

**Markets**

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDT)	7343	22	0.3
<b>NZX 50</b>	12765	-42	-0.3
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	35833	47	0.1
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	4655	0	0.0
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	15559	-36	-0.2

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market commences today's trade with no overnight US equities or US commodities trade leads, due to a Monday public holiday, and a Bank of Japan post-policy meeting announcement due this afternoon.

**Locally** today, no major economic indicators are due for release.

**Regionally**, the **Bank of Japan** convenes a monetary policy meeting from which outcomes are scheduled to be revealed at **2pm** AEDT. The central bank also publishes a new quarterly outlook report.

In overnight commodities trade, **Brent crude** continued higher.

As with WTI crude, no official settlement was recorded for limited US **gold** futures electronic trade due to the US public holiday.

Similarly, official **iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) prices will resume tonight. In the meantime, Qingdao port prices for 62% Fe were reported lower in the lead-up to China's Lunar New Year season and the Winter Olympics in Beijing.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** reportedly traded little changed near official close. **Nickel** was reported to have turned modestly lower.

**Aluminium** reportedly extended Friday's gain by ~0.7%.

*Last night's LME final price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication.*

The **\$A** remained within range after trading at ~US72.00c - US72.20c early yesterday evening.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	35912	Public	Holiday
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	4663		
<b>NASDAQ</b>	14894		
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7611	68	0.9
<b>DAX 30</b>	15934	50	0.3
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3542	20	0.6

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

Major European and UK equities markets opened higher overnight, and despite varying chop, largely maintained or improved on gains.

US equities markets remained closed through a Monday public holiday.

Optimism regarding administrative support for China's economy

**\* Multi-mineral exploration listing – 2.30pm AEDT – CMX \***

**Today's Stock Watch**
**JB Hi-Fi (JBH)**

Unaudited interim FY22 sales estimated at \$4.86B, up 1.6% year-on-year and 21.7% higher than for July – December 2019. \$287.9M NPAT is anticipated, down 9.4% against 1H FY21 and 26.9% higher than for 1H FY20.

JBH Australia December quarter comparable and total sales grew 23.1% and 23.3% respectively year-on-year.

New Zealand comparable and total sales each rose 12.8%.

The Good Guys comparable and total sales rose 26.2% and 26.9% respectively.

**Redbubble Ltd (RBL)**

Teleconference scheduled to commence **10am** AEDT.

1H FY22 Marketplace revenue estimated at \$288M, 60% higher than for 1H FY20, but 14% lower than for 1H FY21.

Anticipating FY22 EBITDA margin (% of Marketplace revenue) in the negative low single digits.

1H FY22 GTV estimated 14% lower year-on-year.

1H FY22 gross profit is estimated to have fallen 25%.

\$A143M record cash balance as at 31 December.

**Data#3 Ltd (DTL)**

Anticipating 1H FY22 pre-tax net profit to come in a little beyond the top end of October 2021 \$15M - \$18M guidance.

This would represent an ~30% increase on 1H FY21, for which record NPBT was achieved.

Planning to lodge interim results 17 February and to host a webcast briefing at 11.30am AEDT that day.

**Resources**
**Rio Tinto (RIO)**

Shipped 84.1Mt of Pilbara WA iron ore during the December quarter, 5% fewer tonnes than a year earlier but 1% more than for the September quarter 2021. Total 2021 Pilbara iron ore shipments fell 3% to 321.6Mt.

December quarter bauxite and aluminium output fell 6% and 2% respectively for the three months. Overall 2021 production declined 3% and 1% respectively, to 54.3Mt and 3.15Mt.

2022 production guidance also lodged this morning, including 320Mt – 335Mt for Pilbara iron ore shipments.

**Element 25 (E25)**

WA Butcherbird project high-purity manganese sulphate monohydrate plant construction and operation scoping study results have prompted E25 to move directly to a definitive feasibility study (DFS).

Statistics, summary report and presentation lodged pre-trade.

appeared a major influence in the absence of major economic data releases and mostly status quo for geopolitical relations and Covid-19 management and commentary.

Yesterday, the **People's Bank of China** announced a 0.1% rate cut, to 2.85%, for 700B yuan (~\$US110.2B) worth of one-year medium term lending facility loans to some financial institutions.

