned higher.

The **\$A** fell to ~US69.10c after trading at ~US69.30c early yesterday evening.

New Zealand's markets will be closed Monday due to a public holiday.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	25170	43	0.2
S&P 500	2789	6	0.2
NASDAQ	7568	20	0.3
FTSE 100	7218	33	0.5
DAX 30	11902	64	0.5
Shanghai Comp	2906	-9	-0.3

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets opened higher overnight and largely chopped and swung their way to a concert of positive settlements.

China continued its public accusations against the US.

Yesterday, China's defence minister accused the US of 'seriously' harming US-China military relations development, and in

China – NBS PMIs – 11am AEST

Japan – industrial production and retail sales – 9.50am AEST

Australia – private sector credit – 11.30am AEST

Last trading day of the month

Today's Stock Watch

Amcor Ltd (AMC)

US regulatory approval in hand for the proposed AMC-Bemis Company merger, pending the sale of some AMC US assets to Tekni-Plex.

AMC Plc shares are expected to commence NYSE trade 11 June (US ET time). AMC Plc CDIs are scheduled to commence ASX trade from open 12 June.

Link Holdings (LNK)

Anticipating \$195M - \$205M FY 2019 operating NPATA, against \$206.7M for FY 2018. Expecting \$350M - \$360M operating EBITDA, against \$335.3M. Teleconference 9.30am AEST.

Boral Ltd (BLD)

Today's Sydney investor day presentation materials lodged. The presentations, commencing 9am AEST, will also be webcast.

Eclix Group (ECX)

\$120.35M interim net loss, following a \$24.95M net profit a year ago. 7.8% higher, \$462.99M revenue. 3.3c NTA, against 19.89c. Nil interim dividend, against 8c fully franked.

Crown Resorts (CWN)

Former CWN chairman James Packer's Consolidated Press Holdings (CPH) has agreed to sell 19.99% of the group's CWN stake, for ~\$A1.76B, equivalent to \$A13.00/share.

Melco Resorts & Entertainment is the buyer.

CPH retains ~26% of CWN.

CWN has traded at \$12.84 - \$13.29 over the past five trading sessions, yesterday settling at \$12.92.

Mesoblast Ltd (MSB)

\$US14.7M revenue for the nine months to 31 March, against \$US15.6M. \$US70.4M cash reserves. A live webcast was scheduled to commence 8.30am (AEST).

Select Harvests (SVH)

\$20.04M interim NPAT. 47.9% higher, \$99.97M revenue. 12c fully franked interim dividend. \$3.42 NTA.

Live webcast presentation is scheduled for 2pm AEST.

Resources

St Barbara (SBM)

Expecting to produce 355,000oz during FY 2019, against previous guidance of 365,000oz – 375,000oz.



association peace and stability, in its support for Taiwan and navy patrols through the Taiwan Strait. Further, the minister asserted the US was 'playing with fire'.

The minister and US acting defence secretary are expected to meet at the Shangri-La defence forum which commences in Singapore today.

In the meantime, a Chinese diplomat described the US style of setting up trade disputes as 'naked economic terrorism'.

The nation's vice foreign minister declared that China stood against protectionism, tariffs and trade sanctions, but was not afraid to act appropriately to circumstance, as a US media report claimed China had stopped buying US soybeans.

Among **US** data releases, the first revision of March quarter GDP growth came in, as largely expected, at 3.1%, 0.1% lower than the initial estimate. Imports were notably the least in ~six years.

April wholesale inventories rose by 0.7% following a flat March estimate, and the goods trade deficit reached \$US72.12B, from \$US71.33B.

Weekly new unemployment claims rose by 3000 to 215,500. The four-week moving average declined 3750 to 216,750.

April pending home sales were reported 1.5% lower for the month and 2% lower year-on-year. Pending sales had risen 3.9% in March.

In the **UK**, an industry association reported UK vehicle manufacturing had dropped 45% year-on-year in April.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders claimed this was mostly due to shut downs due to uncertainty surrounding likely UK-EU separation arrangements, at a time when major manufacturers were also spending on electric vehicle and autonomous vehicle research and developments, and as broad demand slowed, including in Asia, Europe and the United States.

Meanwhile in **Brazil**, March quarter GDP fell 0.2% for the three months, but was 0.5% higher than at 31 March 2018.

Tonight in the **US**, the Chicago PMI, April personal income and spending and a University of Michigan final May consumer sentiment reading are due.

In overnight corporate news, **EE** launched the first UK 5G service.

Facebook chairman Mark Zuckerberg was facing an AGM vote to step down from this role so as to focus on his CEO responsibilities. With Mr Zuckerberg holding 60% of the vote, however, the proposal was reportedly, and expectedly, voted down.

Uber's quarterly loss doubled from a year earlier, in a report released post-US trade.

US discount retailer **Dollar General** was pushed ~7% higher on better-than-anticipated quarterly profit.

Cyber security specialist **Palo Alto Networks** fell ~5% after accompanying its post-Wednesday US trade earnings report with reduced full year guidance.

PVH (owns Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger) suffered an ~15% drop after revising full year earnings lower overnight.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1292.4	oz	6.1	0.5
Silver (NY) (Jul)	14.491	oz	0.08	0.6

Pre-Open Announcements

Thorn Group (** TGA)

\$14.94M net loss for the year to 31 March, following a \$2.21M loss a year earlier. Revenue fell 5% to \$221.86M.

