

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7400	37	0.5
NZX 50	12983	-11	-0.1
DJIA Futures	36037	2	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	4655	3	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	16152	22	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade with material domestic economic due late morning and another batch of large-cap domestic stocks providing AGM updates, ahead of post-policy meeting statements from the Bank of England, an OPEC+ output decision and influential data out of the US tonight.

Overnight US equities trade leads are positive.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes **September trade balance** and associated statistics, **11.30am AEDT**.

At the same time, the ABS will provide additional information regarding previously-released September quarter retail sales.

Regionally today, a final October services PMI is due for **Japan**, also at 11.30am.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** fell.

US **gold** futures picked up the pace of Tuesday's decline.

Iron ore (China port CFR, 62% fines) swung higher, slightly surpassing \$US100.00/t.

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

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **aluminium** reportedly continued higher, however, rising ~1%. **Nickel** was reported 0.5% higher.

Comex copper futures fell US5c, to \$US4.32/lb.

The **\$A** remained within a narrow range, after trading at ~US74.45c early yesterday evening.

Meanwhile, the **UN's** climate change summit in Glasgow, Scotland continues until 12 November.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	36158	105	0.3
S&P 500	4661	30	0.7
NASDAQ	15812	162	1.0
FTSE 100	7249	-26	-0.4
DAX 30	15960	6	0.0
Shanghai Comp	3499	-7	-0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy trade featured across major European and UK equities markets overnight, amid the wait for announcements out of the

*** Steel distribution and processing listing – midday AEDT – VSL ***

Today's Stock Watch
Domino's Pizza Enterprises (DMP)

Yesterday's AGM materials plus outlook statements, including a FY22 challenges warning, lodged on ASX close yesterday.

Adbri Ltd (ABC)

Planning to outlay \$58M for the Zanow concrete and quarries business.

Completion is anticipated in January.

CIMIC Group (CIM)

CIM's UGL has secured a \$40M maintenance contract with Chevron across Chevron's WA assets.

Dough Ltd (DOU)

Banking-as-a-service partnership agreed with Railsbank covering DOU services across Europe, south east Asia and the UK.

Envirosuite Ltd (EVS)

MoU secured with Aeroqual targeting joint international mining, waste and wastewater services opportunities.

4DS Memory (4DS)

Wafers testing update lodged this morning.

Downer EDI (DOW)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Resources
European Lithium (EUR)

Resuming trade with a conditional agreement to purchase Ukraine-headquartered Petro Consulting.

Consideration comprises \$20M worth of EUR shares and \$50M worth of performance shares.

In association, EUR will conduct a \$20M placement.

Metals X (MLX)

Agreement secured to sell and spin out the company's nickel assets, including the WA Wingelina nickel – cobalt and South Australia Claude Hills projects.

Additional details lodged this morning.

Mincor Resources (MCR)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Energy
Warrego Energy (WGO) / APA Group (APA) / Pilot Energy (PGY)

PGY, WGO and APA are forming a consortium to conduct and fund the feasibility study for the planned mid-west WA blue hydrogen and carbon capture and storage project.



OPEC+ meeting later today, the **US Federal Reserve** overnight and the **Bank of England** tonight.

Key US equities indices meandered before lifting following the release of the US Federal Reserve post-policy meeting statement and subsequent comments at the chair's press conference.

Second-half US trade, the Fed announced it would commence pulling back on monthly assets purchases this month, by a total \$US15B (from \$US120B), and would likely keep reducing purchases each month over the next several months, with the aim of ending these by July 2022.

The FOMC members also agreed elevated inflation could be extended by international supply and logistics constraints and that, while they retained their expectations higher inflation would prove transitory, some easing was appropriate to contain levels.

During the press conference, Fed chair Jerome Powell also emphasised the 'largely' transitory influences pushing inflation higher were mostly factors that a central bank could not control.

He also again stressed the central bank did not think it appropriate to raise interest rates in the meantime, and that, in that regard, the overall employment market continued to be monitored.

For her part, **European Central Bank** (ECB) president Christine Lagarde asserted overnight that the ECB was 'very unlikely' to raise rates during 2022, citing in part a 'subdued' medium-term inflation outlook.

Earlier yesterday, the Republican candidate was declared the winner of the election for Virginia's governor, spawning speculation of how next year's US mid-term elections could play out for the Democrats.

In overnight **data** releases, the **UK's** final October services PMI represented a 3.8-point rise from September, to 59.1, and a 1.1-point increase on the initial estimate.

