

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7465	34	0.5
NZX 50	12155	26	0.2
DJIA Futures	34206	272	0.8
S&P 500 Futures	4176	52	1.3
NASDAQ Futures	12777	261	2.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences mid-week trade with the \$A at ~US69.55c, fresh data from China overnight, and a pictorial economic trends summary from the RBA due late morning.

US equities markets ultimately turned and rallied overnight.

Locally today, the **RBA** publishes its 'chart pack' outlining diagrammatically the **economic trends** influencing decisions and predictions, 11.30am AEDT.

In addition, interim reporting season warms, with three high-profile large-caps lodging results pre-trade.

Regionally today, **Japan** is expected to publish a January bank lending report.

Post-ASX trade yesterday, **China** reported \$US3.184 trillion worth of foreign reserves for January from \$US3.128 trillion for December. Forecasters had anticipated \$US3.12T for January, with consensus reported at \$US3.152T.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** extended Monday's gains, Brent crude propelled beyond \$US83.5/bbl and WTI above \$US77.0/bbl.

US **gold** futures settled slightly higher for a second consecutive session, approaching \$US1885/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) declined again, trading below \$US123.00/t.

Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle) swung higher, closing above \$US255/t.

LME **copper** was reported to have gained 0.2% in official trading.

Nickel and **aluminium** reportedly declined.

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 appreciated to ~US69.45c after trading at ~US69.25c - ~US69.35c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34157	266	0.8
S&P 500	4164	53	1.3
NASDAQ	12114	226	1.9
FTSE 100	7865	28	0.4
DAX 30	15321	-25	-0.2
Shanghai Comp	3248	9	0.3

Today's Stock Watch
Amcors Ltd (AMC)

US12.25c December quarter dividend from US12c a year ago. 62% higher, \$US691M interim net income. 6% higher, \$US7.354B net sales.

Suncorp Group (SUN)

33c fully franked interim dividend from 23c a year ago. 44.33% higher, \$560M interim NPAT. 14.21% higher, \$8.262B revenue.

Boral Ltd (BLD)

Nil interim dividend following a 7c special dividend a year ago. 91.3% lower, \$89.5M interim net profit. 12.0% higher, \$1.681B revenue. \$1.72 NTA from \$1.66 at 30 June 2022.

BWP Trust (BWP)

68% lower, \$111.3M interim NPAT. 4% higher, \$78.625M revenue. \$3.95 NTA from \$3.75.

Bailador Technology Investments (BTI)

3.5c fully franked interim dividend from no dividend a year ago.

115% lower, \$5.206M interim NPAT.

109% lower, \$5.818M financial assets gains.

\$1.482 NTA from \$1.606.

Flight Centre Travel (FLT)

£121M Scott Dunn acquisition completed.

An SPP is scheduled for 9 February (tomorrow) – 6 March.

Platinum Asset Management (PTM)

\$18.655B FUM at 31 January against \$18.165B for 31 December 2022.

DigitalX Ltd (DCC)

31 January bitcoin and overall digital asset holdings update lodged pre-trade.

Resources
Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

Mining convention in hand for the Gabon Belinga iron ore JV project.

Burley Minerals (BUR)

Quebec, Canada Chubb lithium acquisition completed, together with the WA Gascoyne region Mt James and Dragon lithium projects.

Lord Resources (LRD)

Heralding WA goldfields Horse Rocks lithium project infill auger sampling indicating significant lithium potential.

Details lodged this morning.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Varied chop and swings featured across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight.

Key US indices trended higher in second-half trade, however.

Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell publicly confirmed US January workforce statistics underscored the central bank's view that relatively tight monetary policy would be needed for some time.

The chair indicated the Fed was not surprised at the strength highlighted by the employment market report, this seemingly pushing the \$US lower.

Also overnight, the US president State of the Union address to Congress was anticipated post-US trade, following other recent strong economic indicators, and amid differing views of energy supply and demand and complex geopolitical dilemmas.

