

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDST)	<b>5966</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	8187	2	0.0
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	24297	-8	0.0
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	2638	0	0.0
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	6265	0	0.0

## Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade ahead of a **Reserve Bank of Australia** (RBA) post-policy meeting statement, which will come after a batch of economic indicator updates.

The **RBA** holds its last policy meeting of the year, and will announce outcomes **2.30pm** AEDST.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics publishes October **retail sales** and September quarter **current account** figures **11.30am**. November vehicle sales are also expected middle of the day.

Pre-trade, a **services sector** activity index and weekly **consumer** sentiment report are due.

**ALL** and **FPH** also trade ex-dividend today.

In addition, the full Australian launch of **Amazon** is likely to produce plenty of commentary and influence select retail sector investor sentiment.

Regionally today, Caixin releases its final November services and composite PMIs for **China**.

Yesterday, China's State Council Information Office revealed 'new' national economic challenges were dictating growth targets for 2018, expected to be announced anytime from this month through to March.

In overnight commodities trade, US **gold** futures and **oil** were pushed lower.

**Iron ore** (China port, 62% Fe) was propelled higher for a second consecutive session, breaching \$US72.65/t.

LME **copper** settled slightly lower, but **nickel** extended Friday's rally.

Overnight international equities trade appeared to react to a range of domestic issues and geopolitical scenarios.

The **\$A** largely remained range-bound after swinging below US75.90c and above US76.0c early evening.

## Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	<b>24290</b>	58	<b>0.2</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2639	-3	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>NASDAQ</b>	6775	-72	<b>-1.1</b>
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7339	38	<b>0.5</b>
<b>DAX 30</b>	13059	197	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3310	-8	<b>-0.2</b>

## Overseas Markets Commentary

US equities markets notably rallied on opening but closed at session lows overnight.

Major European equities mostly maintained gains,

## RBA – policy statement **2.30pm** AEDST

**RBA** – assistant governor (business services) Lindsay Boulton spoke on *Security Printing: A Central Banker's Perspective* at the High Security Printing Asia conference, **9am** AEDST, Melbourne

## China – Caixin final services, composite PMIs **12.45pm** AEDST

\* Investment company listing **11am** AEDST – **SEC** \*

## Today's Stock Watch

### CSL Ltd (CSL)

R&D-focused investor briefing today. Presentation lodged this morning. CSL traded as high as \$149.30 Tuesday last week.

### Metcash Ltd (MTS)

MTS has appointed new CEO Jeff Adams also as an executive director. Ian Morrice has now retired from MTS.

MTS appreciated 9.1% yesterday on the company's interim results and commentary, settling at \$3.00.

### Decmil Group (DCG)

Exclusive MoU secured with Maoneng Australia for the design and construction of a 250MW solar PV project (farm) at Balranald, New South Wales.

### Nanollose Ltd (NC6)

NC6 has produced plant-free viscose-rayon fibre using microbial cellulose distinct from that commonly extracted from trees.

Accordingly, NC6 has filed a provisional patent application.

### Botanix Pharmaceuticals (BOT)

Heralding antibacterial indications for proposed the company's proposed acne treatment BTX 1503.

### Spheria Emerging Companies (\* SEC)

Investment company scheduled to list **11am** AEDST following a \$132.675M IPO at \$2.00 per share.

66.3M shares.

## Resources

### BHP Billiton (BHP)

CEO Andrew Mackenzie is guest speaker at today's Melbourne Mining Club lunch.

### Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

FMG is appealing a Federal Court determination of exclusive possession over land, including that hosting FMG's WA Pilbara Solomon Hub operations, by the Yindjibarndi people.

### Great Boulder Resources (GBR)

WA Mt Venn copper-nickel-cobalt project initial diamond drilling has delivered visible mineralisation over significant widths.

GBR says mineralisation is open in every direction over a 2.5km strike length.

A further 6km of conductors is to be tested.

## Energy

### South32 Ltd (S32)

Coal-focused strategy and operational performance update lodged ahead of an analyst and investor briefing today.

Anticipating the Illawarra metallurgical coal project to produce 4.5Mt of saleable coal during FY 2018, at a \$US130/t operating cost.

but not without some chop in the UK, largely attributed to a late-minute Republic-Northern Ireland border draft agreement that was scuppered by disagreement within the party supporting PM Theresa May's government.

