

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6950	70	1.0
NZX 50	11804	52	0.4
DJIA Futures	33279	19	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4210	0.25	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	13392	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with an overnight \$US and \$A appreciation, several large-cap domestic stocks reporting earnings and a major miner trading ex-dividend, plus a batch of key domestic economic reports due late morning.

US equities markets rallied in concert overnight.

Locally today, the Melbourne Institute publishes its monthly **inflation expectations** report, at 11am AEST.

At 11.30am, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases payroll **jobs and wages** for the week ending 16 July.

At the same time, the Reserve Bank of Australia publishes June **business lending**.

Meanwhile, stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **RIO**. Please see p3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.

Regionally today, no major economic reports are scheduled for release.

Japan's markets are **closed today** due to a public holiday.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** ultimately recorded decisive gains.

US **gold** futures settled slightly higher again.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) recorded a further, but slighter decline, remaining above \$US109.5/t.

Overnight LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **nickel** swung higher, nickel by more than 4%. **Aluminium** turned slightly lower.

The **\$A** was propelled to US70.80c after trading at ~US69.65c - ~US69.75c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	33310	535	1.6
S&P 500	4210	88	2.1
NASDAQ	12855	361	2.9
FTSE 100	7507	19	0.3
DAX 30	13701	166	1.2
Shanghai Comp	3230	-17	-0.5

Overseas Markets Commentary

Risk sentiment across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight appeared largely buoyed by a lower than anticipated US July inflation rate reading.

Today's Stock Watch
QBE Insurance Group (QBE)

A9c, 10%-franked interim dividend from A11c, 10%-franked a year ago.

66% lower, \$US151M interim NPAT.

26% higher \$US11.538B revenue.

Telstra Corporation (TLS)

7.5c final and 1c special dividend, each fully franked, from 5c and 3c respective fully franked dividends a year ago.

4.6% lower, \$1.814B full year NPAT. 62.3c NTA from 62.7c.

4.7% lower, \$22.045B income.

Anticipating \$23B - \$25B FY23 income.

AMP Ltd (AMP)

On-market buy-back expected to commence 25 August.

229% higher, \$481M interim NPAT.

20% lower, \$1.364B revenue. \$1.28 NTA from \$1.11.

Mirvac Group (MGR)

Flat 5.1c final distribution, previously declared.

1% higher, \$906M full year NPAT.

19% higher, \$2.842B income.

\$2.80 NTA from \$2.67.

James Hardie Industries (JHX)

JHX has appointed JHX director Anne Lloyd as deputy chair and as the planned successor to chair Michael Hammes.

Mr Hammes expects to retire from the JHX board early November.

JHX has also appointed former Bunnings Australia and New Zealand COO Peter-John Davis as a non-executive director.

Alliance Aviation Services (AQZ)

\$5.21M full year net loss from a \$32.78M FY21 net profit.

19.1% higher, \$367.52M revenue.

\$1.78 NTA from \$1.82. \$20.895M cash and equivalents.

AQZ is focusing on recruiting and retraining pilots as 'a number' of pilots resigned during the June quarter in favour of overseas positions.

As announced earlier this week, AQZ is retiring the Fokker 50 fleet and cutting some services.

AQZ traded as low as \$3.21 yesterday after closing out last week at \$3.60.

Energy
Woodside Energy (WDS)

Interim results anticipated.

Lotus Resources (LOT)

Malawi Kayelekera uranium project restart DFS outcomes lodged this morning.



US markets opened decisively higher, while European and UK markets were propelled higher on the release.

US July inflation was reported flat for the month and 8.5% higher than for July 2021.

As anticipated, lower petrol prices had restrained July inflation growth, but nonetheless, economists had anticipated a 0.4% advance for the month and a 9.1% annualised rate.

The inflation figures initially pushed the \$US lower, but a realisation of the still-robust pace of inflation growth, and two Federal Reserve regional presidents confirming their views significant interest rate increases remained necessary, ultimately constrained currency and bond yield moves.

Earlier yesterday, China reported 0.5% inflation growth for July, the most in five months, against a flat result for June and forecasts for a 0.1% July increase.