Yesterday afternoon, the **Reserve Bank of Australia** (RBA) had raised its cash rate by 0.25% to 3.35%, citing high global inflation and predicting further increases would be needed.

In addition, the central bank issued a new set of forecasts, these including (unchanged) 4.75% 2023 inflation growth for Australia, but ~3.0% for mid-2025.

The 2023 bank's GDP growth prediction was lowered to 1.5% from 2.0%.

In mixed overnight data releases, **Germany** reported a 3.1% drop in industrial production during December, following a 0.4% November rise. Economists had anticipated a decline, but no more than 1.4%.

In the **UK**, BBA's January mortgage rate was estimated at 6.66% from 6.41% for December.

Meanwhile, the Halifax house price index came in flat for January, against expectations of a 0.3% decline in prices.

Against January 2022, the index was up 1.9%.

Earlier yesterday, the BRC retail monitor indicated UK retail sales rose by 3.9% in January after jumping 6.5% in December.

In the **US**, December trade statistics included a \$US67.4B deficit following forecasts for a \$US68.8B shortfall.

November figures had included a \$US61B deficit.

A February economic optimism index rose to 45.1 from 42.3, against expectations for a slighter improvement to 42.9.

A December consumer credit change report included an \$US11.65B increase in credit, following forecasts for a \$US23.4B climb. Consumer credit had jumped by \$US27.96B in November.

Among bond auctions, a 10-year offer by Germany delivered a 0.19% yield from -1.45%. A 30-year bond offer produced a -0.07% yield from -0.22%.

Yesterday afternoon (AEDT), a government bond offer in Japan resulted in a 1.543% yield from 1.649%.

Tonight in the US, December wholesale inventories are due, together with weekly mortgage applications and 30-year mortgage rates.

In addition, the US is listed to conduct a 10-year note auction.

Also tonight, a Federal Reserve district president is scheduled to speak on the US economic outlook at a summit.

Pre-Open Announcements

Decmil Group (DCG)

Pleading ignorance in response to an ASX price and volume query.

DCG points out however, that the company is negotiating settlement for two disputes.

Traders pushed DCG as high as 29.5c intra-session yesterday, the stock subsequently settling at 26.5c, 17.78% higher for the session.

815,298 shares changed hands across 109 transactions.

Resources

Inca Minerals (ICG)

Northern Territory Jean Elson project reconnaissance identified copper mineralisation within three prospects.

Several high-grade sample assays, including one at 19.35% Cu, lodged post-trade yesterday.

45% of 46 samples collected assayed >0.5% Cu.

Pursuit Minerals (PUR)

PUR shareholders have approved the acquisition of the Rio Grande Sur lithium project, Argentina.

Settlement is anticipated by no later than early March.

Australian Strategic Metals (ASM) / Lynas Rare Earths (LYC)

Forum presentations lodged post-trade yesterday.

Narryer Metals (NYM)

Investor presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Buxton Resources (BUX)

In response to an ASX aware query, BUX points out that in the past two weeks or so prior to the exploration update lodged pre-trade yesterday, the company had announced positive metallurgical results and a local media article had promoted increasing demand for natural graphite.

BUX added 20.8% Friday last week and 27.6% Monday, settling at 18.5c. Monday's trade featured a significantly greater number of transactions than usual for BUX in one session.

Yesterday, following the update, the company traded at 17c – 20c before closing 5.4% lower for the session, at 17.5c.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
AIC Mines	A1M	8 Feb
Fiji Kava	FIJ	8 Feb
Revasum Inc	RVS	8 Feb
Tennant Minerals	TMS	8 Feb
Anteris Technologies	AVR	9 Feb
CardieX Ltd	CDX	9 Feb



Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include ABN Amro, Akzo Nobel, AP Moeller Maersk, Fujifilm Holdings, Pandora, Société Générale, Southern Copper Corp, Subaru Corp, TotalEnergies, Toyota Motor, Uber Technologies, Walt Disney and Yum! Brands.

