

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7311	-42	-0.6
NZX 50	13255	27	0.2
DJIA Futures	34740	-3	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	4430	-3	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	15173	-22	-0.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with key domestic and regional economic reports due by late morning, following mixed overnight international equities leads, and ahead of US Federal chair and US Treasury Secretary comments prepared for a meeting with a Congress committee tonight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is due to report *preliminary* August **retail sales**, **11.30am** AEST.

A quarterly business survey report from the Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Westpac has also been listed for release.

A plethora of stocks due to trade **ex-dividend tomorrow**, most of these in the property sector, may attract additional trade interest today.

Regionally today, the **Bank of Japan** releases last week's monetary policy meeting minutes just prior to ASX open.

China's August **industrial profits**, listed for release yesterday, have been scheduled for **11.30am** today.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** was pushed yet higher.

US **gold** futures recorded a second consecutive slight gain.

Iron ore (China port CFR, 62% fines) jumped ahead of a week-long China holiday season commencing Friday this week.

LME **copper** settled slightly higher. **Nickel** turned and fell. **Aluminium** continued lower.

The **\$A** rose to ~US72.85c, after falling to ~US72.60c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34869	71	0.2
S&P 500	4443	-12	-0.3
NASDAQ	14970	-78	-0.5
FTSE 100	7063	12	0.2
DAX 30	15574	42	0.3
Shanghai Comp	3583	-30	-0.8

Overseas Markets Commentary

Sentiment varied across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight, amid a mix of domestic developments and plethora of central bank commentary.

* **Lithium-sulphur battery technology** listing – **11am** AEST – **LIS** *

* **Mineral exploration** listing – **11.30am** AEST – **DAL** *

* **Gold exploration** listing – **12.30pm** AEST – **KNB** *

Today's Stock Watch
nib Holdings (NHF)

Planning to pause Australia and New Zealand travel insurance sales from 5 October. Seeking new underwriting agreements.

Australian Clinical Labs (ACL)

Anticipating \$63.7M - \$70.0M 1H FY22 NPAT and \$398.1M - \$414.0M revenue, these figures significantly exceeding IPO prospectus forecasts.

Resources
Chalice Mining (CHN)

Heralding additional high-grade intersections from WA Julimar Ni-Cu-PGE project Gonneville deposit step-out and resource drilling. In addition, CHN is reporting ongoing positive metallurgical test work results.

Los Cerros (LCL)

Colombia Quinchia gold project Tesorito South drilling has delivered additional high-grade intersections from surface and near-surface. LCL says four diamond rigs are operational at Tesorito South. Assays lodged pre-trade. \$23M cash balance.

Eagle Mountain Mining (EM2)

Resuming from a trading halt having received firm commitments for a \$16M, 65c-per-share placement, mainly in support of exploration activity across the Oracle Ridge copper project. MD Charles Bass plans to subscribe for \$1M worth of shares, pending shareholder approval. In addition, EM2 has lodged new high-grade and significant-width intersections from Oracle Talon zone drilling. EM2 traded at 64.5c – 83.5c over the five sessions immediately prior to calling the halt.

Energy
Beach Energy (BPT)

HoA secured for the proposed supply of LNG from the Waitsia gas project (stage two) to BP Singapore. BP plans to purchase BPT's 3.75Mt share of expected LNG from the project, with supply anticipated to commence in the second half of 2023. Targeting a finalised LNG supply and purchase agreement during 2H FY22.

Origin Energy (ORG)

ORG plans to outlay an additional £38M to maintain its 20% holding in strategic partner Octopus Energy Group, due to Generation Investment Management planning to acquire 7% of Octopus for £211M. Additional details lodged this morning.



Foremost considerations included domestic politics and issues in the US, Germany and UK.

In **Germany**, a close result from the national election tasked the Social Democrats with forming a new coalition government. This is expected to prove a lengthy and perhaps fraught process.

The **US** Senate in the meantime debated government funding, with current funding set to expire midnight Thursday (30 September).

