

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6621	-22	-0.3
NZX 50	10921	-35	-0.3
DJIA Futures	29283	17	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3602	2	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	10853	8	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade with new public comments in hand from a Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) assistant governor, fresh material economic data reported out of China, and the \$A trading at ~US62.75c amid heightened geopolitical tensions.

US equities markets settled mixed overnight.

Locally today, **RBA** assistant governor (economic) Luci Ellis told attendees at an investment conference commencing 9am AEDT that the bank regarded the concept of a neutral interest rate as a guideline rather than a mandatory target.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **RRL**. *Please see p3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

Regionally, the **Bank of Korea** convenes a policy meeting from which outcomes, including any **rates** change, are expected to be known by midday AEDT.

Post-ASX trade yesterday, **China** reported 25.7% year-on-year growth in vehicle sales, against expectations of a 19% increase.

Overnight, China also released September **new lending**, this tallying 2470B yuan, against forecasts for 1320B yuan and following 1250B yuan during August.

Further regionally, August machinery orders and the Tankan sentiment index are due for **Japan** this morning.

This afternoon, September machine tool orders are expected. In addition, Japan's treasury is scheduled to conduct a 30-year bond offer.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** continued to fall, Brent crude settling below \$US95/bbl and WTI beneath \$US90/bbl.

US **gold** futures swung higher, trading above \$US1685/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) turned to record a modest fall.

LME (3mth evening) **copper**, **nickel** and **aluminium** were all reported to have been pushed lower.

Last night's LME final price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected to become available via IRESS at 10.30am AEDT.

The **\$A** rose beyond US62.75c after trading at ~US62.70c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	29239	36	0.1

Today's Stock Watch
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)

Today's AGM materials lodged.

Planning a new PERLS capital notes offer, pending market conditions and approvals.

Additional information lodged post-trade yesterday.

Bank of Queensland (BOQ)

24c fully franked final dividend from 22c a year ago.

15% higher, \$426M full year NPAT.

34% higher, \$2.682B revenue.

CSL Ltd (CSL)

Today's AGM materials lodged.

BrainChip Holdings (BRN)

Patent in hand from the US Patents and Trademarks Office, entitled *An Improved Spiking Neural Network*.

Additional information lodged this morning.

Resources
Lake Resources (LKE)

SK On has agreed a conditional framework with LKE to acquire up to 10% of LKE and to purchase 25,000tpa of Kachi project battery-grade lithium.

St George Mining (SGQ) / IGO Ltd (IGO)

WA Mt Alexander project rock chip sampling has returned several high-grade lithium assays. Drilling is planned to commence late-October – early-November.

Hastings Technology Metals (HAS)

MoU secured with Solvay for the potential supply of an initial 2500tpa of WA Gascoyne region Yangibana project mixed rare earth carbonate to Solvay's facility in La Rochelle, France.

HAS has settled lower the past three sessions, closing at \$3.30 yesterday.

Dreadnought Resources (DRE)

Heralding significant-width and high-grade intersections delivered by drilling with the WA Gascoyne region Mangaroon project Yin ironstone discovery. Assays lodged this morning.

Gascoyne Resources (GCY)

WA Dalganga gold project Never Never deposit resource extension drilling has delivered further high-grade mineralisation. Assays lodged pre-trade.

Energy
Coronado Global Resources (CRN)

In response to media articles, CRN confirms confidential discussions with Peabody Energy Corporation 'regarding a potential combination transaction'.



S&P 500	3589	-24	-0.7
NASDAQ	10426	-116	-1.1
FTSE 100	6885	-74	-1.1
DAX 30	12220	-53	-0.4
Shanghai Comp	2980	6	0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy, swinging trade featured across most major European, UK and US equities markets overnight.

The **Bank of England** broadened a bond-buying program set to end this Friday and initially instituted in response to a bond market sell-off (pushing yields higher) following the government's mini-budget issued last month.

Monday, bond activity amounted to a further sell-off, pushing up debt repayment costs and placing select pension funds at further risk.

In second-half US trade, in response to a suggestion from the Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association that the Bank of England should continue the purchases until at least month's end, the Bank of England confirmed it would end these as planned and warned pension funds to position themselves accordingly.

This appeared to reduce sentiment across all major indices still trading.

Also overnight, the heads of the World Bank and **International Monetary Fund** (IMF) warned of increasing risks of a global recession during 2023.

Among other considerations, the organisations cited evidence of economic slowdowns in China, Europe and the US.

For now, the IMF ventured 2023 world GDP growth at 2.7%, against the 2.9% predicted three months ago.

In geopolitical relations, G7 leaders met virtually to consider the escalation of the **Russia-Ukraine** conflict, subsequently promising ongoing support for Ukraine.

NATO vowed likewise, adding it would deliver a 'united and determined response' should Russia attack any infrastructure considered critical to any NATO operations.

Among overnight data releases, **UK** unemployment claims were reported 25,500 higher for September.

Meanwhile average earnings (excluding bonuses) for the three months to 31 August were reported 5.4% higher than for the same period last year.

The August unemployment rate came in at 3.5% from 3.6% for July.

Earlier yesterday (AEDT), the BRC retail sales monitor indicated like-for-like sales had increased by 1.8% year-on-year during September, surprising forecasters who had anticipated a 0.7% increase.

In the **US**, a small business optimism index rose to 92.1 from 91.8, defying forecasts for a decline to 91.2.

A separate economic optimism index dropped to 41.6 from 44.7 following expectations for a smaller decline to 43.0.

September consumer inflation expectations for the next 12 months came in at 5.4% from 5.7%.

