

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6833	-24	-0.4
NZX 50	11153	-31	-0.3
DJIA Futures	31973	-44	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3722	-6	-0.2
NASDAQ Futures	10714	-14	-0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens Friday trade with the \$A at ~US62.90c, influential domestic economic and monetary policy reports due, plus new data in hand pre-trade, following a 0.75% rates increase in the UK overnight, ahead of monthly US workforce statistics tonight.

US equities markets declined further overnight.

Locally today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) is due to publish its quarterly **monetary policy statement**, containing **updated forecasts and outlooks**, at **11.30am AEDT**.

At the same time, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases a final September **retail sales** report.

Pre-trade, the AiG has published a **43.3 construction PMI** for October, from 46.5 for September and following forecasts for 46.0.

In addition today, **JHG** trades **ex-dividend**. *Please see p3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

Regionally today, no major new economic indicators are due for release.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** swung lower, Brent crude trading below \$US95/bbl.

US **gold** futures fell below \$US1631/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) settled higher for a third consecutive session, trading above \$US82.00/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** was reported down 0.8% at 1700 GMT. **Nickel** had reportedly dropped by ~5% at that time and **aluminium** was reported to have gained 0.8%.

Last night's LME final price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected to become available via IRESS at 11.30am AEDT.

The \$A was pushed beneath US62.95c after trading at ~US63.10c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	32001	-147	-0.5
S&P 500	3720	-40	-1.1
NASDAQ	10343	-182	-1.7
FTSE 100	7189	44	0.6
DAX 30	13130	-127	-1.0
Shanghai Comp	2998	-6	-0.2

Today's Stock Watch
CSR Ltd (CSR)

16.5c fully franked interim dividend from 13.5c a year ago. 34% lower, \$A104.0M interim NPAT. 14% higher, \$1.2963B revenue. \$2.23 NTA from \$2.01.

Pendal Group (PDL)

3.5c fully franked final dividend from 24c a year ago. 31.5% lower, \$112.767M full year NPAT. 2.6% lower, \$611.129M income. \$1.17 NTA against \$1.27.

James Hardie Industries (JHX)

This morning's AGM materials lodged pre-trade. In addition, JHX has appointed recent Tarkett VP Christian Claus as president Europe.

Magellan Financial Group (MFG)

\$A51.0B FUM at 31 October from \$A50.9B at the end of September.

GPT Group (GPT)

Anticipating a 25c 2022 full year distribution. September quarter operational statistics lodged this morning.

Spark New Zealand (SPK)

Today's AGM materials lodged this morning.

Resources
St George Mining (SGQ) / IGO Ltd (IGO)

Visible lithium mineralisation noted during Mt Alexander drilling which has intersected significant pegmatite zones from surface. High-grade rock chip assays also returned.

Queensland Pacific Metals (QPM)

Australian Government environmental approval in hand to construct and operate the TECH project.

Great Boulder Resources (GBR)

WA Side Well gold project Mulga Bill drilling has delivered high-grade intersections. Assays lodged pre-trade.

Energy
Strike Energy (STX)

Heralding seismic mapping indications for the two permits hosting the WA Perth Basin South Erregulla gas field. Details lodged this morning.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets fell on opening overnight but trade subsequently varied across key indices.

Central bank activity, broad geopolitical developments, interest rate impact fears for select large-cap stocks and worse-than-feared guidance from some produced a cocktail of considerations for traders on both sides of the Atlantic.

The **Bank of England** convened a policy meeting from which it delivered another rate increase, this one 0.75% to 3.00%.

In addition, the central bank's post-policy meeting statement indicated rates could reach 4.5% by the northern hemisphere autumn.

Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey warned the central bank's policy makers were expecting a UK recessionary period to last from this quarter into 2024.

During this time the central bank anticipates national unemployment to reach 6.4%.

The British pound dropped 2% against the \$US following the bank's declarations.

Earlier yesterday, Caixin had released an October services PMI for **China** which had undershot expectations. A decline from September's 49.3 to 49.1 had been forecast but the index slipped even further in contraction mode to 48.4.