Against July 2021, the inflation was up 2.7%.

In overnight **data** releases, **Germany's** July inflation was finalised as first estimated, at 0.9% growth for the month, representing 7.5% annualised growth.

Russia reported 0.4% July deflation, following June deflation at the same pace. Against July 2021, the new figure represented 15.1% inflation growth.

In the **US**, in addition to the July CPI estimate, June wholesale inventories were estimated 1.8% higher for the month following a 1.9% June increase and forecasts for further growth at the same pace.

The July treasury budget statement included a \$US211B deficit against expectations for a \$US101B shortfall following a \$US89B June deficit.

Weekly mortgage applications rose 0.2% following a 1.2% increase the previous week.

The mean average 30-year mortgage rate was reported at 5.47% from 5.43%.

A 10-year US treasury note auction produced a 2.755% yield from 2.960%.

Earlier, Germany had hosted a 30-year government bond auction, this delivering a 1.10% yield from 1.41%.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims are due, together with July producer prices.

In addition, the US hosts a 20-year bond offer.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include: Antofagasta, Brookfield Asset Management, Gazprom Neft, Hapag Lloyd, ResMed Inc, Rosneft, RWE, Siemens and ThyssenKrupp.

AstraZeneca, Barclays, BP, Rio Tinto, Shell and Standard Chartered are among stocks trading ex-dividend on the FTSE 100.

In overnight corporate news, Elon Musk confirmed selling ~US6.88B worth of **Tesla** stock between Friday last week and Tuesday this week, citing the need to bolster funds for potential use in this protracted **Twitter** dispute.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1813.7	oz	1.4	0.1
Silver (NY) (Sep)	20.74	oz	0.26	1.3

Pre-Open Announcements

Adore Beauty Group (ABY) / IDP Education (IEL)

ABY CEO Tennealle O'Shannessy has resigned, effective February 2023, having accepted an appointment as CEO and MD of IEL.

Ms O'Shannessy is a former Seek (ASX: SEK) MD Americas and Seek International strategy director.

ABY has traded lower the past two sessions, settling at \$1.365 yesterday.

IEL announced in May that current CEO and MD Andrew Barkla would step down from these roles in September and move to an advisory role with the company before being recommended as a non-executive IEL director at the 2023 AGM.

OFX Group (OFX)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Resources

Askari Metals (AS2)

Heralding indications from Yarrie project surface exploration. Details lodged pre-trade.

Ragusa Minerals (RAS)

Heralding NT lithium project desktop review indications. Details and plans lodged this morning.

Energy

TMK Energy (TMK)

MoU secured with PetroChina Daqing Tamsag for collaboration on enhancing and accelerating the Gurvates XXXV coal seam gas project, Mongolia.

Deep Yellow (DYL)

Planning to buy back and cancel 170,833 staff incentive loan shares.

DYL has ~731.7M shares on issue.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Kalium Lakes	KLL	11 Aug
Strickland Metals	STK	11 Aug
West Wits Mining	WWI	11 Aug
88 Energy	88E	12 Aug
Atturra Ltd	ATA	12 Aug
Austral Resources	AR1	12 Aug
Calidus Resources	CAI	12 Aug
Gratifii Ltd	GTI	12 Aug
MOQ Ltd	MOQ	12 Aug
Platina Resources	PGM	12 Aug



Platinum	944	oz	12	1.3
WTI Crude (NYMEX Sep)	91.93	bbbl	1.43	1.6
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Oct)	97.40	bbbl	1.09	1.1
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	109.63	t	-0.22	-0.2
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	8083	t	102	1.3
Nickel	22498	t	928	4.3
Aluminium	2490	t	-1	-0.1
Lead	2173	t	7	0.3
Zinc	3604	t	74	2.1
Tin	24496	t	95	0.4

Commodities Commentary

Oil – a \$US drop and improved US petrol demand supported overnight price gains.

Prices had fallen early on reports oil was again flowing through the southern portion of the Druzhba line connecting Russia to Europe following the payment of transit fees.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report, published overnight by government agency the EIA, included a 4.458MMbbl build in crude stocks last week.

