

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	5743	-2	-0.0
NZX 50	8055	-6	-0.1
DJIA Futures	22811	-5	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2552	-2	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	6081	-1	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade on mixed commodities leads and widespread geopolitical tension.

In overnight commodities trade, US **gold** futures turned lower. **Oil** continued higher and **iron ore** (China port, 62% Fe) lower. LME **copper** added to Tuesday's rally.

The **\$A** remained within a narrow range after trading at ~US77.90c early yesterday evening.

Locally today, the Melbourne Institute publishes its monthly inflation expectations report midday AEDST.

August housing finance is also due 11.30am from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	22873	42	0.2
S&P 500	2555	5	0.2
NASDAQ	6604	16	0.3
FTSE 100	7534	-4	-0.1
DAX 30	12971	21	0.2
Shanghai Comp	3388	5	0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy and/or gyrating trade continued to feature at some stage overnight across most major European and US equities markets.

In the **US**, Federal Reserve September policy meeting minutes revealed conditional majority support for another rate rise 'later this year' but some concern over soft inflation and a mix of opinion on how to address this.

North Korea-US tension remained in consideration after the US was reported to have flown two B-1B bombers and South Korea two F-15K fighter jets across the Korean peninsula Tuesday night (local time), during air-to-ground missile drills.

The US also confirmed it had conducted regional drills with Japanese fighter jets that night.

In **Spain**, PM Mariano Rajoy appeared to be considering suspending the autonomy of Catalonia, in formally requesting intention clarifications from Catalan president Carles Puigdemont, Mr Rajoy asserting he needed this for potential activation of the relevant part of the national constitution.

Among data releases, 6.08M US job openings were reported for August, from July's 17-year high of 6.14M.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims are due, together with September producer

Today's Stock Watch

Bank of Queensland (BOQ)

4% higher \$352M full-year NPAT. 5% higher, \$378M cash NPAT. 1.1% lower, \$1.1B revenue. 38c final and 8c special dividends, each fully-franked. \$2.45 fully-franked final convertible preference shares dividend. \$220.50 wholesale capital notes fully-franked final dividend. Operating expenses up 1% to \$513M. loan impairments down 0.5% to \$48M. 0.39% higher, 9.39% common equity tier 1. 87.8c EPS, up 17% for 2H FY 2017.

Woolworths Ltd (WOW)

WOW has achieved its exit from the home improvement sector, completing the sale of Hydrox Holdings, the JV that operated Masters, to Home Investment Consortium Company.

Transurban Group (TCL)

1.1% higher September quarter average daily traffic. 10.5% higher, \$567M toll revenue. AGM also today.

Ausdrill Ltd (ASL)

Standard & Poor's has raised its ASL corporate and unsecured notes ratings from B+ to BB-. Secured debt is now rated BB+, from BB. All ratings outlooks are stable.

Breville Group (BRG)

CFO Mervyn Cohen has resigned. BRG GM finance Michelle Waters will take over as interim CFO when Mr Cohen departs sometime before the end of the year.

Lovisa Holdings (LOV)

LOV's first pilot store in the US is expected to open in Glendale Galleria, Los Angeles in November.

Pushpay Holdings (PPH)

Ord Minnett has cancelled a PPH buy recommendation, favouring hold advice.

Nufarm Ltd (NUF)

Trading ex-dividend (8c) today. NUF has traded higher the past five trading sessions, settling at \$8.42 yesterday after closing out September at \$8.29.

Resources

Regis Resources (RRL)

Produced a record 91.921oz of gold at a \$861/oz AISC during the September quarter. Sold 79,437oz at ~\$A1623/oz. \$131.3M cash and bullion.

Millennium Minerals (MOY)

Produced 16,007oz of WA Nullagine project gold at a \$A1470/oz AISC and \$1286/oz C1 cash cost during the September quarter. Achieved \$25.5M sales revenue, at ~\$1642/oz. Expecting to produce 24,000oz - 26,000oz at \$A1200/oz - \$A1250.oz during the September quarter. Nil debt. \$20.1M cash and bullion. 27,000oz of gold remain hedged at \$1651/oz, for delivery by 29 June 2018, 16,500oz of this by year's end.

Energy

Whitehaven Coal (WHC)

Produced 5% more year-on-year ROM coal totalling 5.7Mt during the September quarter. Sold 21% more coal, totalling 6.1Mt. Hard coking coal prices may pull back, pending China steel production cuts for the northern winter. Higher quality thermal coal demand continues to grow.

prices, as larger stocks commence reporting for the September quarter.

Elsewhere, European Central Bank (ECB) Mario Draghi is scheduled to speak publicly, as G20 finance ministers and central bankers gather for another forum.

Companies scheduled to report earnings include Citigroup, Domino's Pizza, HP Inc, JPMorgan Chase, Sky and WH Smith.

In overnight corporate news, **Alibaba** announced plans to spend \$US15B on R&D over three years, launching a Discovery, Adventure, Momentum and Outlook (DAMO) 'academy'.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1289	oz	-5	-0.3
Silver (NY) (Sep)	17.2	oz	-0.0	-0.1
Gold (LON)	1289	oz	-2	-0.2
Platinum	931	oz	0	0.0
WTI Crude (Nov)	51.3	bbl	0.4	0.8
Brent Crude (Nov)	56.9	bbl	0.3	0.6
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	59.7	t	-0.3	-2.2
Copper	6800	t	40	0.6
Nickel	11135	t	80	0.7
Aluminium	2130	t	-33	-1.5
Lead	2565	t	8	0.3
Zinc	3219	t	-60	-1.8
Tin	20870	t	145	0.7
CBT Wheat (Dec)	4.33	bshl	-0.02	-0.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – traders had plenty to consider overnight.

