

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7339	-41	-0.6
NZX 50	12944	-50	-0.4
DJIA Futures	35645	-322	-0.9
S&P 500 Futures	4669	-42	-0.9
NASDAQ Futures	16082	-248	-1.5

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with a \$A depreciation and two reports outlining domestic business conditions and expectations, following a decisive fall in US equities sentiment overnight.

Locally today, NAB publishes its monthly **business conditions and expectations survey** report 11.30am AEDT.

Also this morning, the December quarter ACCI-Westpac business survey is due.

In addition, the HIA is expected to release November **home sales**.

Regionally today, **South Korea** has reported November import and export prices pre-trade, these jumping 35.5% and 25.5% year-on-year respectively.

Meanwhile, **New Zealand** has this morning reported a 4.0% year-on-year rise for November food costs.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** turned to close lower.

US **gold** futures continued higher for a second consecutive session.

Iron ore (China port CFR, 62% fines) swung higher, trading beyond \$US114.0/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** reportedly declined a further ~0.5%.

Nickel was reported to have also extended Friday's decline, but ultimately just slightly so. **Aluminium** reportedly swung higher and rallied as much as 2%. *Last night's LME final price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication.*

The \$A declined to ~US71.35c after falling beneath US71.45c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	35651	-320	-0.9
S&P 500	4669	-43	-0.8
NASDAQ	15413	-217	-1.4
FTSE 100	7231	-60	-0.8
DAX 30	15622	-2	-0.0
Shanghai Comp	3681	15	0.4

Overseas Markets Commentary

US equities markets fell in early trade overnight. This dragged major European and UK equities indices lower. These had traded

*** Hydration products listing – midday AEDT – HPC ***

Today's Stock Watch
Woolworths Group (WOW)

Webcast conference call scheduled to commence **10.15am** AEDT. Reporting positive sales momentum in the end-of-year lead-up.

Covid-19 containment measures have impacted 1H FY22 EBIT however, this now estimated to come in at \$1.19B - \$1.22B. Statistics are expected to improve in 2H FY22.

GDI Property Group (GDI)

Outlaying a total \$68.50M for two car parks in Perth's CBD.

Growthpoint Properties (GOZ)

GOZ property values have likely risen by a combined \$256M during the six months to 31 December.

In addition, GOZ is lifting FY22 distribution guidance from 20.6c to 20.8c. Paying a 10.4c interim distribution.

Planning to lodge interim results 17 February 2022.

Nearmap Ltd (NEA)

NEA North America annualised contract value (ACV) has surpassed \$US50M and is expected to surpass the Australia and New Zealand ACV.

In addition, total ACV has exceeded \$US100M.

Dough Ltd (DOU)

Customer tally grew 19% during November (and 303% year-on-year) to 75,355. October customer growth was calculated at 26%.

Accumulated customer deposits grew 21% in November, to \$18.7M, following a 25% October increase.

Traffic Technologies (TTI)

Five-year traffic signs and safety products contract worth up to \$10M secured with Procurement Australia.

Resources
Rio Tinto (RIO)

RIO has reportedly offered to cancel Mongolia's \$US2.3B Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold debt in order to advance the project.

Newcrest Mining (NCM)

Selling a portfolio of 24 royalties for \$US37.5M cash, pending rights of first offer/refusal on some royalties.

Kairos Minerals (KAI)

Heralding WA Pilbara region Wodgina project lithium-caesium-tantalum target rock chip sampling indications.

Energy
Pancontinental Energy (PCL)

Drilling of a second offshore Namibia well underway.



variously higher early, but subsequent sentiment had appeared weak.

Another UK Covid-19 omicron variant warning, this time citing figures indicating a significantly high rate of spread, Norway's introduction of broader restrictions, the fourth tightening in two weeks, and select production and transport shutdowns in China's Zhejiang province, appeared to weigh.

Trader caution also prevailed ahead of the outcomes of three major, and several other, central bank policy meetings this week, together with a swag of material economic data from today and tonight through week's end.

In the US, tornado damage and deaths also concerned.

Ahead of its policy meeting scheduled for Thursday, the **Bank of England** (BoE) published a financial stability report, this including the growth in exposure to cryptocurrency assets.

The bank consequently promoted improved domestic and international cryptocurrency activity regulation and enforcement.

The BoE also concluded risk levels had returned to pre - Covid-19 levels and hence, that banks would be required to reserve 1% of capital for what the bank terms a counter-cyclical capital buffer.

Should economic growth continue as the bank expects the required buffer would be 2% from the second quarter 2023.

Among scant overnight **data** releases, **Germany** reported a 1.2% rise for wholesale prices during November, following a 1.6% October increase and expectations of a further 1.1% climb.

Against November 2020, prices were up 16.6%,

In the **US**, a consumer inflation expectations report included a 0.3% rise in anticipated inflation, in line with expectations, to 6.0%.

Tonight in the **US**, the Federal Reserve commences a two-day policy meeting from which outcomes will be known early Thursday AEDT.