Petrol stocks eased by 4.978MMbbl however. Petrol production rose by 858,000bbl/d.

Net daily crude imports were reported to have increased by 231,000bbl.

Later today, the **International Energy Agency** (IEA) and **OPEC** are each scheduled to publish monthly oil market reports.

Overnight Tuesday post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) had published a report which had included an estimated 2.156MMbbl increase in US crude stocks last week.

Gold – Comex futures traded at four-week peaks intra-session after the US July CPI reading which pushed the \$US lower (ICE \$US index as much as 1%), and also initially, US treasury bond yields.

Greater equities trade risk sentiment, together with US Federal Reserve regional presidents promoting further rate hikes, constrained ultimate gains, however.

Base metals – prices swung overnight, initially falling reportedly on China property sector concerns, but most rising with risk sentiment and as the \$US fell, on the release of a lower-than-anticipated advance for US inflation.

China's July CPI and producer prices reported yesterday, producer prices 4.2% higher than for July 2021 and inflation 2.7% higher for the 12 months.

Producer prices had grown 6.1% year-on-year in June and forecasters had anticipated a new 5.9% July year-on-year appreciation.

Japan's July producer prices, also published yesterday, were estimated 0.4% higher for the month and 8.6% higher than for July 2021.

June's producer prices had jumped 0.9% for the month and economists had anticipated just half the rate of the reported increase.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7082	0.0127	1.82

Suspensions *(selected)*

Company	Code	Since
ColorTV Ltd	CTV	8 Aug
Design Milk Co	DMC	2 Aug
Fintech Chain	FTC	1 Aug
Memphasys Ltd	MEM	29 Jul
Montem Resources	MR1	25 Jul

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
FSI	Today	4.75	100	2.66
RIO	Today	383.7	100	10.95
SSR	Today	7	0	1.05
SUN	Tomorrow	17	100	5.50
QVE	Mon	1.2	100	4.85
WOT	Mon	3	0	4.35
ASW	Tue	0.5	100	4.02
CPU	Tue	30	0	1.94
GMA	Tue	12	100	5.67
PL8	Tue	0.55	100	5.10
KOV	Thu	35	100	5.62

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AMP	Interim
	GQG	Interim
	MGR	Full year
	OFX	AGM
	QBE	Interim
	RMD	Jun Q (w/cast NB Fri 12 Aug 6.30am)
	TLS	Full year
Tomorrow	WDS	Interim
	BBN	Full year
	BFG	Full year
	HCW	Full year
Mon	IAG	Full year
	ARG	Full year
	BPT	Full year
	BEN	Full year (w/cast 10am)
	BSL	Full year
	CAR	Full year (tele 9.30am)
	CEN	Full year (w/cast 8am)
	GUD	Full year (w/cast 11am)
	GPT	Interim
GWA	Full year (w/cast 10am)	



EUR – USD 1.0300 0.0088 0.86

Australian Data Today

Melb Institute	Inflation expectations	Aug
ABS	Payroll jobs and wages	16 Jul
RBA	Business lending	Jun

US Data Tonight

Producer prices	Jul
Initial jobless claims	6 Aug

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	JBH	Full year
Tue	ABP	Full year
	BHP	Full year
	CGF	Full year
	GMG	Full year
	GOZ	Full year
	JHX	Jun Q
	SEK	Full year
	SCP	Full year
Wed	AMC	Full year
	BAP	Full year (tele 9.30am)
	BXB	Full year
	CTD	Full year (w/cast tele 9.15am)
	CSL	Full year
	DXS	Full year
	DHG	Full year (w/cast 10.30am)
	DOW	Full year
	EHL	Full year (w/cast tele 11am)
	FBU	Full year (w/cast tele 9am)
	MFG	Full year (tele 11.30am)
	NEA	Full year
	RBL	Full year (w/cast 10am)
	STO	Interim
SGM	Full year (w/cast 9.15am)	
SDF	Full year (w/cast tele 10.30am)	
SUL	Full year (tele 10.30am)	
VCX	Full year	