An associated vote on the broader infrastructure package had been pushed back over the weekend from last night until Thursday.

Meanwhile, US 10-year treasury yields were back at three-month highs of ~1.52%.

Also overnight, the **UK** continued to grapple with retail fuel and food shortages, due to insufficient road transport workers.

In addition, energy shortages in **China** were reported to have worsened.

Central bank policy and moves in the meantime also proved very much in focus overnight.

Yesterday afternoon (AEST), **Bank of Japan** governor Haruhiko Kuroda confirmed Covid-19 – related support programs would continue and indicated some may need to be extended beyond March 2022.

The governor maintained the nation's economy was still being 'held back by success waves of Covid-19' and that the bank's 2% inflation target remained difficult to achieve.

Also yesterday, **People's Bank of China** reverse repo activity essentially injected 100B yuan (~\$US15.5B) into the financial system.

European Central Bank (ECB) president Christine Lagarde acknowledged inflation pressures, in particular from energy prices, but repeated the ECB did not expect higher inflation to persist beyond 2022.

Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey also spoke publicly, promoting a 'modest' approach rather than a tightening of policy by too much and too soon, but conceded a case for raising rates in the UK this year had firmed.

Mr Bailey warned one-off cost increases ought not be confused with longer-term price pressures and that these needed to be carefully assessed and determined.

Three **US Federal Reserve** regional presidents also spoke publicly overnight, at least one retaining a view employment progress needed to remain tied to any tapering of asset purchases, indicating any decision was not a certainty at the next policy meeting (early November).

In the meantime, Germany's central bank (**Bundesbank**) published a monthly report, this including a prediction that Germany's inflation would remain above 2% through mid-2022.

Among overnight data releases, **euro zone** August lending to businesses and individuals rose 1.5% and 4.2% year-on-year, similar to June lending and new expectations.

In the **US**, August durable goods orders encouraged on the upside, improving by 1.8% for the month, following a 0.5% July rise and expectations for a new 0.4% increase.

Some attributed the August figure to increased electronics goods

Pre-Open Announcements

Li-S Energy (* LIS) / PPK Group (PPK)

Lithium-sulphur battery technology developer, and PPK spinoff, LIS is scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEST, following a \$34M IPO at 85c per share.

150.14M quoted shares/units.

PPK holds 45.43%.

Mercury NZ (* MCY)

New Zealand Commerce Commission clearance in hand for MCY to acquire the Trustpower Ltd retail business for \$NZ441M.

Some conditions remain outstanding.

Immutep Ltd (* IMM)

LAG-3 immunotherapy – focused corporate presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Delta Drone (DLT)

Eight-month, \$A150,000 drone pilot and plant analytics contract secured with seed producer Corteva Agriscience.

Advanced Human Imaging (AHI)

End-user licence and data processing agreements completed in the lead-up to integrating AHI's Complete Scan into Nexus-Vita monitoring applications.

Integration was initially targeted for September, with Nexus-Vita agreeing in June to pay AHI \$US500,000 to complete the plan, following delays since it was first revealed in October 2020.

Touch Ventures (* TVL)

LIC scheduled to list on the ASX 11am AEST **tomorrow**, after raising \$100M in a 40c per share IPO.

713.37M quoted shares.

Touchcorp [acquired by Afterpay (ASX: APT)] holds 24.31%.

Thorney Technologies (ASX: TEK) holds 1.30%.

Pacific Edge (* PEB)

Cancer diagnostics tools developer PEB completed a successful ASX listing yesterday after being granted ASX foreign exempt listing status.

Opened at \$A1.60 and traded at \$1.50 - \$1.605 before settling at \$1.54, against a nominated \$1.31 listing price.

~206,000 shares were traded across 153 transactions.

729.2M quoted shares.

PEB's home exchange is the New Zealand Stock Exchange (main board).

Resources

Dalaroo Metals (* DAL)

Exploration company scheduled to list on the ASX **11.30am** AEST, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

27.2M quoted shares.

demand.