This, as China's Covid cases were reported higher again, pointing to continued and perhaps broadened containment measures.

Meanwhile, yesterday, North Korea continued firing missiles, an intercontinental ballistic missile across Japan raising alarm.

In Israel, national election results confirmed anticipation of an ultra-nationalist and ultra-orthodox new coalition government.

In Pakistan, a reported deadly attack on a convoy carrying former PM Imran Khan, and which resulted in the former PM being injured, was claimed as an assassination attempt.

Supporters of Brazil's defeated president continued to rally for military intervention in the country's election result.

A Russian official in the meantime was reported to have suggested troops would withdraw further from Russian occupied territory in Ukraine.

In overnight **data** releases, **euro zone** September unemployment was calculated at 6.6% from 6.7%.

In the **UK**, the 48.8 final October services PMI reading represented a 1.2-point fall into contraction mode territory.

In the **US**, weekly new unemployment claims tallied 217,000 against 218,000 the previous week. Forecasters had anticipated 223,000 new claims.

An October job cuts report in the meantime included 33,843 losses for the month from 29,989 for September and against a predicted 31,000 new cuts.

The ISM's services PMI for October fell to 54.4 from 56.7, essentially in line with expectations.

US September trade statistics, also released overnight, included a \$US73.3B deficit.

September factory orders rose 0.3% for the month following expectations of a 0.2% increase, the same rate of growth for

Pre-Open Announcements

Austal Ltd (ASB)

ASB has delivered another Evolved cape-class patrol boat to the Royal Australian Navy.

This is the third such vessel of eight agreed for delivery under a contract signed in May 2020.

The remaining vessels are under production.

Resources

AngloGold Ashanti (AGG)

September quarter gold production rose 20% year-on-year to 738,000oz.

Cash costs grew by 4% to \$US927/oz but AISC improved 6% to \$US1284/oz.

\$US1.2B cash and equivalents. \$US746M net debt.

Red Dirt Metals (RDT)

RDT chair David Flanagan has been appointed executive chairman, in association with the resignation of MD Matthew Boyes, effective immediately.

Talga Resources (TLG)

TLG settled 4.49% higher for the session yesterday, at \$1.28 after delivering a webinar presentation.

Presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Zenith Minerals (ZNC)

Prospectus for the demerger of the company's gold and base assets into ZNC subsidiary Mackerel Metals lodged with ASIC.

Mackerel will chase \$6M in an IPO at 30c per share.

ZNC is investing \$1.9M for 6.3M Mackerel shares.

166.67M Mackerel shares will also be distributed to ZNC shareholders.

Energy

Invictus Energy (IVZ)

In response to an ASX price and volume query, IVZ has offered Mukuyu-1 well speculation as a possible reason, given a drilling update was lodged pre-trade Wednesday last week (26 October).

IVZ settled at 15c that day, but before being forced to call a trading halt yesterday, had fallen to 10.5c, with 38.69M shares changing hands across 2315 transactions in early trade. Resuming from a trading halt this morning.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Taruga Minerals	TAR	4 Nov
Tombola Gold	TBA	4 Nov
Winsome Resources	WR1	4 Nov
AIC Mines	A1M	7 Nov
Cobalt Blue Holdings	COB	7 Nov



August.

September quarter productivity was estimated 0.3% higher following a 4.1% June quarter tumble.

Tonight in the US, October national employment statistics are keenly anticipated.

Elsewhere, the euro zone reports September producer prices.

In addition, European Central Bank president Christine Lagarde is scheduled to speak publicly.

Companies listed to report earnings later today, tonight and over the weekend include: Alibaba, Berkshire Hathaway, Itochu, Marubeni, Ricoh, Rinnai, Société Générale, Softbank and Sumitomo.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Dec)	1630.9	oz	-19.1	-1.2
Silver (COMEX 5000 Dec)	19.43	oz	-0.16	-0.8
Platinum	920	oz	-11	-1.2
WTI Crude (NYMEX Dec)	88.17	bbbl	-1.83	-2.0
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jan)	94.67	bbbl	-1.49	-1.5
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	82.10	t	1.27	1.5
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (2 Nov)	7618	t		
Nickel	24171	t		
Aluminium	2254	t		
Lead	1989	t		
Zinc	2744	t		
Tin	17981	t		
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	354		-7	-1.9
Wheat (CBT Dec; IRESS)	840		-6	-0.7

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight trade sentiment was influenced by \$US strength, strengthened recession warnings in the UK alongside a 0.75% rates increase, reports of increasing Covid cases in China, and a survey indicating OPEC output fell during October.

