

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6626	79	1.2
NZX 50	11267	104	0.9
DJIA Futures	31805	-11	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	3943	-2	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	12313	-7	-0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade with an \$A appreciation, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) governor speaking publicly pre-trade, a key domestic monthly economic report due this morning, and central bank moves, internationally, remaining in focus, ahead of further inflation indicators out of the UK and Europe tonight.

US equities markets traded firmly higher overnight.

Locally today, the **RBA Philip Lowe** was scheduled to speak on *Inflation, Productivity and The Future of Money* at the Australian Strategic Business Forum in Melbourne at 9.10am AEST.

Westpac and the Melbourne Institute are expected to release their June **leading index** report at **10.30am**.

In addition, Australia's treasurer has revealed the terms of reference for a review of the RBA.

Regionally today, the **People's Bank of China** is expected to announce prime rates for one and five-year loans at **11.15am** AEST.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** continued to settle higher.

US **gold** futures barely rose, settling essentially flat.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) swung lower, trading below \$US105/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **aluminium** turned greater than 1% lower overnight. **Nickel** also declined, but more modestly.

The **\$A** rose to US69.00c after trading at ~US68.95c early yesterday evening. The \$A appreciated beyond US69.05c earlier this morning.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	31827	754	2.4
S&P 500	3937	106	2.8
NASDAQ	11713	353	3.1
FTSE 100	7296	73	1.0
DAX 30	13308	349	2.7
Shanghai Comp	3279	1	0.0

Overseas Markets Commentary

US equities markets traded higher from outset overnight, dragging major European and UK equities markets decidedly into positive

Today's Stock Watch
Perpetual Ltd (PPT) / Pental Group (PDL)

Both groups are confirming conditional, incomplete discussions regarding a possible transaction.

Earlier this year, PDL rejected a \$2.4B takeover bid from PPT.

Bubs Australia (BUB)

Estimating 123% higher, \$104.2M FY22 gross revenue, bolstered by 168% higher year-on-year 2H revenue, in turn boosted by record, 278% higher \$48.1M June quarter revenue.

Megaport Ltd (MP1)

June quarter revenue tallied \$30.6M, up 10% for the three months.

\$128M annualised recurring revenue at 30 June.

Additional June quarter statistics plus a global market update presentation also lodged this morning.

Smartpay Holdings (SMP)

Total consolidated revenue rose 48% year-on-year, and 18% for the three months, during the June quarter, to \$NZ16.26M.

Additional comparative statistics lodged this morning.

SRG Global (SRG)

FY22 performance market update and FY23 outlook investor briefing scheduled to commence **11am** AEST.

Statistics and presentation lodged pre-trade.

Access link lodged post-trade yesterday.

Resources
Northern Star Resources (NST)

Sold 402,000oz of gold with a \$A1650/oz AISC during the June quarter. Sold 1.561Moz for FY22, with a \$A1633/oz AISC.

\$A528M net cash; \$A100M bullion.

A webcast teleconference was scheduled to commence at 9am AEST.

Santana Minerals (SMI)

Additional Bendigo-Ophir project diamond drilling results lodged this morning. Three diamond rigs operational.

Firebird Metals (FRB)

Heralding Oakover manganese project concentrate scoping study results, lodged this morning.

Energy
Beach Energy (BPT)

Production rose 9% and revenue by 10% during the June quarter, to 5.6MMboe and \$504M respectively.

\$165M net cash.

Planning to release full year results, together with FY23 guidance, 15 August.



territory, each key index settling at or near session highs.

Better-than-anticipated corporate results helped buoy sentiment, as did additional data which indicated the **US Federal Reserve** was unlikely to boost rates by as much as 1.00% at next week's policy meeting.

Bank of England (BoE) governor Andrew Bailey confirmed a 0.50% rate increase was possible from the 4 August policy meeting, rather than the 0.25% increases of the past several months.

The bank's current forecasts put UK inflation at 11+% in October.

Meanwhile, the **European Central Bank** (ECB) was reported to be considering a 0.50% rate increase, its first rise in 11 years, at tomorrow night's policy meeting.

In geopolitical news, **Russia's** president travelled to Iran to meet with the Iranian leader, and **China** warned of 'forceful measures' following reports the US House of Representatives speaker would include a visit to Taiwan in an Indo-Pacific tour scheduled for next month. The speaker had planned to visit Taiwan earlier this year, at which time China warned of an adverse impact on China-US relations.

Among overnight **data** releases, the **euro zone's** annualised inflation rate at the end of June was confirmed at a record 8.6%.

As for May, inflation rose 0.8% during June.

June construction output in the meantime came in 2.9% higher than for June 2021.

In the **UK**, unemployment claims fell by 20,100 during June, following a 34,700 May decline. Economists had anticipated a 25,000 fall for June.

May average real earnings, excluding bonuses, were reported 2.9% lower than for May 2021.

In the **US**, June building permits declined by 0.6% for the month following a 7% May tumble and forecasts for a new 1.0% fall.

Housing starts fell 2.0% for the month after plunging 11.9% in May. Forecasters had anticipated a 0.8% rise for June.

