

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7315	36	0.5
NZX 50	12071	-12	-0.1
DJIA Futures	34174	53	0.2
S&P 500 Futures	4158	13	0.3
NASDAQ Futures	12730	99	0.8

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade with a plethora of large-cap stocks reporting earnings and several material domestic and regional economic reports due by early afternoon. US equities markets closed mixed again overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is due to release January **workforce** statistics at **11.30am AEDT**.

At the same time, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) releases January foreign exchange transactions and holdings of official reserve assets.

The Melbourne Institute's **consumer inflation expectations** report is expected at **11am AEDT**.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **IAG** and **SCG**. *Please see pp2-3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

Regionally today, **Japan** is expected to release January international **trade** statistics at **10.50am AEDT**.

China's January **house price index** is anticipated at **12.30pm AEDT**.

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

US **gold** futures swung lower to trade at ~US1845/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) rose by US14c/t.

LME (3-mth evening) **copper** was reported to be trading ~1.0% lower for the day at 1700 GMT. At the same time, **nickel** was quoted as 1.4% lower. **Aluminium** was reportedly down 0.5%.

Last night's LME final 3-mth evening price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected to become available via IRESS at 11.30am AEDT.

The **\$A** fell below US69.00c after trading at ~US69.10c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34128	39	0.1
S&P 500	4148	11	0.3
NASDAQ	12071	110	0.9
FTSE 100	7998	44	0.6
DAX 30	15506	126	0.8
Shanghai Comp	3280	-13	-0.4

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets opened cautiously

Today's Stock Watch
National Australia Bank (NAB)

\$2.05B December quarter NPAT. \$2.15B cash profit. 11.3% CET1. \$158M credit impairment charge.

AMP Ltd (AMP)

2.5c, 20%-franked final dividend.

\$387M full year NPAT from a \$252M net loss a year ago. 15% lower, \$2.79B revenue.

Telstra Corporation (TLS)

8.5c fully franked interim dividend. 23.9% higher, \$865M interim NPAT. 6.4% higher, \$11.583B income. Meanwhile, TLS has appointed former Investec Bank investment banking MD Maxine Brenner as a non-executive director.

Goodman Group (GMG)

Flat, 15c interim distribution. 45.2% lower, \$1.097B NPAT. 1.5% lower, \$1.019B revenue. 55.7% lower, \$874.4M other income. 16.6% higher, \$79.5M AUM.

Super Retail Group (SUL)

34c fully franked interim dividend. 30.1% higher, \$144.2M interim NPAT. 14.8% higher, \$1.958B revenue.

Sonic Healthcare (SHL)

42c fully franked interim dividend from 40c a year ago.

53.8% lower, \$382.35M interim NPAT.

14.2% lower, \$4.08B revenue.

Origin Energy (ORG)

16.5c fully franked interim dividend from 12.5c unfranked a year ago. \$399M interim NPAT from a \$131M net loss.

35% higher, \$8.76B revenue.

Resources
Newcrest Mining (NCM)

15c interim and 20c special dividends, each fully franked.

2% lower, \$US293M interim NPAT. 24% higher, \$US2.12B revenue.

South32 Ltd (S32)

US4.9c fully franked interim dividend. 34% lower, \$US685M interim NPAT. 0.4% higher, \$US4.524B underlying revenue.

Executive changes also lodged this morning.

Evolution Mining (EVN)

2c fully franked interim dividend from 3c a year ago. 11% higher, 100.9M interim NPAT. 26% higher, \$1.13B revenue.

Energy
Whitehaven Coal (WHC)

32c fully franked interim dividend from 8c unfranked a year ago. 423% higher, \$1.78B interim NPAT. 164% higher, \$3.81B revenue.



overnight and trended higher, albeit to varying settlements.

A keenly anticipated UK January inflation estimate represented a slowing sufficient to raise hopes of a moderation in interest rate increases.

In the meantime, new US economic data again pointed to US economic resilience, pushing the \$US higher, and sparking further speculation regarding likely US Federal Reserve responses.

Earlier yesterday, the Reserve Bank of Australia governor told a parliamentary economics committee that the central bank remained intent on reducing inflation levels but would also retain caution so as not to 'smash the economy' while raising interest rates.

In overnight data releases, the UK's January CPI reading represented 0.6% deflation for the month, pushing the annualised inflation rate down to 10.1% from December's 10.5%.

Economists had anticipated 0.3% deflation and hence an inflation rate running 10.3% higher than for January 2022.

In the euro zone, December trade international figures included an €8.8B deficit.

Forecasters had anticipated a €12.8B shortfall following an €11.7B deficit for November.

December industrial production fell 1.1% for the month against expectations of a 0.5% fall.

Against December 2021, output was down 1.7%.

Also overnight, Germany hosted a 30-year bond auction, resulting in a 2.26% yield from 2.10%.

In the US, the New York Fed February manufacturing index for February improved to -5.8 from -32.9. Forecasts had anticipated a slighter improvement, to -19.0.

January retail sales jumped 3.0% for the month against forecasts for a 1.2% increase following a 1.1% December fall.

Against January 2022, sales were up 6.4%.

January Industrial production came in flat for the month but proved 0.8% higher than for January 2022. December output was revised as having fallen by 1.0%.

December business inventories rose by 0.3% as they had in November.

A February home builders' market index surprised on the upside, climbing to 42 from 35 following forecasts for a three-point rise.

Weekly new mortgage applications fell 7.7% after rising 7.4% the previous week.

Mean average 30-year mortgage rates were estimated at 6.39% from 6.18%.

Meanwhile, a 20-year bond auction delivered a 3.977% yield from 3.678%.

Tonight in the US, January producer prices, building permits and housing starts, plus the February Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index are due, together with weekly new unemployment claims.