Tonight in the US, Federal Reserve September policy meeting minutes are due, together with September producer prices,

Pre-Open Announcements

Austal Ltd (ASB)

ASB's settlement with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) regarding littoral combat ship disclosures prior to 4 July 2016 has been endorsed by the Federal Court. ASB agreed to pay a \$650,000 penalty.

HomeCo Daily Needs REIT (HDN)

Investor briefing lodged in late trade yesterday. HDN was scheduled to present yesterday afternoon.

Superloop Ltd (SLC)

34.46% proxy and 32.26% poll votes recorded against SLC's remuneration report at yesterday's AGM.

Duxton Water (D2O)

Extending the on-market buy-back for another 12 months.

Resources

Perseus Mining (PRU)

Côte d'Ivoire Yaouré gold project underground ore reserve initially estimated at 2.2Mt @ 3.58g/t Au, for 259,000oz of gold.

PRU expects project resources to grow, having intersected mineralisation 'significantly further down dip' from previous drilling in the first hole of a new program.

Krakatoa Resources (KTA)

King Tamba drilling has returned several significant-width and/or high-grade rubidium intersections.

Castillo Copper (CCZ)

Reporting encouraging initial observations, in relation to cobalt, from Broken Hill eastern zone Tors Tank prospect drilling.

Focus Minerals (FML)

WA Coolgardie gold project reserves update lodged.

Lepidico Ltd (LPD)

75M new LPD shares issued on the exercise of unlisted options.

LPD has essentially lodged three fund-boosting announcements this week.

Bubalus Resources (* BUS)

Manganese and rare earths explorer scheduled to list on the ASX midday AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

~27.05M quoted shares.

One manganese and two rare earths projects in the Northern Territory and one rare earths project in Western Australia.

Alec Pismiris executive chairman.



weekly mortgage applications and a mortgage rates update.

A US 10-year note auction is also scheduled.

In addition, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) annual meetings week continues.

Elsewhere, European Central Bank (ECB) president Christine Lagarde is scheduled to speak publicly.

A batch of material economic reports, including a GDP update, is due for the UK.

In addition, the UK treasury hosts a five-year gilt auction.

Germany is due to conduct a 10-year bond auction.

Stocks scheduled to report earnings include Infosys, PepsiCo and Wipro.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1686	oz	10.8	0.6
Silver (NY) (Dec)	19.49	oz	-0.12	-0.6
Platinum	886	oz	-11	-1.2
WTI Crude (NYMEX Nov)	89.35	bbf	-1.78	-2.0
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	94.29	bbf	-1.90	-2.0
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	96.97	t	-0.38	-0.4
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (Oct 10)	7571	t		
Nickel	22425	t		
Aluminium	2261	t		
Lead	1984	t		
Zinc	2961	t		
Tin	20080	t		

Commodities Commentary

Oil – reports of some renewed Covid management restrictions and increased testing programs in key cities in China, another international growth warning from the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, and a media report suggesting US crude stocks increased last week, combined to push prices lower again overnight.

OPEC's monthly oil market report is scheduled for release tonight.

The International Energy Agency's (IEA) monthly report is expected overnight tomorrow.

Gold – an overnight turn higher for prices was attributed mostly to safe-haven demand and some short covering.

US Federal Reserve policy meeting minutes are expected to exert some influence on tonight's trade.

Base metals – economic growth risks and caution ahead of material economic data to come this week damaged general overnight base metals sentiment.

China is due to release September trade figures Friday.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6276	0.0021	0.33
EUR – USD	0.9712	0.0034	0.36

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Axiom Properties	AXI	12 Oct
GME Resources	GME	12 Oct
Magnum Mining & Exploration	MGU	12 Oct
Mayur Resources	MRL	12 Oct
Queensland Pacific Metals	QPM	12 Oct
Athena Resources	AHN	13 Oct
Culpeo Minerals	CPO	13 Oct
Cygnus Gold	CY5	13 Oct
Valor Resources	VAL	13 Oct

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
1 st Group	1ST	12 Oct
99 Loyalty	99L	10 Oct
Candy Club Holdings	CLB	11 Oct
Cann Global	CGB	23 Sep
Echo IQ	EIQ	7 Oct
Protean Energy	POW	11 Oct
Seafarms Group	SFG	30 Sep
Toro Energy	TOE	28 Sep
Yandal Resources	YRL	29 Sep

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
FGG	Today	3.5	100	5.15
GOW	Today	4	100	2.11
HZN	Today	1.65	0	0.00
RRL	Today	2	100	0.00
WGB	Today	5.5	100	5.63
CGO	Tomorrow	1	100	3.95
D20	Tomorrow	3.3	100	3.78
KAT	Tomorrow	0.5	100	1.85
TI1	Tomorrow	0.28	0	0.00
HVN	Fri	17.5	100	8.52
LSX	Fri	1.5	0	0.00

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	BOQ	Full year (w/cast 10.30am)
	CBA	AGM
	CSL	AGM
	HMD	AGM
Tomorrow	AZJ	AGM

**US Data Tonight**

Federal Reserve policy meeting minutes	Sep
Producer prices	Sep
MBA mortgage applications; rates	7 Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

South Korea	Bank of Korea policy meeting outcomes	12Oct
Japan	Machinery orders	Aug
Japan	Tankan sentiment index	Oct
Japan	Machine tool orders	Sep
UK	GDP	Aug
UK	NIESR GDP tracker	Sep
UK	Industrial production	Aug
UK	Construction output	Aug
UK	Trade balance	Aug
Euro zone	Industrial production	Aug

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	DJW	AGM
	MIR	AGM
Fri	PRN	AGM
Mon (17 Oct)	FGR	AGM
	SGP	AGM
Tue	BXB	AGM
	COH	AGM
	RIO	Sep Q

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