

Morning Report 18 March 2021

US share markets The Dow Jones index

rose by 189 points or 0.6% to above 33,000 points for the first time. The S&P 500 index lifted 0.3% - also a record closing high. And the Nasdaq index gained 54 points or 0.4%.

Australian share markets The S&P/ASX200 benchmark index closed down 31.9 points, or 0.47 per cent, to 6795.2 on Wednesday. The index reached a session low of 6761.4 shortly after 1230 AEDT.

European share market The German Dax index gained 0.3%, but the UK FTSE index fell by 0.6%. In London trade, shares in Rio Tinto (-2.7%) and BHP (-2.4%) both fell.

Global oil prices Brent crude fell by US39 cents or 0.6% to US\$68.00 a barrel. And the US Nymex price lost US20 cents or 0.3% to US\$64.60 a barrel.

Base metals were mixed on Wednesday, reflecting tensions between stronger demand and rising inventories. Tin (+5.9%) and copper (+1.2%) rose most. But lead fell by 1.0%.

Major currencies The Aussie dollar rose from lows near US76.99 cents to highs near US78.09 cents and was near US78.00 cents at the US close. The Japanese yen rose from near 109.31 yen per US dollar to JPY108.74 yen and was near JPY108.85 at the US close.

Global Indices	Latest Prices		
	Level	chg	% chg
US Dow Jones	33015.37	189.42	0.6
US S&P500	3974.12	11.41	0.3
US Nasdaq	13525.20	53.635	0.4
UK FTSE	6762.67	40.94	-0.6
German Dax	14596.61	+39.03	0.3
Toronto Composite	18983.1	+109.09	
ASX24 Futures (night)	6777	-14	-0.2
ASX200 (yesterday)	6795.20		
Shanghai (yesterday)	3445.55	-1.1825	0.0
Japan Nikkei (y'day)	29914.33	-6.76	0.0
US Volatility (Vix)	19.37		

Commodities			
Oil Brent (\$US/b)	68.00	-0.39	-0.6
Oil Nymex (\$US/b)	64.60	-0.20	-0.3
Spot Gold (\$US/oz)	1743.10		
Gold futures (\$US/oz)	1727.10		
Spot Iron Ore (\$US/t)	165.85	-0.45	-0.3
Iron Ore futures (\$US/t)	167.44		
Thermal coal (\$US/t)	90.75	0.25	0.3
Coking coal (CNY/t)	1613		
Aluminium (\$US/t)	2194.00	16.00	0.7
Copper (\$US/t)	9070.75	106.25	1.2
Nickel (\$US/t)	16027.25		-0.5
Zinc (\$US/t)	2810.75	20.25	0.7
Tin (\$US/t)	27960.00	1555.00	5.9

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Forex		
	Current	Aust 4pm
AUD/USD	0.7803	0.7735
EUR/USD	1.1977	1.1902
USD/JPY	108.87	109.11
GBP/USD	1.3963	1.3892
AUD TWI 4pm	64.4	

Fixed Interest		
US 10 year (%)	1.6444	0.02
US 2 year (%)	0.139	-0.01
Aust 10 year (%)	1.753	0.02
Aust 3 year (%)	0.10	0.00

TOP GAINERS & TOP LOSERS

Top Gainers			
Name	Last Price	%Change	Vol.
SLR	1.683	0.118	+7.51
GOR	1.245	0.085	+7.33
RMS	1.605	0.090	5.94
EVN	4.21	0.19	4.85
LNK	5.39	0.24	4.69

Top Gainers			
Name	Last Price	%Change	Vol.
SKC	3.09	-0.43	-4.04
SPK	4.16	0.13	-3.03
BOQ	8.49	-0.18	-2.13
CWY	2260	-0.050	-2.59
FBU	6260	-0.150	-2.34

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