The Dallas Fed (Texas region) manufacturing index dropped to 4.6 from nine, following forecasts for a two-point rise.

Tonight in the US, Fed chair Jerome Powell and US treasury secretary Janet Yellen meet with a Senate banking, housing and urban affairs committee.

A Fed governor and two regional presidents are also scheduled to speak publicly tonight.

Economic indicators due for release in the US tonight include August wholesale inventories, the Conference Board's September consumer confidence reading, the Richmond Fed manufacturing index and two July residential property price indices.

Elsewhere, the UK treasury hosts a 30-year gilt auction.

In addition, the European Central Bank hosts a central bankers' forum.

Micron Technology is among companies scheduled to report quarterly results later today and tonight.

Commodities.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1752	oz	0.3	0.2
Silver (NY) (Dec)	22.69	oz	0.26	1.2
Gold (LON)	1747	oz		
Platinum	976	oz	0	0.0
WTI Crude (NYMEX Nov)	75.45	bbl	1.47	2.0
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Nov)	79.53	bbl	1.44	1.8
Iron Ore (Qingdao) (CHN;62% <i>f</i>)	119.31	t	7.98	7.2
Iron Ore (Nymex)	120.23	t	-0.22	-0.2
Copper (LME Ind)	9341	t	7	0.1
Nickel	18900	t	-494	-2.6
Aluminium	2903	t	-14	-0.5
Lead	2159	t	3	0.1
Zinc	3092	t	-38	-1.2
Tin	34800	t	-2019	-5.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices rose further overnight, again due to supply versus demand scenarios.

Among the forecasters, Goldman Sachs predicted \$US90/bbl for Brent by year's end, up \$US10/bbl from its previous forecast.

Comments are anticipated from OPEC+ sources this week ahead of next Monday's scheduled meeting.

Gold – overnight sentiment was attributed to some short-covering and safe-haven interest, in part given the 30 September US funding deadline, and also the uncertainty surrounding major China property developer Evergrande.

Fed chair Jerome Powell and US treasury Janet Yellen meet with the Senate banking, housing and urban affairs committee tonight, comments expected to at least include the urgency of raising the national debt ceiling.

Base metals – overnight LME trade was in part influenced by data, and ongoing power shortages and rationing reported for China.

Refined *tin* demand in China was reported to have fallen, due to solder and tin chemical manufacturing companies having to

Koonenberry Gold (* KNB)

Explorer and project developer scheduled to list on the ASX **12.30pm** AEST, following an \$8M IPO at 20c per share. ~73.55M quoted shares.

Great Boulder Resources (* GBR)

Declaring a new gold prospect following the receipt of RC drilling results from ~1.5km south east of the WA Side Well gold project Mulga Bill anomaly.

Revolve Resources (* RRR)

Newly-listed RRR has lodged an investor presentation this morning, together with the company's response to an ASX price query.

RRR completed its ASX listing Thursday last week, adding 17.5% to the IPO price.

Friday, the stock settled 31.9% higher, at 31c.

Yesterday, RRR traded as high as 63c before closing 48.39% higher for the session, at 46c, and with 6.3M shares having changed hands.

Nova Minerals (* NVA)

Resuming from a trading halt with commitments for a \$12M, 11c-per-share placement, in support of Alaska Korbel gold deposit resource development and the advancement of overall Estelle gold project exploration across several targets.

NVA says the fundraiser was conducted following institutional interest.

NVA traded at 13c – 15.5c over the five sessions immediately prior to calling the halt.

Tulla Resources (TUL)

TUL-attributable WA Norseman gold JV project resources estimated at 21Mt @ 3.4g/t Au, for 2.4Moz of gold.

Reserves were calculated at 5.8Mt @ 1.9g/t Au, for 357,000oz of gold.

TUL 50%; Pantoro Ltd (ASX: PNR) 50%.