Elsewhere, the **European Central Bank** (ECB) publishes an economic bulletin and the ECB president Christine Lagarde speaks publicly.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include Airbus, Air Liquide, Applied Materials, Bridgestone, Constellation Energy, DoorDash, Dropbox, Nestlé, Pernod Ricard, Repsol, Standard Chartered, Vale and WeWorks.

Pre-Open Announcements

GrainCorp Ltd (** GNC)

Updated FY23 earnings guidance lodged with today's AGM materials.

Incitec Pivot (* IPL)

AGM today.

Experience Co (EXP)

Reporting significantly improved revenue for the half year to 31 December.

Statistics lodged post-trade yesterday.

Choosing not to provide FY23 guidance due to macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty.

Resources

Strategic Elements (SOR)

Revenue (excluding interest income) grew 127% to \$465,000 for the half year to 31 December.

Interim financial report lodged post-trade yesterday.

Imdex Ltd (IMD)

IMD is scheduled to present at a webinar commencing 12.30pm AEDT tomorrow.

Access details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Anagenics Ltd	AN1	16 Feb
Megado Minerals	MEG	16 Feb
Catalano Seafood	CSF	17 Feb
Creso Pharma	CPH	17 Feb

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
BPH Energy	BPH	14 Feb
k-TIG Ltd	KTG	27 Jan
M8 Sustainable	M8S	13 Feb
Openpay Group (rcvrs & mgrs)	OPY	3 Feb
Purifloh Ltd	PO3	15 Feb
Seafarms Group	SFG	14 Feb
VIP Gloves	VIP	7 Feb

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
IAG	Today	6	30	2.28
KOV	Today	25	100	7.49
SCG	Today	8.25	0	2.52



BP and Shell each trade ex-dividend on the FTSE 100.

In overnight corporate news, **Subway's** owners were reported to be investigating a possible sale of the company.

Kraft Heinz said it planned to temporarily halt further price increases for its products.

Both **Barrick** and **Glencore** announced substantial share buy-backs.

NB: US markets will be closed Monday due to a public holiday.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Apr)	1845.3	oz	-20.1	-1.1
Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar)	21.57	oz	-0.30	-1.4
Platinum	914	oz	-18	-1.9
WTI Crude (NYMEX Mar)	78.59	bbbl	-0.47	-0.6
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Apr)	85.38	bbbl	-0.20	-0.2
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	124.34	t	0.14	0.1
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (14Feb)	8945	t	8	0.1
Nickel	26463	t	-179	-0.7
Aluminium	2408	t	-5	-0.2
Lead	2095	t	-3	-0.1
Zinc	3082	t	-15	-0.5
Tin	26825	t	-718	-2.6
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	219.5	t	-1.5	-0.7
Wheat (CBT Mar; IRESS)	779.5	t	-17.25	-2.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – a \$US jump on data indicating potential higher-for-longer US interest rates and a build in stored US crude pushed prices ultimately lower for a second consecutive session overnight.

The International Energy Agency's (IEA) monthly report, published overnight, included a warning of a possible supply deficit during second-half 2023.

As with OPEC, in a monthly report released overnight Tuesday, the IEA raised its 2023 demand growth forecast.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report from government agency the EIA, also released overnight, included a 16.28MMbbl increase in stored crude last week.

Further, petrol stocks also rose, by 2.32MMbbl.

Overnight Tuesday, post-US trade, the US Petroleum Institute (API) had published a weekly report which included a 10.51MMbbl rise for US crude stocks last week.

Gold – a \$US jump damaged overnight gold interest.

Prices reportedly fell to nine-week lows.

Base metals – a move higher for the \$US and relatively strong inventories against anticipated demand impacted base metals sentiment in general overnight.

Demand perceptions declined on some buoyant US data, interpreted as meaning interest rates will likely moderate at a slower pace than anticipated earlier this year.

Aluminium reportedly traded at five-week lows.

WOT	Today	3	0	4.44
ARG	Tomorrow	16.5	100	3.46
KPG	Tomorrow	0.4	100	1.45
LLC	Tomorrow	4.9	0	2.03

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ABP	Interim
	AMP	Full year
	ASX	Interim (w/cast 10am)
	BAP	Interim (tele 9.30am)
	CDA	Interim (webinar 11am)
	DTL	Interim (w/cast 10.30am)
	EVN	Interim (w/cast tele 11am)
	GMG	Interim
	GNC	AGM
	IPL	AGM
	IRI	Interim (tele 10.30am)
	IPH	Interim (w/cast 10.30am)
	MFG	Interim
	NAB	1Q FY23 trading update
	NCM	Interim
	NWH	Interim
	ORG	Interim (w/cast 9.30am)
	ORA	Interim
	RIC	Interim (tele 10am)
SHL	Interim (tele 10am)	
S32	Interim	
SUL	Interim (tele 10.30am)	
TLS	Interim	
WHC	Interim	
Tomorrow	BBN	Interim (tele 9.15am)
	HCW	Interim (w/cast tele 10.30am)
	ING	Interim (w/cast 10am)
	LFS	Full year
	PWH	Interim (w/cast tele 10.30am)
	QBE	Full year

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6906	-0.0029	-0.42
EUR – USD	1.0690	-0.0029	-0.27

Australian Data Today

MelInst	Consumer inflation expectations	Feb
ABS	Workforce (incl jobs, wages, unemploymt)	Jan
RBA	Forex transactions; official reserve assets	Jan

US Data Tonight

Producer prices	Jan
Philadelphia Fed manufacturing	Feb
Building permits	Jan
Housing starts	Jan
Initial jobless claims	11 Feb

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	House price index	Jan
Japan	Trade balance	Jan
Japan	Machinery orders	Dec
Euro zone	ECB economic bulletin	Feb

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