

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6593	0	0.0
NZX 50	11019	21	0.2
DJIA Futures	31458	37	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3910	6	0.2
NASDAQ Futures	12070	29	0.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade with an international focus on inflation containment and recession talk, plus western nation reaction to Russia's actions in Ukraine, and a domestic focus on new census information.

US equities markets turned variously lower overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics is scheduled to formally release **2021 census** information across numerous reports.

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

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** extended Friday's turn higher, Brent crude trading above \$US115.00/bbl.

US **gold** futures posted a modest decline, falling below \$US1825/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) swung higher, approaching \$US130.95/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper**, **nickel** and **aluminium** also turned higher, nickel and aluminium decisively so.

The **\$A** fell below US69.25c after trading at ~US69.40c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	31438	-62	-0.2
S&P 500	3900	-12	-0.3
NASDAQ	11525	-83	-0.7
FTSE 100	7258	50	0.7
DAX 30	13186	68	0.5
Shanghai Comp	3379	29	0.9

Overseas Markets Commentary

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

Sentiment appeared pushed and pulled by a plethora of inflation, recession and stagflation commentary, plus announcements from G7 leaders and NATO members.

Earlier yesterday, **China** had reported 1.0% year-on-year growth in January - May industrial profits, against forecasts of 6.0% and following a 3.5% year-on-year gain for January - April.

*** Copper-gold exploration listing – midday AEST – BIM ***

Today's Stock Watch
Collins Foods (CKF)

Paying a 15c fully franked final dividend, from 12.5c fully franked a year ago. 68.1% higher, \$54.799M full year NPAT. 11.1% higher, \$1.184B revenue.

Tassal Group (TGR)

Confirming an indicative \$4.85 cash-per-share acquisition proposal from Cooke Inc, following earlier, \$4.67-per-share and \$4.80-per-share proposals. Also maintaining a non-engagement position, on a best-interests basis.

Meanwhile, Cooke has acquired a 5.398% holding in TGR.

TGR has traded at \$3.50 - \$3.98 over the past five sessions.

BWX Ltd (BWX)

A teleconference was scheduled to commence 9.30am AEST. Updated pre-significant items FY22 and FY23 guidance lodged pre-trade. Raising \$13.5M in a fully underwritten 60c-per-share placement and \$9.7M in an entitlement offer.

BWX traded at \$1.12 - \$1.27 last week before a trading halt.

Orthocell Ltd (OCC)

Resuming from a trading halt with an exclusive global IP licence and manufacturing agreement for the company's resorbable collagen membrane Striate+ with dental implant specialist BioHorizons Implant Systems. BioHorizons will pay OCC \$A23.1M for the licence. OCC manufactures Striate and will supply BioHorizons with Striate products, also granting exclusive distribution rights. OCC last traded at 30c.

Resources
Northern Star Resources (NST)

Webcast scheduled to commence **11am** AEST. KCGM mill optimisation pre-feasibility study outcomes, plus webcast link, lodged this morning. NST dropped 12.1% yesterday, settling at \$7.02 after closing out may at \$8.95 and April at \$9.82.

Global Lithium Resources (GL1) / Breaker Resources (BRB)

WA goldfields Manna lithium project initial GL1 RC drilling has indicated significant mineralisation continuity at depth. Assays lodged pre-trade. 20,000m RC campaign continuing. Diamond drilling also underway. BRB 20% free-carried.

Energy
Ampol Ltd (ALD)

The Overseas Investment Office has approved the planned sale of ALD's New Zealand Gull business.

ALD anticipates ~\$NZ509M in net cash proceeds and will supply fuel over five years to Gull New Zealand.



Against May 2021, monthly profits were down 6.5%, against forecasts for a 3.0% decline.

Meanwhile, Russia was reported to have missed an ~\$US100M debt repayment deadline, despite economists assessing Russia as holding sufficient cash to pay.

For its part, Russia maintained payment to cover the euro and \$US debt had been made in May but that third parties had subsequently failed to transmit the funds to bond holders.

Earlier this year, ratings agencies withdrew from their ratings activity for Russia.

G7 leaders confirmed an Asia and Africa infrastructure investment plan, initially announced at last year's G7 leaders' forum, would be actioned under a new name, Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment.

Also overnight, the European Central Bank (ECB) opened a three-day annual central banking forum in Sintra, Portugal.

In Russia-Ukraine developments, Russia commenced attacks on civilian targets in the central eastern Ukraine city of Kremenchuk.

In overnight **data** releases, **Spain** reported a 43.6% jump in producer prices since May 2021.

US May durable goods orders rose 0.7% for the month, against expectations of a 0.3% fall and following a 0.4% April increase.

