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A positive close despite retail weakness.

After a mixed close on the US markets on Friday the Australian market opened in positive territory. Local shares advanced in early trade and by the close the ASX 200 index was up 31.3points to 5,805point and the All Ordinaries added 27.5points.

The majority of market sectors were higher but unfortunately the concern over new market entrants into the Australian retail sector again hit both the discretionary and staple consumer stocks today. Grocers and consumer facing retailer lost ground after this weekend's news that Amazon.com had paid \$13.7 billion for US grocer Whole Foods. The news revived concerns about the disruptive behemoth and what impact it could have domestically. Woolworths (WOW) and Coles' owner Wesfarmers fell while grocery wholesaler Metcash (MTS) fell 2.3% to \$2.10. Harvey Norman Holdings Limited (HVN) and RCG Corporation Limited (RCG) the owner of Athlete's Foot Australia both fell over 3% while JB Hi-Fi Limited (JBH) lost another 2.7%

Small cap baby food manufacturer Bubs Australia (BUB) lifted 21% after was looking to sign a new partnership to sell its product unto the Chinese market. A2Milk (A2M) rose 6.5% as it continued to benefit from a tailwind after the group upbeat trading report last Friday that in response to continuing strong demand for its infant formula. Bellamy's Australia Limited (BAL) also higher today up nearly 13%

The media sector still in focus as we await an update on Channel Ten's financial future. Today Fairfax Media (FXJ) lifted 0.4% after the company said it is not seeking offers or undertaking a process to sell its 54.5% holding in Macquarie Media Limited (MRN). After the release of the statement from Fairfax MRN shares lifted and closed 9.6% higher. Seven West Media Limited (SWM) lifted 4.5% and Southern Cross Media Group Limited (SXL) added another 4.7%

Elsewhere the big 4 banks did well with near 1% gains across the board and insurer Suncorp Group Limited (SUN) also lifted around 1%. In the Utilities sector AGL Energy Limited (AGL) added 2.3% and Spark Infrastructure (SKI) lifted 1.5%

Today we saw around 1.9 billion transactions being measured by the ASX valued at \$5.1 million, with 538 shares were higher, 602 were lower and 425 were unchanged.

The Australian dollar fell away at the end of the trading day - now at AUD/USD 0.7613

Latest Prices	4.30pm	AEST	
	Level	Previous	% chg
All Ords	5,835.5	5,808.0	0.5
ASX 200	5,805.2	5,774.0	0.5
Shanghai	3,138.4		0.47
Japan Nikkei	20,058.1	19,943.3	0.6

US Dow Jones	21,384.2		0.1
US Nasdaq	6,151.7		-0.22
UK FTSE	7,463.5	7,474.4	-0.7
Dow Futures	21,369.0	21,333.0	0.1

	Last	Prior	% chg
Consumer Discretionary	2,245.5	2,243.8	0.1
Consumer Staples	9,141.6	9,237.3	-1.0
Energy	8,858.5	8,877.3	-0.2
Financials	6,506.9	6,441.4	1.0
Financial-x-A-REIT	7,257.3	7,184.3	1.0
Health Care	24,252.0	24,166.9	0.4
Industrials	5,909.8	5,868.9	0.7
Information Tech	878.5	875.1	0.4
Materials	9,668.7	9,637.9	0.3
ASX200 A-REIT	1,446.7	1,437.4	0.6
Telecommunications	1,547.7	1,539.6	0.5
Utilities	9,059.9	8,930.2	1.5

	Last	Day Move	% chg
BHP	\$23.00	\$0.01	0.0
RIO	\$60.05	-\$0.03	0.0
CBA	\$82.79	\$0.93	1.1
ANZ	\$28.38	\$0.26	0.9
NAB	\$30.27	\$0.44	1.5
WBC	\$30.88	\$0.35	1.1
TLS	\$4.41	\$0.03	0.7
WOW	\$25.33	-\$0.92	-3.5
WES	\$40.61	-\$0.09	-0.2
WPL	\$30.30	-\$0.21	-0.7
CSL	\$139.62	\$0.62	0.4
WDC	\$10.84	\$0.00	0.0
NCM	\$21.57	\$0.29	1.4

	Current	Aust 4pm	% chg
AUD/USD	0.7613		-0.18
AUD/EUR	0.68	0.68	-0.09
AUD/JPY	84.54	84.50	0.05

11am Official Cash	1.50	1.50	0.00
Aust 90 day futures	1.72	1.72	0.00
Oil Nymex (\$US/b)	44.60		-0.3
Gold futures(\$US/oz)	1,252.9		-0.3

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