

COMMODITIES

FINAL prices for commodities at the close of trading yesterday:

GOLD: The price ex Perth Mint yesterday was \$A816.74 per ounce, equivalent to \$A26.26 per gram.

SILVER: The base selling price ex Perth mint yesterday was \$A16.50 per ounce.

SUGAR: The New York price yesterday was US10.23c per pound.

COPPER: The Comex price yesterday was US298.80c per pound.

OIL: The London price yesterday was \$US57.52 per barrel.

All prices courtesy of ABN AMRO Morgans Ltd in Cairns phone 4052 9222

EXCHANGE RATES

\$A1eq:	BUY	SELL
Bahrain Dinars	0.3005	0.2928
Canadian \$	0.9377	0.9146
Cip Francs	73.2400	67.8500
Cyprus Pounds	0.3583	0.3353
Danish Kroner	4.4898	4.3522
Euro	0.6024	0.5871
Fiji \$	1.3313	1.2580
HK \$	6.2213	6.0877
Indian Rupees	35.4250	32.7590
Japanese Yen	93.7300	91.3400
Kenyan Shilling	56.5200	49.1300
Kuwaiti Dinars	0.2317	0.2191
Maltese Lira	0.2654	0.2399
NZ \$	1.1432	1.1164
Norwegian Krone	4.8958	4.7500
P.N.G. Kina	2.5552	2.0100
Pakistani Rupees	49.3600	36.6590
Philippine Pesos	39.0070	35.8790
S.Arabian Riyals	2.9877	2.9194
Singapore \$	1.2228	1.1902
Solomon Is. \$	6.2682	4.9680
Sri Lanka Rupees	87.5700	80.3300
Sth African Rand	5.9227	5.7250
Swedish Krona	5.5804	5.4208
Swiss Francs	0.9711	0.9465
Thai Bahts	26.5890	23.7110
UAE Dirhams	2.9256	2.8508
UK £	0.4106	0.4028
US \$	0.7921	0.7839
W.Samoa Tala	2.2632	1.9597

Published exchange rates vary from day to day and anyone wishing to convert foreign currency should check with their bank for the latest rate. The rates above are opening rates only and may vary across the counter during the day.

ASX INDEX

STOCK	March 16 +/-VAR
All Ordinaries	5817.8 -14.0
All Ords Gold	4416.4 +49.5
Metals & Mining	3703.7 +39.3
S&P/ASX 20	3081.8 -7.0
S&P/ASX 50	5647.6 -19.1
S&P/ASX100	4717.3 -14.3
S&P/ASX200	5836.3 -16.7
S&P/ASX300	5846.9 -15.4
S&P/ASXMidCap50	6080.6 -6.1
Small Ords	3517.3 +2.9
CnsmrDiscr(GIC)	2821.9 -4.3
CnsmrStapl(GIC)	8165.5 -20.8
Energy(GIC)	12312 -37.8
Financials(GIC)	6860.9 -54.0
FinxPropTr(GIC)	7046.4 -25.1
HealthCare(GIC)	8170.2 +21.2
Industrial(GIC)	6574.5 -40.7
Info Tech(GIC)	605.8 -4.3
Materials(GIC)	11106 +100.1
PropertyTr(GIC)	2377.8 -53.6
TelService(GIC)	1535.2 -1.9
Utilities(GIC)	7273.0 -77.1

ALL ORDINARIES

2007 low	Jan 8	5484.5
2007 high	Feb 26	6021.9
Peak	26/02/07	6021.9



Top marks: Cairns Central is now in the top three Queensland shopping centres and 14th nationally for sales per square metre.

Centre's sales rise

CAIRNS Central has jumped two places to be named in the top three Queensland shopping centres for sales per square metre.

The annual survey by industry magazine *Shopping Centre News* listed Cairns Central in third place behind Sunshine Plaza on the Sunshine Coast and Indooroopilly Shopping Centre in Brisbane.