In geopolitical developments, **North Korea** had earlier again warned of nuclear war, and **China** and **Russia** urged a delay, but the **US** and **South Korea** commenced joint military air exercises as scheduled.

Reports also surfaced later that a former PM of **Yemen** had been killed in civil conflict, pushing Middle East alliance tensions higher.

In the **US**, ISM's New York manufacturing index came in at a robust 58.1, from 51.6 last month.

October factory orders slipped 0.1% however, following a 1.7% gain for September.

A **euro zone** investor confidence index fell 2.9 points to 31.1.

October euro zone producer prices were reported to have 0.4% for the month and 2.5% year-on-year, against 0.3% and 2.9% respectively in September.

In the **UK** a construction sector activity index rose 2.3 points to an encouraging 53.1.

Meanwhile, snags continued to frustrate UK-European Union separation plans.

**Tonight** in the US, the ISM's November services sector activity index is due, together with October trade balance figures and Markit's final November PMI estimates.

All the while, the US House of Representative holds its own tax legislation, distinct from the version narrowly approved over the weekend by Senate Republicans.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Feb)</b>	<b>1278</b>	oz	-5	-0.4
<b>Silver (NY) (Mar)</b>	16.4	oz	-0.0	-0.1
<b>Gold (LON)</b>	1273	oz	-2	-0.2
<b>Platinum</b>	924	oz	-13	-1.4
<b>WTI Crude (Jan)</b>	<b>57.5</b>	bbl	-0.9	-1.5
<b>Brent Crude (Feb)</b>	<b>62.45</b>	bbl	-1.3	-2.0
<b>Iron Ore</b> (CHN port 62%)	<b>72.7</b>	t	2.6	3.7
<b>Copper</b>	<b>6826</b>	t	-7	-0.1
<b>Nickel</b>	11385	t	95	0.8
<b>Aluminium</b>	2069	t	-6	-0.3
<b>Lead</b>	2507	t	-38	-1.5
<b>Zinc</b>	3178	t	-71	-2.2
<b>Tin</b>	19525	t	70	0.4
<b>CBT Wheat (Dec)</b>	<b>4.10</b>	bshl	-0.05	-1.0

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – surveying of OPEC members, shipping data and other sources has indicated total OPEC oil production likely fell by a daily 300,000bbl during November to its least in six months.

No shortage of geopolitical scenarios, plenty of key economic data to come this week, plus swinging currencies and gains over the past month combined to push prices lower overnight.

**Gold** – equities were in focus, on US tax change prospects and associated economic growth expectations. This helped support the \$US to gains, which further hurt gold interest.

**Base metals** – a stronger \$US, equities and geopolitical interest and inventories impacted most

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Chorus Ltd (CNU)

General counsel and company secretary Scott Newton has resigned.

Two executive appointments also lodged this morning.

### New Energy Solar (NEW)

NEW owns and manages solar and renewable energy assets, completed its ASX listing yesterday following a \$200M IPO at \$1.50 per stapled security.

Each stapled security comprises a New Energy Solar Ltd and trust New Energy Solar Fund security.

Opened at \$1.60 and slipped to \$1.5625 before settling at \$1.57. ~31,000 securities were traded across 17 transactions.

Trading commenced on a conditional and deferred settlement basis. Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 12 December.

### Parkd Ltd (\* PKD)

Modular lightweight concrete parking system developer scheduled to list 1pm AEDST tomorrow following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share.

39M shares.

## Resources

### Liontown Resources (\* LTR) / Westgold Resources (WGX)

WA Buldania lithium project geological mapping has defined pegmatites over two the area expected, based on historical exploration. Details lodged this morning.

WGX holds rights and priority access to Buldania project minerals but agreed for LTR to hold lithium and related metals rights.

LTR has appreciated 26% and 24% respectively Friday and yesterday. WGX slipped 3.5% yesterday.

### Plymouth Minerals (PLH)

Spain San Jose lithium-tin project resource updated. Details lodged this morning. PLH says mineralisation remains open along strike and at depth.