The euro zone's September unemployment rate was calculated 0.1% lower, at 7.4%.

Russia reported October CPI figures, these representing a 1.1% rise for the month and 8.1% annual increase.

In the **US**, the ISM's influential services sector index jumped from 61.9 to 66.7, against expectations of a flat result.

The prices component index rose to 82.9 from 77.5.

The new orders sub-index was calculated 6.2 points higher, at 69.7.

The employment component receded by 1.4 to 51.6.

The also keenly anticipated ADP private sector October employment report included 571,000 new jobs, far exceeding the forecast 370,000. September's new jobs tally was revised to 523,000.

September factory orders in the meantime were estimated 0.2% higher for the month, double the forecast rate of improvement, following August's 1.0% increase.

Weekly mortgage applications fell 3.3%.

The mean average for 30-year mortgage rates came in at 3.24% from 3.30%.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims and a job cuts report are anticipated ahead of tomorrow night's monthly employment figures.

September trade figures and September quarter productivity are

Pre-Open Announcements

Vulcan Steel (* VSL)

Steel distributor and processor scheduled to list on the ASX **midday** AEDT, following a \$371.6M IPO at \$7.10 per share.

Trading will commence on a conditional and deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 9 November (Tuesday next week).

~131.41M quoted shares.

Z Energy (ZEL)

Interim results lodged pre-trade.

FBR Ltd (FBR)

FBR settled 20% higher for the session yesterday, at 4.8c, after revealing GP Vivienda had contracted FBR to supply its Wall as a Service (WaaS) technology for 2000 – 5000 homes to be constructed in Mexico.

Mexico certification of FBR's Hadrian X and Fastbrick Wall System is anticipated within ~12 months, pending third party processing.

Other contract-related timeframes remain subject to Covid-19 containment restrictions.

FBR traded as high as 6c intra-session yesterday.

110.76M shares were ultimately traded across 1822 transactions.

Monash IVF Group (MVF)

Jobkeeper disclosure lodged post-trade yesterday.

Resources

Mineral Resources (MIN)

MIN's

WA Wodgina JV partner Albemarle has reported a swing to a September quarter loss overnight.

Tempus Resources (TMR)

Investor presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Austral Resources (* AR1)

Copper cathode producer completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$30M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 15.5c and traded at 15c – 17.5c before settling at 17.5c.

15.03M shares changed hands across 712 transactions.

~240.74M quoted shares.

Owns the Lady Annie project located north of Mt Isa, Queensland.

C29 Metals (* C29)

Copper-focused explorer completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 21c and traded at 19c – 22c before settling at 20c.

3.32M shares changed hands across 262 transactions.

27.22M quoted shares.

also expected tonight.

Elsewhere, the **Bank of England** convenes a policy meeting, after which minutes and a monetary policy report will be released.

The euro zone reports September producer prices. France and Spain host 10-year bond auctions.

Companies scheduled to report earnings or provide trading updates later today or tonight include: Airbnb, Alibaba Group, America International Group, AXA, Barrick Gold, BT, Commerzbank, Credit Suisse, Daewoo Engineering, Daikin Industries, Duke Energy, Expedia, Fujifilm, ING, Kellogg, Mitsubishi Motors, Moderna, Motorola Solutions, Nintendo, Occidental Petroleum, Pinterest, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Ricoh, Sainsbury (UK supermarket chain), Société Générale, Softbank Corp, Square, Toyota Motor, Uber Technologies and ViacomCBS.

In overnight corporate news, lithium major **Albemarle** reported a quarterly loss, citing a charge related to a 2015 acquisition.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$/US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1763.9	oz	-25.5	-1.4
Silver (NY) (Dec)	23.233	oz	-0.28	-1.2
Gold (LON)	1790	oz		
Platinum	1027	oz	-8	-0.8
WTI Crude (NYMEX Dec)	80.86	bbbl	-3.05	-3.6
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jan)	81.99	bbbl	-2.73	-3.2
Iron Ore (Qingdao) (CHN;62%Fe)	100.1	t	4.33	4.5
Iron Ore (Nymex)	99.35	t	-0.05	-0.1
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (2 Nov)	9486	t		
Nickel	19589	t		
Aluminium	2692	t		
Lead	2363	t		
Zinc	3339	t		
Tin	36602	t		

Commodities Commentary

Oil – the OPEC+ meeting scheduled for later today remained in focus overnight.

