

Markets

Market	Open	Change	%
SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7595	0	0.0
NZX 50	11789	-74	-0.6
DJIA Futures	38748	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	5044	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	18039	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new week's trade with fresh data in hand for China, domestic reporting season in focus and several regional markets closed.

US equities markets settled decidedly mixed overnight Friday.

Since overnight Friday trade, a significant number of independents aligned to former Pakistan PM Imran Khan were deemed to have secured seats in Pakistan's national election.

Finland's presidential election delivered a narrow victory to a centre-right candidate.

Jordan's King has reportedly travelled to the US to promote efforts for an immediate Israel-Gaza ceasefire. The king was reported to have personally participated in a medical aid air drop into Gaza last week.

Locally today, reporting season warms further with reports from companies across several sectors.

Regionally, markets in China, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and Vietnam are **closed today**, mostly for Lunar New Year, but in Japan for National Day celebrations.

China's markets will remain **closed** through the week.

Post-ASX trade Friday, **China** announced **January new lending** had tallied a **record** 4.92 trillion yuan, against consensus for 4.50 trillion following December's 11.70 trillion.

In overnight Friday **commodities** trade, **oil** extended the week's run higher, recording greater climbing rates across the five sessions than the previous week's overall declines.

US **gold** (Comex) futures settled lower for a second consecutive session, this time below \$US2040/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) turned to record a slight fall, closing back below \$US129/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **aluminium** each settled ~0.3% lower.

Nickel fell 0.6%, closing beneath \$US16,000/t.

The **\$A** remained range bound after trading at ~US65.25c earlier Friday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	38672	-55	-0.1
S&P 500	5027	29	0.6

Today's Stock Watch
CSL Ltd (CSL)

Safety, but not sufficient efficacy, demonstrated in the Phase 3 AEGIS-II trial of CLD112, in reducing major adverse cardiovascular event risk in patients having already suffered acute myocardial infarction. Full analysis over coming months will determine any further development.

JB Hi-Fi (JBH)

\$1.58 fully franked interim dividend from \$1.97 a year ago. 19.9% lower, \$264.3M interim NPAT. 2.2% lower, \$5.16B revenue. \$4.31 NTA from \$3.29. \$488M net cash.

In January, JBH Australia sales grew 2.5%, JBH New Zealand sales rose 8.2% and The Good Guys sales fell -2.2%.

January comparable sales respectively grew 1.7% and fell 4.1% and 2.2%.

Aurizon Holdings (AZJ)

9.7c, 60%-franked interim dividend from 7c, fully-franked a year ago. 82% higher, \$237M interim NPAT.

16% higher, \$1.97B revenue.

Audinate Group (AD8)

\$4.745M interim NPAT, from a \$381,000 net loss a year ago. 51.1% higher, \$46.60M revenue. \$1.5624 NTA from 71.98c.

\$A111.7M cash and term deposits.

CAR Group (CAR)

34.5c, 50%-franked interim dividend, from 28.5%, fully-franked a year ago. 71.9% lower, \$A122.189M interim NPAT.

60.0% higher \$530.964M revenue.

33.5% higher, \$162.67M adjusted net profit.

Appen Ltd (APX)

Planning to close offices in Toronto and Bellevue, North America, in association with the Google contract loss. Additional cost initiative details lodged this morning.

Calix Ltd (CXL)

'Green iron' demonstration plant FEED results lodged.

Energy
Stanmore Resources (SMR) / South32 Ltd (S32)

SMR plans to outlay an initial \$US15M cash for S32's 50% of the Eagle Down's metallurgical coal JV and 100% of Eagle Downs Coal Management Pty Ltd shares. A further \$US20M production-linked deferred consideration has also been agreed. Further, SMR will pay up to ~\$US100M in royalties.

Beach Energy (BPT)

Flat, 2c fully-franked interim dividend.

\$A345.1M interim net loss, from a \$207.2M NPAT a year ago. 15% lower, \$953.9M revenue. \$1.49 NTA from \$1.59.

Anticipating 18MMboe – 21MMboe FY24 output.



NASDAQ	15991	197	1.2
FTSE 100	7573	-23	-0.3
DAX 30	16927	-37	-0.2
Shanghai Composite	2866	Public	Holiday

Overseas Markets Commentary

Cautious opening trade featured across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight Friday, but subsequent sentiment across key indices varied notably.

The S&P 500 reaching the record 5000 mark early spurred further gains.

The NASDAQ's continued climb on tech sector optimism, however spawned concerns in the wake of a DJIA decline, albeit slight, of reduced breadth for the current rally.

Common considerations continued to include AI potential, corporate earnings and outlook reports, inflation indications and the likely timing of any interest rate reductions this year.

A media report of Nvidia plans to establish a new division for the design of custom-made chips for AI processors and cloud computing firm requirements pushed the stock greater than 3.5% higher.