A US weekly petroleum drill rig report is due tonight.

Gold – \$US strength pushed overnight prices to six-week lows.

The Bank of England's policy meeting overnight and a subsequent 0.75% rates hike propelled the \$US yet higher.

Base metals – overnight base metals trade considerations again included economic data for China, currency moves, and China's continuing Covid containment measures.

Meanwhile, the Las Bambas *copper* project in Peru was reported to be pulling back on activity due to community blockades, but prior to this LME copper reportedly traded as low as \$US7460/t.

Yesterday, Caixin's **China** October services **PMI** represented a further contraction-mode decline.

China's October **trade statistics** are scheduled for release **Monday**.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6289	-0.0078	-1.22

Demetallica Ltd	DRM	7 Nov
Novatti Ltd	NOV	7 Nov
Sipa Resources	SRI	7 Nov
Southern Hemisphere Mining	SUH	7 Nov
Trek Metals	TKM	8 Nov

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
1 st Group	1ST	12 Oct
BikeExchange Ltd	BEX	3 Nov
Carbon Revolution	CBR	2 Nov
Duke Exploration	DEX	19 Oct
Elsight Ltd	ELS	3 Nov
Icon Energy	ICN	3 Nov
My Foodie Box	MBX	3 Nov
NT Minerals	NTM	25 Oct
Ookami Ltd	OOK	31 Oct
Protean Energy	POW	11 Oct
Red River Resources	RVR	31 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
JHG	Today	59.9	0	6.21
ANZ	Mon	74	100	5.56
CIA	Mon	11.48	0	4.65
MQG	Mon	300	40	3.74
RKN	Tue	57	60	3.79
KMD	Wed	2.27	100	4.93
NAC	Wed	1.4	100	6.70
NSC	Wed	1.25	100	7.09
RMD	Wed	4.73	0	0.49
WAT	Wed	5	100	1.75
ACQ	Thu	4.25	100	7.50

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	CSR	Interim
	GPT	Sep Q
	IDX	AGM
	JHX	AGM (Dublin, 8am AEDT)
	MCR	AGM
	PDL	Full year
	QAN	AGM
	SPK	AGM
Mon	FME	AGM
	IFM	Investor day



EUR – USD 0.9750 -0.0085 -0.87

Australian Data Today

AiG	Construction PMI	Oct
RBA	Statement of monetary policy (quarterly)	Nov
ABS	Retail sales (final)	Sep

US Data Tonight

Workforce (incl jobs, wages, participation, unemployment)	Oct
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Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Services PMI (final)	Oct
UK	New domestic vehicle sales	Oct
UK	Construction PMI	Oct
Germany	New domestic vehicle registrations	Oct
Germany	Factory orders	Sep
Germany	Services PMI (final)	Oct
Euro zone	Producer prices	Sep

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	WBC	Full year
Tue	AW1	AGM
	BEN	AGM
	ING	AGM
	OFX	Interim
	SGM	AGM
	SYM	AGM
	TLC	AGM
Wed	ABB	Investor day
	C6C	Sep Q (post ASX-trade)
	COD	AGM
	COL	AGM
	DHG	AGM
	NAB	Full year
	MRM	AGM
	NCM	AGM
	NWH	AGM
	PPH	Interim (tele incl Q&A 9am)
REA	Sep Q	
Thu	ANN	AGM
	AMC	AGM
	BHP	AGM
	BRG	AGM
	DCG	AGM
	CPU	AGM
	COE	AGM
	IFL	AGM
	MYR	AGM
	MOZ	AGM
	NEA	AGM
	NEC	AGM
SWM	AGM	
Fri (11 Nov)	AX1	AGM
	IXR	AGM