Meanwhile, negotiations to resolve sanctions imposed on Iran for breaches of a 2015 international nuclear agreement, were confirmed to be resuming this month, on 29 November.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report, published overnight by government agency the EIA, included a 3.291MMbbl increase in stored crude, and 1.488MMbbl decline in petrol stocks to a four-year low of 214.3MMbbl.

Petrol production rose by 104,000bbl/d.

Net crude imports fell by 22,000bbl/d.

Meanwhile, the US administration was reported to have released 1.7MMbbl of crude from strategic reserves.

Overnight Tuesday post US trade, an American Petroleum Institute report estimated a 3.594MMbbl in crude stocks build last week.

Gold – some stronger-than-anticipated US economic data kept prices down overnight, but some recovery was noted post-settlement, after the US Federal Reserve chair confirmed no near-term plans for raising interest rates.

Hamelin Gold (* HMG) / Encounter Resources (ENR)

Explorer and ENR spin-off HMG is scheduled to list on the ASX 1pm AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$10M IPO at 20c per share. 110M quoted shares.

ENR MD Will Robinson is HMG non-executive chair.

ENR executive director Peter Bewick is HMG MD.

Energy

Paladin Energy (PDN)

Langer Heinrich mine restart update, including resources and reserves, lodged this morning.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Alvo Minerals	ALV	4 Nov
MetalsTech Ltd	MTC	4 Nov
E&P Financial Group	EP1	5 Nov
Emu NL	EMU	5 Nov
Fiji Kava	FIJ	5 Nov
Plato Income Maximiser	PL8	5 Nov
Hiremii Ltd	HMI	8 Nov

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Bioxyne Ltd	BXN	29 Oct
BIR Financial	BIR	28 Oct
Intra Energy Corporation	IEC	3 Nov
Marquee Resources	MQR	3 Nov
Viagold Rare Earth Resources Holdings	VIA	15 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
MML	Today	2	0	6.58
JHG	Tomorrow	38	0	3.13
WBC	Tomorrow	60	100	3.84
ANZ	Mon	72	100	3.69
MQG	Mon	272	40	2.36
EZZ	Tue	0.45	100	0.00
WAT	Tue	4	100	1.74
NAC	Wed	1.6	100	4.67
NSC	Wed	1.25	100	5.32
RMD	Wed	3.91	0	0.42
API	11 Nov	2	100	2.30
MGH	12 Nov	3	100	0.43



Bank of England policy meeting outcomes and the OPEC+ output decision tonight are now in focus, together with tomorrow night's US monthly employment statistics.

Base metals – new economic data for China yesterday and continuing low inventories were cited as major influences on overnight LME trade.

Cash prices for *nickel* were reported \$US100/t higher than for three-month contracts.

In production news, a blockade impacting the Antamina *copper* mine in Peru was reported to be likely ending this week.

Caixin's October services PMI for China, released yesterday, defied forecasts for a decline to 53.0, instead rising to 53.8, from 53.4 for September.

China's October trade statistics, anticipated over the weekend, could produce some caution in late-week trade.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7458	0.0024	0.32
EUR – USD	1.1612	0.0029	0.25

Australian Data Today

ABS	Trade balance	Sep
ABS	Retail trade (additional info)	Sep Q

US Data Tonight

Initial jobless claims	30 Oct
Challenger job cuts	Oct
Trade balance	Sep
Productivity	Sep Q

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Services PMI (final)	Oct
UK	BoE policy meeting outcomes	4 Nov
UK	Construction PMI	Oct
UK	Domestic vehicle sales	Oct
Germany	Factory orders	Sep
Germany	Domestic vehicle registrations	Oct
Germany	Services PMI (final)	Oct
Euro zone	Producer prices	Sep
Euro zone	Services PMI (final)	Oct

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Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	CCP	AGM
	DHG	AGM
	DOW	AGM
	ING	AGM
	MCR	AGM (4.30pm)
	MYR	AGM
	NHF	AGM
	ZEL	Interim
Tomorrow	GLV	AGM
	IDX	AGM
	PDL	Full year
	QAN	AGM
	SPK	AGM
	Mon	GBR
Tue	BEN	AGM
	BLU	AGM
	FMG	AGM (6pm)
	JHX	Interim; Sep Q
	MGH	AGM
	MNF	AGM
	NAB	Full year
	SWM	AGM
Wed	AMC	AGM
	AUB	AGM
	BPT	AGM
	COL	AGM
	CEN	AGM
	MRM	AGM
	MGX	AGM (1.30pm)
	NCM	AGM
	NXM	AGM
	PPH	Interim (tele 9am)
	SSG	AGM
SGM	AGM	
VCX	AGM	



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