May pending home sales were also reported 0.7% higher for the month, but after a 4% April drop and forecasts for a new 4.5% decline.

Against May 2021, sales were down 13.6%.

The June Dallas Fed (Texas region) manufacturing index tumbled to -17.7 from -7.3, defying expectations for a significant improvement to 1.0.

Tonight in the **US**, May wholesale inventories, the Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index for June and two April home price reports are due.

Elsewhere, a NATO summit commences in Madrid, Spain later today. Growing NATO membership has been cited by Russia as a reason for regional security concern.

In addition, the European Central Bank (ECB) continues to host the central banking forum in Portugal, with a key speech by ECB president Christine Lagarde anticipated later today (AEST). The forum is scheduled to conclude overnight tomorrow.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1824.8	oz	-5.5	-0.3
Silver (NY) (Jul)	21.17	oz	0.04	0.2
Gold (LON) (24 Jun)	1825	oz		
Platinum	907	oz	-1	-0.1
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jul)	109.57	bbf	1.95	1.8
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Aug)	115.09	bbf	1.97	1.7
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	130.93	t	1.22	0.9
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	8421	t	37	0.4
Nickel	22882	t	481	2.2
Aluminium	2494	t	38	1.6
Lead	2006	t	90	4.7
Zinc	3322	t	-32	-1.0
Tin	27041	t	2426	9.9

Pre-Open Announcements

Macquarie Group (MQG)

Chasing \$A400M in a capital notes offer at \$A100 per note. Additional details lodged this morning.

carsales.com.au Ltd (* CAR)

Raising \$1.207B via a fully underwritten entitlement offer at \$A17.75 per share, to support the proposed \$US809M acquisition of the balance 51% holding in Trader Interactive.

In addition, CAR is boosting its debt facilities by \$A500M to \$A1.4B.

The retail component of the entitlement offer is scheduled for 1 – 13 July.

CAR traded at \$19.655 - \$20.91 last week.

GTN Ltd (GTN)

Anticipating \$160M FY22 revenue against \$143M for FY21.

Expecting \$16.5M - \$17.5M adjusted EBITDA against \$14.0M for FY21.

Outstanding debt at 30 June (Thursday) is likely to be \$30M.

Resources

Bindi Metals (* BIM)

Exploration company scheduled to list on the ASX **midday** AEST, following a \$4.8M IPO at 20c per share.

~26.48M quoted shares.

Holds the Biloela copper-gold project, Queensland.

Eddie King non-executive chair.

Kore Potash (KP2)

Republic of Congo Kola project optimisation study outcomes lodged this morning.

KP2 97%.

Sipa Resources (SRI)

An aircore drilling results review has identified lithium drill targets within the WA goldfields Skeleton Rocks gold, nickel and copper project.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
3D Resources	DDD	29 Jun
carsales.com.au Ltd	CAR	29 Jun
Equity Story Group	EQS	29 Jun
Firefinch Ltd	FFX	29 Jun
Grand Gulf Energy	GGE	29 Jun
Kuniko Ltd	KNI	29 Jun

**Commodities Commentary**

Oil – overnight prices were supported by a continuing lower \$US, a G7 plan to cap Russian oil prices (and hence perhaps prompt Russia to reduce petroleum product exports to G7 nations) and reports the UAE viewed OPEC nations' capacity to lift production as limited.

In addition, Libya confirmed civil unrest had curbed output that was usually exported via the Gulf of Sirte.

Meanwhile, France reportedly promoted discussions for potential restored full international trade with (OPEC members) Iran and Venezuela.

OPEC+ meets Thursday and to confirm the previously agreed output levels for July and August.

In the meantime, OPEC was reported to have reduced its forecast 2022 oil surplus from 1.4MMbbl/d to 1MMbbl/d.

Gold - overnight gold prices swung, early gains lost on better-than-anticipated US pending homes sales, but the \$US continuing lower (~0.12%) meant falls were constrained.

Inflation comments are keenly anticipated out of the European Central Bank-hosted central bankers forum in Portugal, to be attended by the heads of the banks such as the US Federal Reserve and Bank of England.

Base metals – overnight trade reacted to new data out of China, positive Covid containment comments by officials in Beijing and Shanghai, a further \$US decline, and updated inventories.

China's May industrial profits, reported yesterday, undershot expectations.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6918	-0.0012	-0.17
EUR – USD	1.0578	0.0019	0.18

Australian Data Today

ABS	2021 census information	2021
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US Data Tonight

Wholesale inventories	May
Richmond Fed manufacturing	Jun
Conference Board consumer confidence	Jun
S&P/Case-Shiller home prices	Apr
FHFA home prices	Apr

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Germany	GfK consumer confidence	Jul
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