In addition, the November producer prices report will command attention. A small business optimism index is also due.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Feb)	1788.3	oz	3.50	0.2
Silver (NY) (Mar)	22.328	oz	0.13	0.6
Gold (LON) (10 Dec)	1780	oz		
Platinum	927	oz	-14	-1.5
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jan)	71.29	bbl	-0.38	-0.5
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Feb)	74.39	bbl	-0.76	-1.0
Iron Ore (Qingdao) (CHN;62%Fe)	114.2	t	6.17	5.7
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (10 Dec)	9503	t		
Nickel	19739	t		
Aluminium	2607	t		
Lead	2282	t		
Zinc	3329	t		
Tin	39394	t		

Commodities Commentary

Oil – OPEC's monthly market review, published overnight, included a 1.11MMbb/d March quarter 2022 demand than

Pre-Open Announcements

The Hydration Pharmaceuticals Company (* HPC)

Hydration products provider scheduled to list on the ASX **midday** AEDT, following a \$17M IPO at 29c per share. 132.165M quoted shares.

Ramsay Health Care (RHC)

Yesterday evening's (AEDT) virtual investor briefing lodged post-trade yesterday.

RHC also hosted an investor day Friday last week.

PM Capital Global Opportunities Fund (PGF) / PM Capital Asian Opportunities Fund (PAF) / WAM Capital (WAM)

The planned PGF-PAF scheme of arrangement merger will not go ahead after a PAF shareholder vote failed to secure the required 75% approval.

PGF singled out WAM PAF shareholders as the major dissenters.

Treasury Wine Estates (TWE)

TWE has completed the acquisition of Frank Family Vineyards in the US.

Advanced Human Imaging (AHI)

Update on plans to integrate AHI's CompleteScan face and body scan system into Peruvian company Nextmedicall's technology lodged post-trade yesterday.

In part, Nextmedicall has requested a later date for commencing integration so as to enable a separate company pilot program to conclude.

Eureka Group Holdings (EGH)

Selling two Townsville, Queensland properties, comprising a total 32 rental units, for a combined \$3M.

Settlement is anticipated 31 March.

EGH intends to use sale funds to reduce debt and support other acquisitions.

SportsHero Ltd (SHO)

Further detail regarding the Nanchang Virtual Reality Detection Technology Co (NCRDT) partnership lodged post-trade yesterday.

Pre-trade, SHO said it would partner with NVRDT to jointly develop at virtual reality exports prediction platform.

SHO traded as high as 4.7c yesterday before dropping 9.09% for the session to settle at 4.0c.

SHO had closed out last week at 4.4c.

Ansarada Group (* AND)

New \$1.2M one-year Transport for NSW Infrastructure & Place division enterprise agreement secured, such that AND does not need to vie to secure contracts on a project-by-project basis.

previously forecast, to 99.13MMbbl/d.

OPEC November output was estimated at 27.72MMbbl/d, 290,000bbl/d higher than for October.

The group also viewed any impact on demand from the Covid-19 omicron variant as mild and brief.

In the meantime, several nations reported broader Covid-19 containment restrictions and the World Health Organisation warned of possible vaccine resistance and a 'serious' global risk.

The warnings and restrictions were viewed as a risk to relatively optimistic global oil demand outlooks.

The International Energy Association's (IEA) monthly oil market report is expected **tonight**.

Gold – an overnight US equities sentiment pull back and lower US 10-year bond yields lent support to a second consecutive positive settlement for Comex gold futures, these trading at three-week peaks.

The US Federal Reserve policy meeting, which commences tonight, and from which outcomes will be known overnight tomorrow (early Thursday morning AEDT), is expected to remain the main influence on gold sentiment for the week.

Meanwhile, reports emerged Russian officials were ready to approve a proposal to remove a VAT on gold investments (20% on bullion) as early as next year.

Base metals – prices swung overnight, trade pushed and pulled by China's plan to fast-track some infrastructure spending, a relatively stronger \$US and select inventory updates.

The cash premium for *copper* almost fell away with rising inventories reported since last week.

Technically, copper had moved closer to potentially falling beneath both 100- and 200-day moving averages.

LME-registered warehouse *zinc* inventories were calculated 25% higher in a week.

Following a three-day 'Central Economic Work Conference' second-half last week, China announced plans to reduce some taxes and fees in order to support finance, investment, trade and employment next year, and to push forward infrastructure development.

Japan's fourth quarter Tankan large manufacturing outlook index, reported yesterday, declined to 13 from 14, against expectations of an improvement to 18. October machinery orders rose 3.8% after coming in flat for September, and following forecasts for a 2.5% increase.

Some caution is anticipated in at least second-half trade tonight, ahead of industrial production, retail sales and fixed asset investment November updates due out of China **tomorrow**.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7133	-0.0042	-0.59
EUR – USD	1.1284	-0.0011	-0.10

Australian Data Today

NAB	Business survey (conditions, expectations)	Nov
ACCCI-Westpac	Business survey	DecQ

Resources

BHP Group (BHP)

Competing bidder for Noront Resources, the Andrew Forrest-led Wyloo Metals, increased its offer for Noront to \$C1.10 per share.

