

**HOT SPOTS OF THE DAY** HD BY Jenny Prabhu WC 752 words PD 14 March 2014 SN OzEquities News Bites 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 5329.4 down 83.2 SPI Futures last at 5323, down 90 Aussie 10 year bonds were at 4.06%, 12 points lower yield. The \$A is at 0.9010us TOP TWENTY AMP -9c to \$4.92 on 8.19m shares. ANZ -36c to \$31.87 on 3.9m shares. BHP -74c to \$35.66 on 7.14m shares. BXB -9c to \$9.41 on 2.8m shares CBA -71c to \$75.25 on 2.19m shares. CSL -70c to \$71.70 on 858,943 shares FMG -14c to \$4.98 on 18.6m shares MQG -\$1.15 to \$54.25 on 3.6m shares. NAB -43c to \$34.33 on 3.6m shares. ORG -6c to \$14.33 on 1.8m shares QBE -20c to \$12.43 on 3.4m shares. RIO -\$1.57 to \$61.50 on 3.25m shares. STO -21c to \$13.43 on 5m shares SUN -12c to \$12.34 on 3.4m shares. TLS -7c to \$5.01 on 29.1m shares. WBC -60c to \$33.65 on 4.6m shares.

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WDC -12c to \$10.23 on 3.28m shares.

WES -87c to \$41.85 on 3.8m shares.

WOW -52c to \$36.32 on 2.36m shares.

WPL -23c to \$38.30 on 1.8m shares.

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The banks, as proxy for the dollar led the way down while the \$A is at 90.10US c, down about 35 points from last evening as "risk off" ahead of the weekend took overseas investors out of our market, and our investors focused on locking in profits and safety rather than looking for bargains. Aussie 10 year bonds yield fell 12 points to 4.06%.

China's rulers may be either engineering the next stage of a substantial slowdown in the economy, or market forces may have taken control.

Bloomberg reports China's default risk has risen beyond that of Ireland after having been on par with France and Japan a year ago.

Analysts expect more defaults, following Premier Li's statement yesterday that some financial product defaults may be unavoidable. Bloomberg reports regional authorities set up thousands of financing vehicles to raise funds to build subways, highways and sewage works. Their liabilities rose to 17.9 trillion Yuan as of June 2013 from 10.7 trillion Yuan at the end of 2010, according to the National Audit Office data.

\*Separately Bloomberg reported **China**'s four biggest lenders, all state controlled banks, saw \$70 **billion** vanish from stocks in trading yesterday.

\*Citic fell more than 6% in Hong Kong and Shanghai after the Century Business Herald, earlier in the week planning to offer virtual credit cars with Tencent Holdings Ltd, halted the card products by Tencent and Alibaba.com Ltd's Alipay, the 21st Century Business Herald reported.

\*Then there is the Ukraine referendum on Sunday.

\*In stock specifics today, Adelaide Brighton fell 59c to \$3.75 on 11.6m shares after heralding the loss of an order that would cost \$16 million in pre tax losses in 2016.

\*Fortescue led the **iron ore** miners down, shedding 14c to \$4.98 on 18.6 million shares.

\*Incitec Pivot fell 6c to \$3.02 on 10.4m shares, presumably on less demand from miners.

Over the week the S&P/ASX 200 fell 132.9 points or 2.4% to 5329.4, down to the level last seen on February 14, exactly a month ago.

Among the Top 20 over the week, there were no winners.

Woolworths fell least, down 4c or 0.1% to \$36.32 while CSL fell 20c or 0.3% to \$71.70 and Westpac was down 25c or 0.7% to \$33.65.

Fortescue was the biggest weakener, down 45c or 8.3% to \$4.98 followed by BHP, down \$206 or 5.5% to \$35.66 and RIO, down 344c or 5.3% to \$61.50.

\*At 4pm AEST the Nikkei Dow futures was down 380 points to 14,290, Shanghai CSI physical was down 10.75 points to 2008.36, Hang Seng futures was down \$211 to \$21,540, S&P futures was up 2.20 points to 1841.90, Nasdaq futures was up 4 points to 3648.50, Dow futures was up 6 points to 16,053 points.

Physical gold was down \$2 to \$1370, crude futures was up 22c to \$98.21.

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