### Meteoric Resources (MEI)

Neville Bassett has resigned as MEI chairman. Patrick Burke has been appointed to take over from Mr Bassett. Mr Burke is a director of four ASX-listed companies and NASDAQ-listed Westwater Resources.

### Cape Lambert Resources (CFE)

DGW Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wertpapieranalyse founder and CEO Stefan Müller has been appointed as a CFE non-executive director.

## Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Anglo Australian Resources	AAR	5 Dec
Bod Australia	BDA	5 Dec
Dimerix Ltd	DXB	5 Dec
Kabuni Ltd	KBU	5 Dec
MSM Corporation International	MSM	5 Dec
NetLinkz Ltd	NET	5 Dec
Spirit Telecom	ST1	5 Dec
Threat Protect Australia	TPSDC	5 Dec
Wangle Technologies	WGL	5 Dec



overnight trade.

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7601	0.0002	<b>0.03</b>
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1868	0.0002	<b>0.02</b>

**Australian Data Today**

ANZ/RMgn	Consumer confidence	3 Dec
AiG	PSI	Nov
RBA	Policy statement	Dec
ABS	Retail sales	Oct
ABS	Current account	SepQ
VFACTS	Vehicle sales	Nov

**US Data Tonight**

ISM non-manufacturing	Nov
Trade balance	Oct
Markit PMIs services, comp (final)	Nov

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

<b>China</b>	Caixin PMIs services, comp (final)	Nov
<b>UK</b>	BoE policy meeting minutes	Nov
UK	PMIs services, composite (final)	Nov
<b>Germany</b>	PMIs services, composite (final)	Nov
<b>Euro zone</b>	GDP (final)	SepQ
Euro zone	PMIs services, composite (final)	Nov
Euro zone	Retail sales	Oct

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Force Commodities	4CE	6 Dec
Ausnet Financial Services	AU1	6 Dec
Bluglass Ltd	BLG	6 Dec
Cougar Metals	CGM	6 Dec
Experience Co	EXP	6 Dec
Family Zone Cyber Safety	FZO	6 Dec
Freedom Oil & Gas	FDM	6 Dec
Jervois Mining	JRV	6 Dec
Leaf Resources	LER	6 Dec
MetalsTech Ltd	MTC	6 Dec
PharmAust Ltd	PAA	6 Dec
Riva Resources	RIR	6 Dec
Robo 3D	RBO	6 Dec
ServTech Global Holdings	SVT	6 Dec
Syntonic Ltd	SYT	6 Dec
Updater Inc	UPD	6 Dec
Volt Power Group	VPR	7 Dec

**Suspensions (selected)**

Company	Code	Since
Cokal Ltd	CKA	1 Dec
Dawine Ltd	DW8	30 Nov
FE Ltd	FEL	22 Nov
Genera Biosystems	GBI	29 Nov
Global Energy Ventures	GEV	30 Nov
iCandy Interactive	ICI	15 Nov
Invigor Group	IVO	4 Dec
Ishine International Resources	ISH	28 Nov
Marquee Resources	MQR	15 Nov
OrotonGroup Ltd	ORL	30 Nov
Red Emperor Resources	RMP	8 Nov
Tanga Resources	TRL	1 Dec
Winha Commerce & Trade	WQW	1 Dec
WPG Resources	WPG	30 Nov

**Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
<b>ALL</b>	Today	<b>20</b>	100	1.52
<b>FPH</b>	Today	<b>~7.90</b>	0	1.58
CKF	Tomorrow	8	100	2.91
BTT	Thu	26	25	4.07
CIE	Mon (11 Dec)	1.6	50	8.44

**Reports & Events**

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>CSL</b>	R&D briefing
<b>Tomorrow</b>	SGH	AGM
	TPM	AGM
<b>Thu</b>	NUF	AGM
<b>Fri</b>	SOL	AGM
	WBC	AGM
<b>12 Dec</b>	TTS	AGM
<b>14 Dec</b>	ELD	AGM



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<b>15 Dec</b>	BTT NAB ORI	AGM AGM AGM
<b>19 Dec</b>	ANZ	AGM
<b>20 Dec</b>	SYD	Nov
<b>21 Dec</b>	DLX IPL	AGM AGM