The magazine's 2007 survey ranked Cairns Central at number 14 in Australia.

In the 2006 survey, Cairns

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Central was ranked fifth in Queensland and 22nd in Australia.

Centre manager Derek Ariss said a range of factors contributed to the impressive result.

Cairns Central boasts more than \$336 million in sales and centre visits of 9.4 million annually.

"This survey is extremely competitive with all the major companies in the shopping cen-

tre industry vying for the top rankings," Mr Ariss said.

"Elements that contributed to our success are positive market growth in the region, a strong retail mix and unique product offer at Cairns Central, with the addition of over five new retailers to the centre in the past 12 months.

"Other factors include good customer service and strong relationships with all stakeholders."

Mr Ariss would not comment on specific upgrade plans, but

said centre managers Lend Lease were "constantly monitoring opportunities to improve our centre".

"Being actively involved in the growth and prosperity of the region as well as continually focusing on delivering sustainable solutions for future generations is a priority for the team," he said.

"Our retailers in particular, should be congratulated, as this ranking is a testament to their ability to perform strongly in a competitive market."

IN BRIEF...

More accept

SYDNEY: Acceptances for a \$11.1 billion private equity backed offer for Qantas Airways have risen. Airline Partners Australia has received 18.17 per cent acceptances for its \$5.60 per share offer, up from 16.89 per cent Thursday. The offer closes on April 3.

New lease

MELBOURNE: AGL Energy says its half-owned joint venture Camden Gas Project has been granted a new 21-year gas production lease by the New South Wales government. The other half of the joint venture is owned by Sydney Gas.

TOURISM STOCKS

COMPANY NAME	LAST SALE	MOVE	VOL.
AllBrands	.30	-	495
ABC Learn	7.38	+13	52641
ABC Learn cvprf	7.60	+10	10
Ainsworth	.625	+0.09	6759
Ainsworth uns09	.90	+0.06	122
Aircrusin	.195	-	-
Aristocrt	16.40	-	8074
CFKChild	.29	-0.02	1653
Centrebet	2.40	-0.04	1920
Cypress	.215	-	-
CapIntell	.099	-	-
CapIntell opt09	-	-	-
Celtex	.50	-	71
Dominos	2.86	-0.04	311
Eumundi	.30	-	-
Ebet Ltd	.16	+0.01	356
EnergILtd	.02	-	1000
EnergILtd opt08	.001	-	-
EasyCall	.51	-0.03	500
FlightCtr	14.80	-	1131
IALISport	.31	+0.01	416
IBTEducat	1.98	-0.05	537
Invocare	5.61	-0.03	2532
Jetset	1.99	-	100
KipMcGrat	1.20	+0.02	207
Lasseters	.065	-	8
Morn Star	.058	-	-
Newhaven	2.00	-	-
NatLeiGam	.40	-0.01	537
OceanCap	.50	-	-
PlanetPlt	.115	-	-
Qld T&I	.56	-	-
ReefCsino units	4.25	-0.05	7
RtlFood	1.54	-	-
SAquarium	5.40	-	150
Sundowner	.26	-	-
SkyCityAce	103.60	+10	4
SkyCity	4.08	-0.04	1340
Tabcorp	16.95	-0.30	18389
Tranmetro	.76	-	-
TattsLtd	4.85	+12	36690
TravelCom	.43	-	1123
Viagold	1.90	+10	41
Webjet	.30	-	3176

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FRINGE CBD Unit 3/7 Plath Close

- Opposite Bunnings
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- 73m² office
- \$480,000
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Lease



- In the heart of the dining precinct
 - 350m² of prime retail space
 - Can be divided into smaller areas
 - Extensive kitchen fit-out available
- PLEASE PHONE FOR AN INSPECTION**
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CAIRNS NEWEST PRESTIGE OFFICE ADDRESS



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FOR LEASE

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