

**Markets**

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDT)	7429	-31	-0.4
<b>NZX 50</b>	12171	-41	-0.3
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	33995	-211	-0.6
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	4131	-45	-1.1
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	12545	-231	-1.8

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market opens today's trade with the \$A at ~US69.25c and key domestic data due late morning, ahead of scheduled Bank of England monetary policy UK parliamentary testimony and an inflation update for Germany tonight.

US equities markets swung lower overnight.

**Locally** today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) reports December **lending to business** at **11.30am** AEDT.

At the same time, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) provides a finalised December building approvals report, following the initial report released last month.

**Regionally** today, **Japan** reports January machine tool orders post-ASX trade.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** settled higher for a third consecutive session, Brent crude trading above \$US85.00/bbl.

US **gold** futures also continued higher, closing above \$US1890.5/oz.

**Iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) turned to record a modest gain, settling above \$US123.0/t.

LME **copper** was reported down 0.2% at 1700 GMT. At the same time, **nickel** had reportedly gained 0.4%. **Aluminium** was reported to have fallen by 1.5%.

*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 to ~US69.20c after trading at ~US69.70c - ~US69.85c early yesterday evening.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	33949	-208	-0.6
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	4118	-46	-1.1
<b>NASDAQ</b>	11911	-203	-1.7
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7885	20	0.3
<b>DAX 30</b>	15412	91	0.6
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3232	-16	-0.5

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

Vacillating sentiment featured across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight.

**Today's Stock Watch**
**Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ)**

December quarter Basel III (Pillar 3) update and chart pack lodged this morning.

**Megaport Ltd (MP1)**

Interim results anticipated.

**Charter Hall Long WALE REIT (CLW)**

14c interim distribution from 15.24c a year ago.

76.1% lower, \$141.048M interim NPAT.

3.5% higher, \$112.712M revenue.

\$6.23 NTA from \$6.17 at 30 June 2022.

**Arena REIT (ARF)**

8.4c interim distribution from 7.90c a year ago.

74% lower, \$A47.629M interim NPAT.

71% lower, \$55.938M income.

\$3.42 NTA from \$3.37 at 30 June 2022.

**Mirvac Group (MGR)**

5.2c interim distribution from 5.2c a year ago.

62% lower, \$215M interim profit.

48% lower, \$855M income.

**AGL Energy (AGL)**

8c interim dividend from 16c a year ago.

\$A1.075B interim net loss from a \$555,000 net profit a year ago. 36.7% higher, \$7.808B revenue.

\$3.25 NTA from \$4.85 at 30 June 2022.

**Argenica Therapeutics (AGN)**

Positive ARG-007 pre-clinical data regarding the inhibition of a main cause of Alzheimer's disease.

**Nine Entertainment Co Holdings (NEC)**

Exclusive audio-visual rights secured for the 2024 – 2032 Olympic Games and Olympic Winter Games.

These rights cover free-to-air TV, free streaming, and all pay TV rights including subscription screening.

NEC has also secured exclusive audio rights for linear broadcast and non-exclusive rights for audio streaming.

NEC is paying \$A305M cash plus \$A10M contra.

**Alliance Aviation Services (AQZ)**

\$6.556M interim NPAT, from a \$3.411M net loss a year ago.

37.5% higher, \$235.321M revenue.

\$1.83 NTA from \$1.78 at 30 June 2022.

**Energy**
**Santos Ltd (STO)**

Production underway again from the offshore WA John Brookes platform, following the repair of a leak on the trunkline to Varanus Island processing facilities.



Key US indices nonetheless failed to recover from weak openings. Trader considerations included a cocktail of economic growth, inflation forecast and central bank policy commentary and speculation.

In addition, large tech/communications stocks fell out of favour, most notably Alphabet, after Google's chatbot Bard suffered a public glitch.

Earlier yesterday, the **UK's** National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) predicted the UK would technically avoid recession this year and next, even though household finances would retreat significantly.

The NIESR forecast 0.2% overall 2023 GDP growth and 1.0% for 2024.

However, the institute warned up to 25% of households would not be able to adequately cover food and energy bills during financial 2023-2024, against 20% for 2022-2023.