BHP had last offered C75c per share.

Earlier, Wyloo and BHP had revealed they were considering a 'mutually beneficial' arrangement for the Noront takeover.

Yesterday however, Wyloo revealed it held 32.7% of Noront and that 'the company did not intend to support any alternate offers'.

Following the announcement, BHP gained 2.7% for the session, settling at \$41.04 after trading as high as \$41.20.

Copper Mountain Mining (* C6C)

Queensland Eva copper project updated capital and operating costs lodged post-trade yesterday.

The development capex estimate has risen from the \$A705M reported among the May 2020 feasibility study outcomes to \$A836M.

The after-tax NPV (8%) has been re-estimated at \$622M from \$437M.

The after-tax IRR has grown to 35% from 29%.

Long-term copper and gold prices rose from \$US3.04/lb and \$US1362/oz respectively to \$US3.39/lb and \$US1598/oz.

Altura Mining (* AJM)

Resuming trade on today's open following a lengthy suspension (~16 months) and capital raising.

AJM last traded at 6.3161c.

Ballymore Resources (BMR)

BMR has appointed former Xstrata executive business development and strategy GM and previous BHP Copper VP commercial Andrew Greville as a non-executive director.

Riversgold Ltd (RGL)

Changes to the initial Alaskan assets sale agreement with Mamba Minerals lodged post-trade yesterday.

RGL has received \$US936,325 from Mamba, but requires a further \$US228,275 by year's end plus 350,000 Mamba convertible notes convertible at \$US1 each.

Meteoric Resources (MEI)

The \$1M 1.7c-per-share MEI SPP attracted applications for \$1.088M worth of shares.

MEI has traded at 1.6c – 1.7c over the past five trading sessions.

American West Metals (* AW1)

Base metals explorer completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$12M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 16.5c and traded as high as 17.5c before settling at its day one low of 14.5c.

2.3M shares changed hands across 303 transactions.

75.275M quoted shares.

AW1 holds three projects in North America.



HIA New home sales Nov

US Data TonightPPI Nov
NFIB small business optimism Nov**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

South Korea	Import & export prices	Nov
Japan	Industrial production (final)	Oct
UK	Change in unemployment claims	Nov
Oct	ILO unemployment	Oct
Oct	Average earnings	Oct
Euro zone	Industrial production	Oct

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Armada Metals (* AMM) / Cobre Ltd (CBE)

Africa nickel and copper-focused mineral exploration company
AMM is scheduled to list on the ASX 12.30pm AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$10M IPO at 20c per share.

50M quoted shares.

CBE holds ~14% of AMM, after providing AMM with \$US750,000 in pre-IPO funding and subscribing for \$1M worth of shares in the AMM IPO.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Adalta Ltd	1AD	14 Dec
Minbos Resources	MNB	14 Dec
Pointerra Ltd	3DP	14 Dec
Harvest Technology Group	HTG	15 Dec
Kalamazoo Resources	KZR	15 Dec
Medibio Ltd	MEB	15 Dec
Mighty Kingdom	MKL	15 Dec
MinRex Resources	MRR	15 Dec
MOQ Ltd	MOQ	15 Dec
Palla Pharma	PAL	15 Dec
Paterson Resources	PSL	15 Dec
PolarX Ltd	PXX	15 Dec
Queensland Pacific Metals	QPM	15 Dec
Sacgasco Ltd	SGC	15 Dec
Tamaska Oil & Gas	TMK	15 Dec
Thor Mining	THR	15 Dec

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Asian American Medical Group	AJJ	23 Nov
Aurumin Ltd	AUN	10 Dec
BPH Energy	BPH	9 Dec
Emerge Gaming	EM1	3 Dec
Middle Island Resources	MDI	10 Dec
SRJ Technologies Group	SRJ	23 Nov
VIP Gloves	VIP	24 Nov

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
CDD	Today	57	0	3.37
GRR	Tomorrow	10	100	5.37
PL8	Thu	0.5	100	4.44
MTS	21 Dec	10.5	100	3.89
CHC	30 Dec	19.66	42.37	1.82
CIP	30 Dec	4.33	0	4.32
COF	30 Dec	4.15	0	7.13
GMG	30 Dec	15	0	1.17

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RFF	30 Dec	2.93	0	3.72
SCP	30 Dec	7.2	0	4.18
TCL	30 Dec	15	0	2.65

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	HUB	AGM
	HCH	AGM (2pm)
	MNB	AGM (7pm)
Tomorrow	AGH	AGM (5pm)
	WBC	AGM
Thu	ANZ	AGM
	ELD	AGM
	EL8	AGM (1.30pm)
	ORI	AGM
Fri	GNC	AGM
	NAB	AGM
	NUF	AGM
	IPL	AGM