China had earlier reported a swag of influential economic indicators, December quarter GDP notably rising 1.6% for the three months and up 4.0% on an annualised basis.

This from 4.9% annualised at the end of the September quarter 2021. Nonetheless for the year, GDP grew 8.1%.

As with quarterly GDP, China's December retail sales proved relatively sluggish on a year-on-year basis, estimated at 1.7% growth against expectations of 3.7%.

In scant overnight **data** releases, **Italy's** December CPI growth was finalised at 0.4% from 0.6% for November. Inflation was up 4.9% for the year.

**Russia's** November trade figures included a \$US21.06B surplus against expectations of \$US19.5B and following October's \$US19.78B.

Tonight in the **US**, the New York Fed releases its January regional manufacturing index. A home builders' sentiment reading is also anticipated.

Companies scheduled to report earnings or provide trading updates later today or tonight include Bank of New York Mellon, Charles Schwab, Goldman Sachs and PNC Financial Services.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY)</b> (Feb)	<b>1816.5</b>	oz	Public	Holiday
<b>Silver (NY)</b> (Mar)	<b>22.92</b>		Public	Holiday
<b>Gold (LON)</b> (14 Jan)	<b>1823</b>	oz	Public	Holiday
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>972</b>	oz	3	0.3
<b>WTI Crude</b> (NYMEX Feb)	<b>83.82</b>	bbbl	Public	Holiday
<b>Brent Crude</b> (ICE EUR Mar)	<b>86.51</b>	bbbl	0.45	0.5
<b>Iron Ore</b> (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	<b>126.24</b>	t	Public	Holiday
<b>Copper (LME 3mth Evening)</b> (14 Jan)	<b>9719</b>	t	No updated	prices
<b>Nickel</b>	<b>22179</b>	t		
<b>Aluminium</b>	<b>2975</b>	t		
<b>Lead</b>	<b>2357</b>	t		
<b>Zinc</b>	<b>3520</b>	t		
<b>Tin</b>	<b>40346</b>	t		

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – no official WTI settlement was recorded overnight, due to the US public holiday. Brent crude reportedly traded close to seven-year peaks however, however.

Fund managers were reported to have purchased 83MMboe in futures and options contracts last week, representing the fastest rate for 14 months.

Meanwhile, a deadly drone attack on an Abu Dhabi (UAE) oil facility was claimed by Yemen's Houthi group.

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

The International Energy Association's (IEA) monthly report is due

## Pre-Open Announcements

### NZME Ltd (NZM)

NZM has completed the BusinessDesk acquisition.

NZM has settled lower nine of the past 10 sessions, closing at \$1.145 on the ASX yesterday.

### Structural Monitoring Systems (SMN)

Chasing \$6.1M in an underwritten one-for-12 entitlement offer at 60c per share.

SMN traded at 59c – 69c last week and yesterday at 61.5c – 64c.

### Beforepay Group (B4P)

Pay-on-demand specialist completed a disappointing ASX listing yesterday, following an ~\$35M IPO at \$3.41 per share.

Opened at \$2.50 and recorded a day one peak of \$2.51 before settling at the group's day one low of \$1.905.

~1.59M shares were traded across 1279 transactions.

31.675M quoted shares.

### Resources

#### ChemX Materials (\* CMX) / Archer Materials (AXE)

Kaolin/Halloysite and manganese explorer CMX (formerly NextGen Materials) and proposed high purity alumina processor scheduled to list on the ASX **2.30pm** AEDT, following an \$A8M IPO at 20c per share.

46.34M quoted shares.

AXE holds ~12.75%.

#### Auteco Minerals (\* AUT)

Canada Pickle Crow gold project diamond drilling indicates a significant increase in the resource upgrade anticipated for release in February.

Assays lodged this morning, including 7.3m @ 33.3M g/t Au from 9.4m and 1.5m @ 35.2g/t Au from 541.5m.

Five diamond rigs operational.

Regional targets drilling has commenced with initial results anticipated early in the June quarter.

#### FYI Resources (FYI)

A third extended high-purity alumina (HPA) pilot plant trial is underway today through 25 January, 24/7, in conjunction with Alcoa of Australia.

#### Mithril Resources (MTH)

Heralding Mexico El Refugio metallurgical test results.