Tonight in the US, June existing home sales are due, together with weekly mortgage applications. The US also hosts a 20-year bond auction.

Elsewhere, the UK's June CPI reading is keenly anticipated.

Companies listed to report earnings include Abbott Labs, Akzo Nobel, Alcoa, Biogen, CSX, Infosys, Kinder Morgan, Nidec Corp, Tesla, United Airlines, Volvo and Wipro.

In overnight corporate news, **Netflix** reported a smaller June quarter decline in subscriber numbers than anticipated. The subscriber tally also fell during the March quarter, but overnight, Netflix forecast a turnaround to renewed growth.

Meanwhile, a Delaware, US court set an October starting date for a trial investigating Elon Musk's withdrawal of a **Twitter** takeover offer.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1710.7	oz	0.50	0.0
Silver (NY) (Sep)	18.71	oz	-0.13	-0.7
Gold (LON) (18 Jul)	1719	oz		
Platinum	875	oz	9	1.0
WTI Crude (NYMEX Aug)	104.22	bbl	1.62	1.6

Pre-Open Announcements

Select Harvests (* SHV)

Conference presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

SHV is presenting today.

SHV has traded lower the past three sessions, settling at \$4.93 yesterday.

Resources

Ten Sixty Four (* X64)

X64's Philsaga Mining Corp, which operates the Philippines Co-O mine, has reported the death of a worker following an accident in the underground mine.

Operations within the immediate area of the accident have been suspended.

Challenger Exploration (CEL)

Pointing out in response to a price query from the ASX that a 4 July CEL announcement had mentioned the completion of a drilling program, and that since CEL's price had dropped 48% from its peaks since 1 June, a partial oversell reversal was possible.

CEL had closed out May at 26c and had traded at 15c several sessions this past week.

CEL recouped 28.13% for the session yesterday, settling at 20.5c following 247 transactions.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Aurumin Ltd	AUN	20 Jul
Marmota Ltd	MEU	20 Jul
Victory Goldfields	1VG	20 Jul
Almonty Industries	ALL	21 Jul
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	ANZ	21 Jul
First Au	FAU	21 Jul
Quantum Graphite	QGL	21 Jul
Reward Minerals	RWD	21 Jul

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Collection House	CLH	1 Jul
Elmore Ltd	ELE	18 Jul
Firefinch Ltd	FFX	29 Jun
GWR Group	GWR	5 Jul

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
AIQ	Today	0.41	0	0.00



Brent Crude (ICE EUR Sep)	107.35	bbl	1.08	1.0
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	104.76	t	-1.93	-1.8
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	7278	t	-148	-2.0
Nickel	20596	t	-54	-0.3
Aluminium	2389	t	-37	-1.5
Lead	1987	t	-11	-0.6
Zinc	2949	t	-55	-1.8
Tin	24810	t	99	0.4

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices swung intra-session overnight, pushed and pulled by supply and demand views.

A yet weaker \$US index helped support ultimate gains.

Lower-than-normal trade, in part due to the northern summer holiday season, was again reported and cited for some of the volatility.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report is due from government agency the EIA tonight.

Overnight, post-US trade the American Petroleum Institute (API) published a report which included an estimated 1.86MMbbl increase for crude stocks last week.

Gold – a \$US decline for a third consecutive session helped constrain overnight moves lower.

Sentiment was variously impacted by central bank speculation and comments directly from the Bank of England and Reserve Bank of Australia Monday through Tuesday.

Base metals – Japan's Nomura yesterday estimated remaining Covid control measures within China were adversely impacting ~22.8% of China's GDP.

In the meantime, *copper* stocks in LME-registered warehouses were reported at 136,200t, 20% higher than ~four weeks ago.

Any change in China's one-year and five-year loan prime rates today, could influence some base metals sentiment tonight.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6900	0.0052	0.76
EUR – USD	1.0232	0.0084	0.83

Australian Data Today

Westpac/MelInst	Leading economic index	Jun
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US Data Tonight

Existing home sales	Jun
MBA mortgage applications	15 Jul

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

UK	CPI	Jun
UK	Producer prices	Jun
Germany	Producer prices	Jun
Euro zone	Consumer confidence (prelim)	Jul
Russia	Producer prices	Jun

KAT	Today	0.5	100	1.43
KPG	Today	0.4	100	1.18
PL8	Today	0.55	100	5.02
UWL	Fri	10.5	100	0.00
PPS	25 Jul	5	100	0.00
MIR	27 Jul	8.5	100	3.19
MIRNB	27 Jul	4.25	100	0.00
PSC	27 Jul	79	0	0.00

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AKE	Jun Q (w/cast 10am)
	BPT	Jun Q
	BUB	Jun Q
	CEN	Jun Q
	GNE	Jun Q
	MP1	Jun Q
	MCY	Jun Q
	NST	Jun Q (w/cast 9am)
	SMP	Jun Q
Tomorrow	EVN	Jun Q (live-stream tele 11am)
	STO	Jun Q
	WDS	Jun Q
Mon	AFI	Full year (NB w/cast Tue 3.30pm)
	C6C	Jun Q (post-ASX trade)



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