

HOT SPOTS OF THE DAY for March 19, 2014 HD BY Jenny Prabhu wc 564 words PD 19 March 2014 OzEquities News Bites SN SC **NBOZEN** English LA CY Copyright 2014 News Bites Pty Ltd. All rights reserved. LP AUSTRALIAN COMPANY NEWS BITES **OZEQUITIES NEWS BITES** TD S&P/ASX 200 closed at 5355.6 up 11 SPI Futures last at 5356, up 8 Aussie 10 year bonds were at 4.08%, 1 point lower yield. The \$A is at 0.9114us **TOP TWENTY** AMP -5c to \$4.94 on 10.6m shares. ANZ +17c to \$32.43 on 4.23m shares. BHP -21c to \$35.86 on 7.27m shares. BXB +6c to \$9.55 on 3.3m shares CBA +26c to \$75.45 on 2.4m shares. CSL -30c to \$71.20 on 935,377 shares FMG +11c to \$4.99 on 17.82m shares MQG +5c to \$54.55 on 896,498 shares. NAB - 3c to \$34.51 on 4.2m shares. ORG -7c to \$14.35 on 2.18m shares QBE +4c to \$12.68 on 4.4m shares. RIO -49c to \$61.36 on 2.1m shares. STO -11c to \$12.51 on 3.6m shares SUN +11c to \$13.29 on 3.9m shares. TLS steady at \$5.03 on 25m shares. WBC +16c to \$33.75 on 5.9m shares.

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WDC -1c to \$10.26 on 7.58m shares. WES +37c to \$41.98 on 27m shares. WOW +13c to \$35.93 on 2.7m shares.

WPL +25c to \$38.24 on 1.6m shares

## CLOSES MILDLY HIGHER/VOLUME UP AHEAD OF SPI SETTLEMENT TOMORROW

Our market closed up 11 points to 5355.6 almost exactly as expected, with the banks back in favor and miners taking a back seat as macro news (Russia and the Ukraine, the US FOMC, **China**'s possibly escalating property defaults) dominated Asian markets.

Meanwhile volume on our market was a handsome \$5.2 billion - up from \$4.6 billion on match out ahead of the SPI Futures March series close off on market opening tomorrow when June becomes the live quarter.

The \$A is at 91.14US c, up about 30 points from last evening.

\*Wotif shot up 56c to \$3 on 14.1m shares - responded to the ASX price query by saying it is conducting investor meetings this week.

\*Newcrest rose 29c to \$11.52 on 5.8m shares, perhaps more to do with portfolio adjustment for the quarter than tepid **gold** price today.

\*David Jones fell 1c to \$3.32 on 3.7m shares after its interim result today.

\*Myer, reporting tomorrow, is up 1c to \$2.66 on 5.25m shares.

\*Stockland fell 10c to \$3.75 on 28.5 <mark>million</mark> shares after acquiring a strategic <mark>stake</mark> in Australand.

\*Intrepid is down 1c to 25c on 1.1m shares - will receive \$US80 million in settlement for the termination of its interests in Tujuh Bukit, and will seek shareholder vote on the favored course for its total \$US160 million cash balance.

\*At 4pm AEST the Nikkei Dow futures was up 40 points to 14,380 points, Shanghai CSI physical was down 32 points to 21,523 points, S&P futures was down 0.4 points to 1863.4, Nasdaq futures was up 1.5 points to 3696.5, Dow futures was 2 points higher at 16,264 points. **Gold** futures were down \$1.40 to \$1357.60. Crude futures were down 21c to \$99.49.

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