Saudi Arabia revealed it had produced a daily 22,000bbl more crude during September than in August, representing ~9.97MMbbl/d and remaining below the committed total under the OPEC agreement.

Libya indicated it might not achieve its targeted 2017 rise in oil production to 1.25MMbbl/d by year's end.

For its part, **OPEC** calculated its members had produced 90,000bbl/d more crude during September than for August, and that non-OPEC nations had boosted daily production by 31,000bbl.

OPEC also lifted its 2018 demand forecast for the organisation's crude by a daily 230,000bbl, to 33.06MMbbl/d.

In addition, OPEC predicted non-OPEC nations would produce 940,000bbl/d more next year than for 2017, this figure a daily 60,000bbl lower than OPEC's previous estimate.

Further, OPEC assessed developed world stockpiles fell by 24.7Mmbbl during August to 2.996 billion barrels, this nonetheless exceeding the five-year average by 171MMbbl.

Meanwhile, Barclays boosted some price predictions. US government agency **EIA** will release last week's production, export and stockpiles data tonight.

The EIA in the meantime, raised its 2017 WTI price prediction by 1.7% to \$US49.69/bbl and its 2018 forecast by 2%, to \$US50.57/bbl.

Gold – US Federal Reserve September policy meeting minutes, and continued pushes higher for major US equities markets, helped push prices lower overnight.

Base metals – generally positive sentiment remained overnight amid China growth optimism.

Pre-Open Announcements

DataDot Technology (DDT)

DDT director Gary Flowers has been appointed DDT's next chairman.

Chairman Bruce Rathie will retire from the DDT board at the close of this year's AGM.

Should no other board appointment be decided by that time, DDT will appoint CEO Temogen Hield as MD.

Resources

Metalicity Ltd (MCT)

Exercising an option to acquire the Napier Range and Emanuel Range zinc projects, WA Kimberley Lennard Shelf region. Details lodged this morning.

Inca Minerals (* ICG)

Additional Peru Cerro Rayas zinc-lead-silver project channel sample assays lodged this morning, including with 40%+ zinc grades.

American Pacific Borate & Lithium (* ABR)

Heralding California, US Fort Cady borate and lithium project scoping study progress, including cost indications. Details lodged this morning.

Evolution Mining (EVN)

Hosting a live-streamed teleconference commencing 11am AEDST Monday next week (16 October) following the pre-ASX open release of the company's September quarter report that day.

Access details lodged this morning.

Galaxy Resources (GXY)

Hosting a teleconference commencing 1pm AEDST Tuesday next week (17 October) following the pre-ASX open release of the company's September quarter report that day.

Access details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Incremental Oil & Gas	IOG	12 Oct
Navarre Minerals	NML	12 Oct
Argosy Minerals	AGY	13 Oct
Medibio Ltd	MEB	13 Oct
Neurotech International	NTI	13 Oct
Alloy Resources	AYR	16 Oct

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Arrowhead Resources	AR1	9 Oct
Caeneus Minerals	CAD	12 Oct
Cudoco Ltd	CDU	28 Sep
Estrella Resources	ESR	12 Oct
Kinetiko Energy	KKO	5 Oct
Lantern Hotel Group	LTN	2 Oct
Nzuri Copper	NZC	10 Oct
SIV Asset Management	SAM	10 Oct
Veriluma Ltd	VRI	20 Sep
XPD Soccer Gear Group	XPD	11 Oct

China's trade figures, expected Friday, are now in focus, as is the five-yearly Communist Party Congress, which is scheduled to commence Wednesday next week

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7795	0.0001	0.01
EUR – USD	1.1862	-0.0005	-0.04

Australian Data Today

Melb Inst	Inflation expectations	Oct
ABS	Housing finance	Aug

US Data Tonight

Initial jobless claims	8 Oct
Producer prices	Sep

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Bank lending	Sep
Japan	PPI	Sep
UK	RICS house prices	Sep
Euro zone	Industrial production	Aug

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Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
MFF	Today	1	100	1.00
NUF	Today	8	0	1.54
ASG	Mon	4.6	100	1.91
NCC	Mon	3.5	100	4.83
NZM	Mon	3.21	0	10.77
PL8	Mon	0.45	100	0.41
TPM	Mon	2	100	1.99
FGG	Tue	1	100	0.91
FGX	Tue	2.2	100	3.71
WAA	Tue	2.75	100	4.70
WAM	Tue	7.5	100	6.02
WAX	Tue	4.5	100	5.56
KSC	Wed	2	100	1.98
1AL	19 Oct	3.5	0	6.19
AVG	19 Oct	1	100	2.33

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	BOQ	Full year
	MFG	AGM
	RRL	Sep Q
	TCL	AGM; Sep
	WHC	Sep Q
Mon	EVN	Sep Q
	FPH	Investor Day
	OZL	Sep Q
	PRU	Sep Q
Tue	CGF	Sep Q
	COH	AGM
	GXY	Sep Q
	ORA	AGM
	RIO	Sep Q
	SBM	Sep Q
	TLS	AGM
Wed	AZJ	AGM; Sep Q
	BHP	Sep Q
	BXB	AGM
	CSL	AGM
	ORG	AGM
	SSM	AGM
	TRS	AGM
	TWE	AGM