Thomson Resources (TMZ)

35M shares are due for release from voluntary escrow 4 October (Monday next week).

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Cannindah Resources	CAE	28 Sep
Tesserent Ltd	TNT	28 Sep
Threat Protect Australia	TPS	28 Sep
Castillo Copper	CCZ	29 Sep
Castle Minerals	CDT	29 Sep
Hannans Ltd	HNR	29 Sep
Metal Hawk	MHK	29 Sep
Red Dirt Metals	RDT	29 Sep
Stemcell United	SCU	29 Sep
Ultima United	UUL	29 Sep



reduce capacity to match power curbs.

Other metals used in steel production were reported to have likewise been variously impacted.

Meanwhile, US durable goods orders came in stronger than anticipated overnight, and some analysts pointed to potential stocking of metals ahead of a week-long holiday period for China, commencing Friday.

China's August industrial profits, listed to be revealed yesterday, have been scheduled for release today, ahead of LME trade.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7283	-0.0001	-0.01
EUR – USD	1.1695	-0.0026	-0.22

Australian Data Today

ABS	Retail sales (preliminary)	Aug
ACCI/Westpac	Business survey report	Sep Q

US Data Tonight

Wholesale inventories	Aug
Conference Board consumer confidence	Sep
Richmond Fed manufacturing index	Sep
FHFA home price index	Jul
Case Shiller house price index	Jul

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Industrial profits	Aug
Japan	BoJ monetary policy meeting minutes	22 Sep
Germany	GfK consumer confidence	Oct

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Wildcat Resources	WC8	29 Sep		
Suspensions <i>(selected)</i>				
Company	Code	Since		
Zeus Resources	ZEU	6 Sep		
Ex-Dividends				
Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
KLA	Today	21.25	0	1.30
PIC	Today	2.8	100	4.21
ADI	Tomorrow	4.33	0	4.87
AOF	Tomorrow	3.8	0	6.30
AQR	Tomorrow	5.72	0	6.19
ARF	Tomorrow	3.95	0	3.41
AVN	Tomorrow	4.5	0	5.26
BOL	Tomorrow	1	0	2.70
CIP	Tomorrow	4.33	0	4.46
CLW	Tomorrow	7.62	0	5.84
CMW	Tomorrow	1.63	0	8.48
COF	Tomorrow	3.8	0	6.52
CQE	Tomorrow	5.72	0	4.16
CWP	Tomorrow	3.95	100	3.17
CYG	Tomorrow	3	100	0.00
ECF	Tomorrow	2.35	0	8.82
EOL	Tomorrow	6	0	0.66
FSF	Tomorrow	12.34	0	1.02
GCI	Tomorrow	0.74	0	4.55
GDF	Tomorrow	1.8	0	4.88
HDN	Tomorrow	2	0	2.71
KKC	Tomorrow	1	0	5.29
LEP	Tomorrow	5.5	0	3.84
MEZ	Tomorrow	10.48	0	3.09
PCI	Tomorrow	0.31	0	3.30
QRI	Tomorrow	0.75	0	5.79
RFF	Tomorrow	2.93	0	4.10
TCF	Tomorrow	3	0	2.53
TGP	Tomorrow	1.5	100	5.16
TOT	Tomorrow	1.5	100	6.67
VIP	Tomorrow	0.05	0	4.50
WPR	Tomorrow	3.95	0	5.65
CII	Thu	1	100	1.67
COS	Thu	1	100	0.81
GVF	Thu	3.3	100	4.72
MOT	Thu	0.93	0	6.49
MXT	Thu	0.64	0	4.19
PBP	Thu	3	100	2.33
PGG	Thu	0.68	0	4.69
PTB	Thu	5	100	2.48
WGX	Thu	2	0	0.00



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XRF	Thu	2	100	2.15
EDC	Fri	2	0	7.57
NBI	Fri	0.8	0	5.18
NCK	Fri	25	100	5.33
SST	Fri	11.69	0	2.51

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Tomorrow	ASX	AGM