\$1.06 NTA, against \$1.21. Ongoing strategic review.

Expecting to report a FY 2020 trading profit.

LandMark White (* LMW)

LMW has discovered online LMW documents including valuations and other operation-related commercial activity.

LMW believes the documents were not acquired in any LMW IT systems security breach.

LMW expects the removal of the documents from the internet will be completed today.

Finbar Group (* FRI)

Lowering FY 2019 profit guidance to \$12M, due to a greater number than anticipated sales settlements likely to be achieved after, rather than prior to, 30 June.

Practical completion is in hand for the \$147.5M 250-unit Vue Tower project, East Perth, Western Australia, but completion for the first stage of the Perth suburban Palmyra Apartments Estate is now anticipated in July.

Vue Tower sales to date total \$98.6M.

Nanosonics Ltd (NAN)

Non-executive director Richard England is planning to step down from the NAN board at the 2019 AGM

amaysim Australia (AYS)

AYS and Optus have revamped a wholesale network services agreement for the three years to 30 June 2022.

Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Resources

Australian Vanadium (* AVL)

Nowthanna Hill vanadium and uranium resources are respectively estimated at 3.60Mt @ 337ppm V₂O₅ and 4.73Mt @ 404ppm U₃O₈.

Energy

Yancoal Australia (* YAL)

Today's AGM materials lodged.

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	APX	AGM
	BLD	Investor day
	ECX	Interim
	MSB	Q3
	SHV	Interim



Gold (LON)	1281	oz	-1	-0.1
Platinum	794	oz	3	0.4
WTI Crude (Jul)	56.59	bbl	-2.22	-3.8
Brent Crude (Jul)	66.87	bbl	-2.58	-3.7
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	103.87	t	-2.31	-2.2
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	5867	t	-27	-0.5
Nickel	12115	t	55	0.5
Aluminium	1784	t	-13	-0.7
Lead	1800	t	-25	-1.3
Zinc	2557	t	12	0.5
Tin	18750	t	-20	-0.1
CBT Wheat (Jul)	5.13	bshl	0.22	4.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – a barrage of negative US commentary from China yesterday underscored global economic growth prospects angst.

Meanwhile, leaders from Arab nations reportedly met to discuss defence against any type of threat from Iran.

In new data, the weekly US petroleum inventories report from the EIA, published overnight, surprised with a mere 282,000bbl draw on stored crude, against forecasts of up to a 1.4MMbbl fall.

In addition, daily production rose by 100,000bbl to 12.3MMbbl/d. Petrol stocks rose by ~2.2MMbbl.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig count is due tonight.

Gold – Comex futures continued higher overnight, again reportedly buoyed by some safe-haven interest.

A US March quarter GDP revision came in as anticipated and failed to produce any significant reactions.

Base metals – trade fears appeared to impact most overnight LME sentiment. Some caution had been anticipated, also, ahead of key data for China over the next several days.

China's official (NBS) PMIs, expected today, will influence at least some of tonight's end-of-month trade.

A raft of PMIs is expected internationally Monday, including a manufacturing reading for China from Caixin.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6911	-0.0001	-0.01
EUR – USD	1.1133	0.0003	0.03

Australian Data Today

RBA	Financial aggregates	Apr
RBA	International reserves ; forex liquidity (4.30pm AEST)	May

US Data Tonight

Personal income and spending	Apr
Chicago PMI	May
Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (final)	May

VHT Full year
YAL AGM

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Warrego Energy	WGO	31 May
Alt Resources	ARS	3 Jun
Aurora Minerals	ARM	3 Jun
Australian Bauxite	ABX	3 Jun
Gascoyne Resources	GCY	3 Jun
Impression Healthcare	IHL	3 Jun
Infinity Lithium Corporation	INF	3 Jun
Jayex Healthcare	JHL	3 Jun
Metminco Ltd	MNC	3 Jun
Pensana Metals	PM8	3 Jun
Titan Minerals	TTM	4 Jun

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Alto Metals	AME	16 May
Animoca Brands Corporation	AB1	14 May
Axiom Mining	AVQ	29 May
Blue Sky Alternative Investments	BLA	20 May
Bojun Agriculture Holdings	BAH	27 May
Carbine Resources	CRB	23 May
Cervantes Corporation	CVS	30 May
Symbol Mining	SL1	16 May
Vector Resources	VEC	27 May
XPD Soccer Gear Group	XPD	27 May

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
MXT	Today	0.87	0	5.65
ALQ	Mon	11.5	35	2.81
NAC	Mon	1.35	100	5.98
NBI	Mon	0.88	0	3.02
NSC	Mon	1	100	9.24
IPL	Tue	1.3	0	1.87
JHX	Wed	30.06	0	2.33
GTK	Thu	4.72	8.5	2.60
KMD	Thu	3.29	0	6.23
OFX	Thu	3.28	100	3.59



Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	PMIs	May
Japan	Industrial production	Apr
Japan	Retail sales	Apr
Japan	Consumer confidence (3pm AEST)	May
UK	BoE consumer credit	Apr
Germany	CPI (prelim)	May
Germany	Retail sales	Apr

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