In overnight corporate news, **BP** revealed 2022 profit had grown by more than 100% to ~\$US27.7B.

The group announced oil and gas demand meant it was cutting its 2030 carbon emissions reduction target from 35% - 40% to 20% - 30%.

Zoom announced plans to reduce its workforce by 15% (~1300 jobs).

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Apr)	1884.8	oz	5.3	0.3
Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar)	22.18	oz	-0.06	-0.3
Platinum	975	oz	5	0.5
WTI Crude (NYMEX Mar)	77.14	bbbl	3.03	4.1
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Apr)	83.69	bbbl	2.70	3.3
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	122.75	t	-1.59	-1.3
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (6 Feb)	8888	t	-93	-1.0
Nickel	28643	t	0	0.0
Aluminium	2541	t	-33	-1.3
Lead	2110	t	7	0.3
Zinc	3130	t	-111	-3.4
Tin	27005	t	-1375	-4.8
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	257	t	22	9.4
Wheat (CBT Mar; IRESS)	750.25	t	0	0.0

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices were pushed emphatically higher overnight, due in part to supply disruptions against demand indications and expectations, and a \$US turn lower when the US Federal Reserve appeared unsurprised at Friday's US January workforce report.

Following the IEA's weekend forecast regarding China demand growth, additional export disruptions out of Turkey were reported and a Norway North Sea 535,000bbbl/d oil field shut down confirmed.

Saudi Arabia also revealed a 20c/bbl increase for customers in Asia for March-loading Arab light crude. Industry forecasters had instead anticipated a 30c/bbl reduction.

Tonight, a weekly US petroleum inventories report is due from US government agency the EIA.

Overnight, the EIA released a short-term energy outlook report that included a forecast of flat 2023 US demand against increased US output.

Also overnight, but post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) published a weekly report which included an estimated 2.184MMbbbl draw on US crude stocks last week.

Gold – prices again settled higher overnight, a slightly weaker \$US supporting ultimate gains.

Further US Federal Reserve commentary this week and some key international data could influence sentiment heading towards week's end.

Emu NL	EMU	9 Feb
IPB Petroleum	IPB	9 Feb
New Talisman Gold Mines	NTLDA	9 Feb

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
k-TIG Ltd	KTG	27 Jan
Openpay Group (rcvrs & mgrs)	OPY	3 Feb
VIP Gloves	VIP	7 Feb

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
CD1	Today	8	0	0.00
CD2	Today	6	0	0.00
CD3	Today	11	0	17.09
FSI	Today	4.75	100	5.14
RMD	Today	US4.4	0	0.55
VUK	Tomorrow	13.36	0	1.92
BKI	Fri	4.2	100	3.84
JHG	Fri	54.55	0	5.47

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AMC	Interim
	BLD	Interim
	BTI	Interim
	BWP	Interim (tele 11am)
	SUN	Interim
Tomorrow	AGL	Interim (w/cast tele 10.45am)
	BAP	Interim (tele 9.30am)
	DOW	Interim
	MP1	Interim
	MGR	Interim (w/cast 10.30am)
	URW	Full year
Fri	REA	Interim (w/cast 10am)
	UMG	AGM



Base metals – overnight trade was pushed and pulled by a lower \$US, inventory updates and ongoing commentary regarding the pace of any pick up in post-lunar new year demand out of China.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6954	0.0023	0.34
EUR – USD	1.0725	-0.0008	-0.07

Australian Data Today

RBA	Chart pack (incl eco trends)	Feb
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US Data Tonight

Wholesale inventories		Dec
MBA mortgage applications; 30-yr rates		3 Feb

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Bank lending	Jan
Japan	Eco watchers survey (4pm AEDT)	Jan
Russia	Inflation rate	Jan

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