



Market Wrap

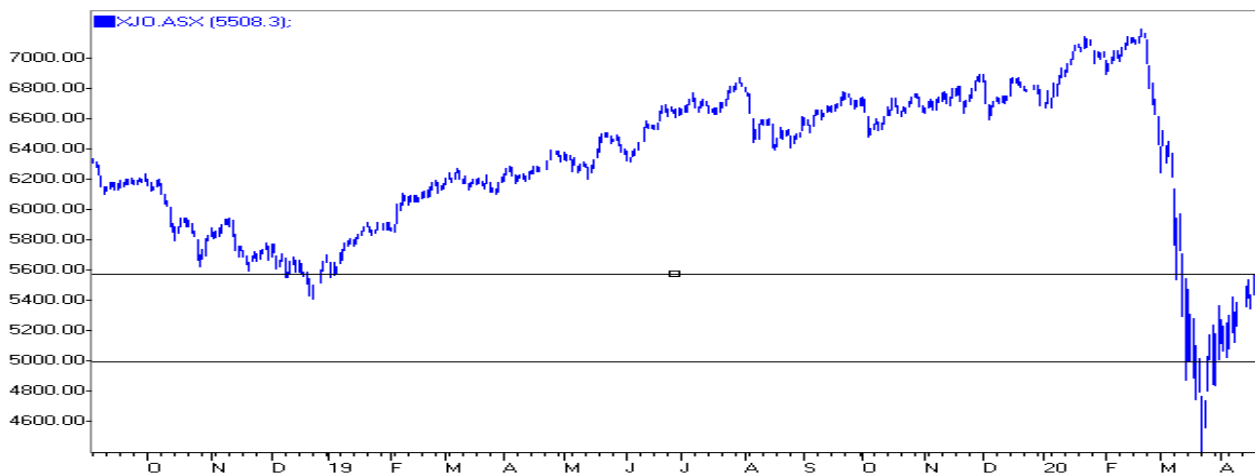
Market Update – 17/04/2020

Another mixed week with the market closing up slightly. Most of the gains were made on Friday, given that the futures were barely positive as the start of the day I would contribute these gains to the news that we could see restrictions from COVID 19, start to be lifted in the next four weeks.

With our economy struggling and the COVID 19 numbers low the government is under pressure to start lifting restrictions. The market closed at 5513, a previous level of support for our market at the start of 2019.

There are a flood of capital raising happening at present, as companies look to ensure that they have sufficient capital reserves to get them through the COVID 19 shut down.

We will contact each investor separately with recommendations. The capital raisings are at significant discounts to the current prices, generally it is a good idea to take up these offer to ensure that your holding does not get diluted as the new shares are issued.



We continue to monitor company's liquidity levels and dividend announcements; this is especially important for preference shares on issue. Cuts to dividend could see pressure on the payment of interest on preference shares, leading to a liquidity issue for the structured fixed interest products holding these investments.

ASX 200 close up 2.2% for the week ending 17/04/2020.