Additional drilling results also lodged for El Refugio and El Cometa, together with significant rock chip assays for Las Brujas, El Peru and Dios Hijos.

#### Red Mountain Mining (RMX)

RMX traded 20% higher yesterday, closing at 1.2c after revealing WA east Kimberley Mt Mansbridge project Solo prospect RC drill hole samples have been deemed, following laboratory analysis, to contain the rare earth minerals xenotime and florencite.



tomorrow night.

**Gold** – no official Comex futures settlement was recorded overnight due to the US public holiday.

In limited trade, spot gold and futures were reported respectively ~0.1% and 0.2% higher, however.

**Base metals** – a swag of material data out of China yesterday, coupled with People’s Bank of China select rate activity influenced overnight LME sentiment.

Commentary mostly centred on late-year economic growth challenges for China.

**China’s December quarter GDP** rose 1.6% for the three months and 4.0% year-on-year. Forecasters had anticipated 1.2% growth following 0.7% during the September quarter.

Additional economic indicators released by China yesterday included December **industrial production** which rose 4.3% year-on-year, against forecasts of 3.7%.

January – December **fixed asset investment** increased 4.9% after growing by 5.2% for January – November.

December **retail sales** were calculated 1.7% higher than for December 2020, following forecasts for a 3.7% climb.

One- and five-year loan prime rates are due from the People’s Bank of China Thursday.

Bank of Japan commentary following today’s monetary policy meeting could sway some sentiment tonight.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7209	0.0003	0.04
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1409	-0.0010	-0.09

### US Data Tonight

New York Fed Empire State manufacturing	Jan
NAHB sentiment	Jan

### Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

<b>Japan</b>	BoJ post-policy meeting statement	18 Jan
Japan	BoJ outlook	Mar Q
Japan	Industrial production (final, 3.30pm AEDT)	Nov
<b>UK</b>	Unemployment claims change	Dec
UK	ILO unemployment	Nov
UK	Average earnings	Nov
<b>Germany</b>	ZEW eco sentiment; current conditions	Jan
<b>Eurozone</b>	ZEW economic sentiment	Jan
Eurozone	New domestic vehicle registrations	Dec

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RMX plans to resume drilling at the end of the Kimberley region wet season.

### Vertex Minerals (\* VTX) / Peak Minerals (PUA)

PUA gold exploration spinoff VTX completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$5.5M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 19c, the company’s day one high and traded as low as 17c before settling at 18c.

~3.65M shares changed hands across 264 transactions.

44.1M quoted shares.

### NiCo Resources (\* NC1) / Metals X (MLX) / Blackstone Minerals (BSX)

Exploration company and MLX spin off NC1 is scheduled to list on the ASX midday AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$12M IPO at 20c per share.

87.25M quoted shares.

NC1 holds the WA Wingellina nickel-cobalt project and Claude Hills nickel project, South Australia.

MLX holds 23.19%. BSX holds 15.11%.

### Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Asaplus Resources	AJY	18 Jan
Carnavale Resources	CAV	18 Jan
Zuleika Gold	ZAG	18 Jan
Astro Resources	ARO	19 Jan
DXN Ltd	DXN	19 Jan
Southern Hemisphere Mining	SUH	19 Jan

### Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Cradle Resources	CXX	13 Jan
Emerald Resources	EMR	12 Jan
IRIS Metals	IR1	10 Jan

### Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>CMX</b>	IPO
	<b>JBH</b>	Dec Q
	<b>RIO</b>	Dec Q (8.30am)
<b>Tomorrow</b>	BHP	Dec Q & 1HFY22
	LYC	Dec Q (w/cast 9am)
	NC1	IPO
<b>Thu</b>	API	AGM
	AVA	Dec Q; FY22 update



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	BHP	Unification meeting (6pm)
	GCY	AGM
	IHL	AGM
	LMG	AGM
	NST	Dec Q (w/cast tele 9am)
	STO	Dec Q
	WPL	Dec Q
<b>24 Jan</b>	AFI	Interim (webinar 1.30pm)
<b>25 Jan</b>	CHL	Dec Q (tele 9.30am)
	PAR	AGM (11am)
	VBS	AGM
<b>31 Jan</b>	LIT	AGM