



HD HOT SPOTS OF THE DAY

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S&P/ASX 200 closed at 5479.9 up 55.3

SPI Futures latest at 5488 up 62

Aussie 10 year **bonds** were at 3.65%, 6 points lower yield.

The \$A is at 0.9261us

TOP TWENTY

AMP + 4c to \$5.21 on 8.9m shares.

ANZ +38c to \$33.41 on 7.3m shares.

BHP +48c to \$37.65 on 5.6m shares.

BXB + 11c to \$9.71 on 1.8m shares

CBA +46c to \$80.65 on 2.18m shares.

CSL +91c to \$69.77 on 873,806 shares

FMG +16c to \$4.59 on 32.5m shares

MQG +\$1.03 to \$59.45 on 1m shares.

NAB +49c to \$33.54 on 4.99m shares.

ORG +28c to \$15.23 on 1.88m shares

QBE -2c to \$11.35 on 4.6m shares.

RIO +\$1.56 to \$60.96 on 2.9m shares.

STO +14c to \$14.17 on 2.28m shares

SUN +12c to \$13.45 on 2.5m shares.

TLS steady at \$5.36 on 24.13m shares.

WBC +19c to \$33.86 on 6.4m shares.

WDC +6c to \$10.98 on 3.99m shares.

WES +48c to \$43.22 on 1.65m shares.

WOW +25c to \$37.50 on 1.7m shares.

WPL +49c to \$41.72 on 1.89m shares

BUYING OF AUSSIE STOCKS, **BONDS**, RESOURCES ON REASSURING **CHINA** NUMBERS

While our market was always likely to trade higher today in a relief rally, **China's** flash manufacturing PMI rising in April vs a further fall expected, although still below the 50 level cheered the markets.

Volume was strong at \$4.05 **billion**.

The \$A, a proxy for **China** rose slightly and so much more heartily did Aussie mines particularly **iron ore** miners, heavily dependent on **China's** manufacturing. Aussie bond yields are down 6 points to 3.65% while the \$A is at 92.62US c, up about 15 points on last evening.

Plenty of green paint across the board!

*James Hardie rose 78c to \$14.47 on 1.7m shares on a strong profit, lifted final dividend, special dividend and buyback announced today.

*Treasury Wines gave back 13c to \$4.94 on 8.18m shares on no further moves by KKR to lift its offer above \$4.70.

*Vocation rose 25c to \$2.85 on 3.5m shares, also broker's "buy" recommendation today, "VET has an entrenched market leading position which will become an increasingly important point of differentiation as students seek quality", the broker lifted its target price lifted to \$3.35 from \$3.05.

*IINet rose 32c to \$7.23 on 750,619 shares.

*Resources industry services companies Worley Parsons, up 29c to \$15.69 on 591,174 and Monadelphous, up 31c to \$18.19 on 231,540 shares also rose.

***Alumina** rose 9.5cto \$1.42.5 on 32m shares, also broker's forecasting higher profits, dividend payment resuming next year.

*At 4pm AEST the Nikkei Dow futures was up 300 points to 14,340 points, Shanghai CSI physical was up 5.92 points to 2030.87, Hang Seng futures was up 147 points to 22,941 points, S&P futures was up 3.8 points to 1888.70, Nasdaq futures was up 6.5 points to 3640 points, Dow futures was up 45 pointst o 16,544 points.

Spot **gold** was up 2cto \$1294. Crude was down 11c to \$103.96.

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