Thursday, OpenAI had been reported to be looking at raising additional funds to bolster capacity to develop chips to optimise AI functions for businesses.

The reports appeared to prompt buying interest in even smaller AI stocks.

In overnight Friday economic data releases, **Germany** confirmed 0.2% January CPI inflation growth for the month and 2.9% on an annualised basis.

The final readings followed respective 0.1% and 3.7% growth figures for December.

No key *new* economic reports were released in the **US**.

However, a Bureau of Labor Statistics **revised December CPI** inflation reading, ahead of this week's January estimate, put inflation growth for the month at 0.2%, rather than the initially reported 0.3%.

Estimates for both October and November were also revised, but upwards by 0.1%, to 0.1% and 0.2% respectively.

Core inflation growth rates for each of the three months were retained at 0.2%, 0.3% and 0.3% respectively.

Tonight in the **US**, January consumer expectations and the January national budget statement are due.

In addition, two Federal Reserve officials are scheduled to speak publicly.

Elsewhere, Russia is scheduled to release December international trade figures.

Companies listed to report earnings later today or tonight include: Cadence Design, Hyundai Industrial, James Hardie Industries, Michelin and Waste Management.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Apr)	2038.7	oz	-9.2	-0.5

Pre-Open Announcements

SkyCity Entertainment (* SKC)

The New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs intends to initiate civil penalty proceeding in the NZ High Court alleging Non-compliance with the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act.

Synlait Milk (* SM1)

Expecting a \$NZ17M - \$NZ21M interim net loss, impacted largely by costs and reduced margins.

Fonterra Shareholders Fund (* FSF)

FY 24 forecast farmgate milk price raised by NZ30c/kgMS. Persisting uncertainty due to geopolitical instability and supply chain disruptions.

Link Administration Holdings (* LNK)

High Court approval in hand for the LF Equity Income Fund Link Fund Solutions scheme of arrangement.

Additional details lodged this morning.

Paradigm Biopharmaceuticals (PAR)

PAR has appointed Fiftyone Capital's Scott Williams as a business development consultant.

Fiftyone monthly retainer details lodged post-trade Friday.

Wide Open Agriculture (WOA)

The ASX has queried WOA on information released in April 2023 and subsequently, citing WOA's ASX trade 19 April 2023. WOA lodged a comprehensive response post-ASX trade Friday.

WOA was first asked to provide a response last year.

WOA ASX trade was suspended 24 April – 18 October 2023.

8VI Holdings (8VI)

8VI has decided to cease the group's financial advisory operations.

Details lodged post-trade Friday.

Resources

Venture Minerals (VMS)

\$1.02M raised to support fast-tracking assessment of the recently-discovered WA mid-west region Jupiter rare earths target.

The funds were secured under an at-the-market subscription agreement with Acuity Capital.

Details lodged post-trade Friday.

Pre-trade Friday, VMS revealed initial assays from Jupiter resource definition drilling, including a deemed record intersection of 48m @ 3025ppm TREO.

VMS subsequently added 75% for the session, settling at 1.4c after closing out the previous week at 0.8c.

236.8M VMS shares changed hands across 1074 transactions Friday.



Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar)	22.59	oz	-0.05	-0.2
Platinum (Spot)	874	oz	-14	-1.6
WTI Crude (NYMEX Mar)	76.84	bbl	0.62	0.8
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Apr)	82.19	bbl	0.56	0.7
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	128.75	t	-0.32	-0.2
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	8170	t	-25	-0.3
Nickel	15934	t	-90	-0.6
Aluminium	2219	t	-6	-0.3
Lead	2034	t	-23	-1.1
Zinc	2302	t	-27	-1.2
Tin	26375	t	472	1.8

Commodities Commentary

Oil – further price gains overnight Friday pushed both Brent and WTI crude to notably settle ~7% higher for the week following an ~6% decline across the previous week.

The volatility is expected to continue.

With China's markets sidelined for a week, and several Asian region markets closed today, reduced trade volumes could exacerbate swings.

Demand and supply considerations are expected to remain the key focus with Middle East conflict reports continuing amid some key US and UK data releases.

Further, overnight Friday, Ukraine was reported to have launched drone attacks against a further two oil refineries in Russia.

Also overnight Friday, Phillips 66 confirmed a fire at a 60,000bbl/d refinery in Montana, US.

A US weekly petroleum drill rig report, published overnight Friday by Baker Hughes, noted no change in the number of operational oil rigs in the US, this remaining at 499. The total number of petroleum rigs in operation rose by four to 623, however.

Gold – as anticipated, with China observing a Lunar New Year's Eve public holiday, and shortened sessions for other key Asian markets, early overnight Friday gold trade proved relatively quiet. Higher US bond yields and select equities optimism dented some gold interest.