Disposable income for middle-income households could drop 7% - 13% this year, the NIESR ventured, and fewer people were likely to retire early.

Overnight, a **US Federal Reserve** district president, commenting on the US economic outlook, asserted that while inflation had been slowing, the US Fed continued to anticipate a long-haul policy battle to contain the inflation rate to the long-held 2% target.

The US president's late-Tuesday State of the Union address also attracted market-watcher attention, in light of apparent support for a potential tax on corporate buy-backs.

In relatively scant overnight data releases, **US** December wholesale inventories were reported 0.1% higher, in line with expectations, following a 0.9% November increase.

Weekly mortgage applications rose by 7.4% following a 9% drop the previous week.

30-year mortgage rates averaged 6.18% from 6.19%.

Meanwhile a US 10-year note auction resulted in a 3.613% yield from 3.575%.

**Tonight** in the US, weekly new unemployment claims are due.

In addition, the US hosts a 30-year bond auction.

Elsewhere, Germany releases an initial January inflation estimate.

In the UK, **Bank of England** (BoE) governor Andrew Bailey is scheduled to meet with parliamentarians to discuss monetary policy. Both the BoE and International Monetary Fund (IMF) have forecast UK recession for this year.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include: AbbVie, ArcelorMittal, AstraZeneca, Cameco Corp, Credit Suisse, Expedia, Inpex, Kellogg, Kobe Steel, LG Corp, L'Oréal, Lyft, Motorola, News Corporation, Nissan Motor, PayPal, PepsiCo, Ralph Lauren, Seoul Semiconductor, Siemens, Singapore Telecom (Optus parent), Unilever and Warner Media.

In overnight corporate news, the UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) issued substantial concerns regarding the planned up-to-\$US75B acquisition of video game specialist **Activision Blizzard** by Microsoft.

**Walt Disney** reported pleasing theme park attendances and a restructuring that would impact 3% (~7000 positions) of the group's workforce.

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Elders Ltd (\* ELD)

Presentation lodged pre-trade.

ELD is presenting to Goldman Sachs clients today.

### Maas Group Holdings (\* MGH)

Half-year and FY23 guidance update lodged pre-trade.

### ActivePort Group (ATV)

Presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

### Spacetalk Ltd (SPA)

Pleading ignorance in response to an ASX price query.

SPA traded at 6.2c – 9.6c yesterday, settling at 9.6c, 52.38% higher for the session.

~87M shares changed hands across 2054 transactions.

The most recent sessions involving high-volume and price-jump trade were Thursday and Friday last week after SPA had announced the appointment of former Nearmap (ASX: NEA) CEO and Yamaha Motor Ventures MD as SPA CEO and MD.

Thursday's trade involved 30M shares and a 96.3% price bounce. Friday's covered 127.98M shares across 3456 transactions and a 49.06% appreciation.

## Resources

### MinRex Resources (MRR)

MRR has appointed Alex Krstic as a non-executive director.

MRR has formerly worked with the Chevron-KJVG Gorgon JV, Fortescue Metals Group and Pilbara Minerals and was most recently ENC Consulting Group executive director operations. Pedro Kastellorizos has resigned from the MRR board.

### Catalyst Metals (CYL)

CYL is continuing informal discussions with Plutonic gold mine owner Superior Gold.

However, the company believes any commercial agreement in the near future to be unlikely.

CYL initially disclosed commercial discussions with Superior Gold 10 January.

### Aurora Energy Metals (1AE)

Mining Indaba presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

## Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Anteris Technologies	AVR	9 Feb
CardieX Ltd	CDX	9 Feb
Emu NL	EMU	9 Feb
IPB Petroleum	IPB	9 Feb
New Talisman Gold Mines	NTLDA	9 Feb
Energio Fresh	ERG	10 Feb
Mad Paws Holdings	MPA	10 Feb



## Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold</b> (COMEX 100 Apr)	1890.7	oz	5.9	0.3
<b>Silver</b> (COMEX 5000 Mar)	22.42	oz	0.24	1.1
<b>Platinum</b>	971	oz	-4	-0.4
<b>WTI Crude</b> (NYMEX Mar)	78.47	bbl	1.33	1.7
<b>Brent Crude</b> (ICE EUR Apr)	85.09	bbl	1.40	1.7
<b>Iron Ore</b> (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	123.21	t	0.46	0.4
<b>Copper</b> (LME 3mth Evening) (7 Feb)	8905	t	17.5	0.2
<b>Nickel</b>	28643	t	0	0.0
<b>Aluminium</b>	2539	t	-2.5	-0.1
<b>Lead</b>	2108	t	-2	-0.1
<b>Zinc</b>	3156	t	25.5	0.8
<b>Tin</b>	27265	t	260	1.0
<b>Coal</b> (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	255.65	t	20.65	8.8
<b>Wheat</b> (CBT Mar; IRESS)	765	t	15.25	2.0

## Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – prices appeared mostly supported overnight by demand growth expectations and supply reports, including a comment out of Iraq predicting status quo OPEC+ production levels for the short-term.

Meanwhile, Turkey's Ceyhan port remained unable to accommodate crude exports from Iraq and Azerbaijan. Flow resumed down the pipeline from Iraq to the port, however.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report, published overnight by US government agency the EIA, included a 2.423MMbbl rise in stored crude and a 5.008MMbbl increase in petrol stocks.

Petrol production fell by 350,000bbl. Net crude imports rose by 367,000bbl/d.

US crude production proved the most in a week since April 2020.

Post-US trade overnight Tuesday, the American Petroleum Institute (API) had published a weekly report which estimated a 2.184MMbbl fall in crude stocks last week.

**Gold** – overnight trade appeared cautious amid further comments from US Federal Reserve officials and mixed equities sentiment, in the absence of major new geopolitical development.

**Base metals** – currency swings, inventories and demand commentary appeared the major influences on overnight LME trade.

**Copper** reportedly gained 1.6% intra-session before a \$US turn higher pushed prices back.

**Aluminium** fell on a notable increase in LME-registered warehouse stocks.

China's January producer prices and inflation update are anticipated tomorrow.

## Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.6923	-0.0038	-0.55
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.0717	-0.0016	-0.15

Silver Mines	SVL	10 Feb
West Wits Mining	WWI	10 Feb
M8 Sustainable	M8S	13 Feb
Reach Resources	RR1	13 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 (%)
<b>VUK</b>	Today	<b>13.36</b>	0	1.91
BKI	Tomorrow	4.2	100	3.85
JHG	Tomorrow	54.55	0	5.39
PL8	Mon	0.55	100	5.33
QVE	Tue	1.3	100	5.16
KOV	Thu (16 Feb)	25	100	7.37

## Reports &amp; Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>AGL</b>	Interim (w/cast tele 10.45am)
	<b>ARF</b>	Interim
	<b>ANZ</b>	Trading update
	<b>CLW</b>	Interim
	<b>MP1</b>	Interim
	<b>MGR</b>	Interim (w/cast 10.30am)
	<b>NWS</b>	Interim (o/night US)
<b>Tomorrow</b>	REA	Interim (w/cast 10am)
	UMG	AGM
<b>Mon</b>	ASX	Interim (w/cast 10am)
	IAG	Interim
	IMD	Interim (w/cast tele midday)
	JBH	Interim
	LIC	Interim
<b>Tue</b>	BRG	Interim (tele 9am)
	CQE	Interim
	CSL	Interim (w/cast 11am)
	DXS	Interim
	JHX	Dec Q (w/cast tele 9am)
	SWM	Interim (w/cast tele 9am)
VSL	Interim (w/cast tele 10am)	



**Australian Data Today**

RBA	Lending to business	Dec
ABS	Building approvals (final)	Dec

**US Data Tonight**

Initial jobless claims	4 Feb
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**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

<b>Japan</b>	Machine tool orders (5pm AEDT)	Jan
<b>UK</b>	BoE monetary policy testimony	Feb
UK	RICS house price balance (~11am AEDT)	Jan
<b>Germany</b>	Inflation rate (prelim)	Jan
<b>Russia</b>	GDP	Dec

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