US and UK CPI inflation updates, keenly anticipated this week, are expected to prove major catalysts for central bank policy commentary, and hence swing some sentiment.

GDP updates for the UK and Japan will add to such commentary.

Base metals – overnight Friday base metals sentiment was impacted early by a \$US move higher.

The \$US was pushed back in later trade, but cautioned persisted amid continuing commentary of a likely stay on any interest rate reductions for longer than initially anticipated.

Zinc and lead reportedly also headed lower early due to higher inventories, lead stockpiles reported at their most in six years.

Zinc prices were reported at five month lows intra-session.

A jump in January new lending figures, reported out of China early Friday evening (AEDT), sparked some commentary of further supportive economic measures, which appeared to contain select base metals price falls.

Miners in Indonesia, or competing for international export share, will be closely watching the outcomes of Indonesia's presidential election polling day, which remains scheduled for Wednesday.

China's markets were closed Friday and will remain closed

American Rare Earths (ARR)

ARR has appointed non-executive ARR director Richard Hudson as chair.

Mr Hudson takes over from Ken Traub who will remain an ARR director.

Energy

Yancoal Australia (YAL)

YAL director Helen Gillies has retired from the YAL board, in favour of other business engagements.

Ms Gillies had been an independent non-executive YAL director since 30 January 2018.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Artemis Resources	ARV	13 Feb
Blue Star Helium	BNL	12 Feb
BluGlass Ltd	BLG	12 Feb
Calmer Co International	CCO	12 Feb
Credit Intelligence	CI1	12 Feb
DomaCom Ltd	DCL	12 Feb
Greentech Metals	GRE	13 Feb
Heavy Minerals	HVY	14 Feb
NeuRizer Ltd	NRZ	12 Feb
Strike Energy	STX	13 Feb
Theta Gold Mines	TGM	13 Feb

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Advanced Health Intelligence	AHI	5 Feb
Ava Risk Group	AVA	9 Feb
DMC Mining	DMM	23 Jan
European Lithium	EUR	6 Feb
Galena Mining	G1A	11 Jan
Laramide Resources	LAM	15 Jan
Moab Minerals	MOM	5 Feb
Pan Asia Metals	PAM	1 Feb
Revasum Inc	RVS	5 Feb
Reward Minerals	RWD	7 Feb

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
BTI	Today	3.5	100	4.94
QVE	Tomorrow	1.3	100	5.42
DDR	Wed	15	100	2.83
PL8	Wed	0.55	100	5.59
VG1	Wed	5	100	5.37
KOV	Thu	25	100	6.53



through this week.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6520	0.0027	0.41
EUR – USD	1.0783	-0.0003	-0.02

US Data Tonight

Consumer inflation expectations	Jan
Budget statement	Jan

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Russia	International trade	Dec
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RG8	Thu	5	100	5.08
ARG	Fri	16.5	100	3.77
SYM	Fri	35	100	1.13

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AD8	Interim
	AZJ	Interim (w/cast 10.30am)
	BPT	Interim (w/cast 10am)
	CAR	Interim
	FID	Interim
	JBH	Interim
Tomorrow	BRG	Interim (tele 9am)
	CGF	Interim
	CQE	Interim
	CSL	Interim
	HCW	Interim (w/cast tele 10.30am)
	JHX	Dec Q (o/night Eur Mon; w/cast tele 9am)
	SEK	Interim
	SWM	Interim (w/cast tele 9am)
	TPW	Interim
	VSL	Interim (w/cast tele 8.45am)
Wed	AMP	Full year
	AUI	Interim
	CBA	Interim
	CPU	Interim
	DHG	Interim
	DOW	Interim
	EVN	Interim
	FBU	Interim (w/cast tele 9am)
	GUD	Interim (w/cast 8.45am)
	IEL	Interim
SVW	Interim	
Thu	ARF	Interim
	BFG	Full year
	BLX	Interim
	DTL	Interim
	DUI	Interim
	GMG	Interim
	HPI	Interim
	MFG	Interim (tele 11.30am)
	MGH	Interim
	NWH	Interim
	ORG	Interim
	PGH	Interim
	PME	Interim (w/cast tele 11am)



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	RIC	Interim
	RUL	Interim (webinar 10am, Fri 16 Feb)
	S32	Interim
	TLS	Interim
	TWE	Interim (w/cast tele 10.30am)
	VCX	Interim
	VVA	Interim (webinar 11am)
	WES	Interim
	WHC	Interim
Fri	ASX	Interim
	COF	Interim (w/cast 11am)
	CQR	Interim
	CWY	Interim
	DRR	Interim
	HDN	Interim (w/cast tele 10.30am)
	IAG	Interim
	ING	Interim
	IPL	Interim
	QBE	Full year