

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6644	-18	-0.3
NZX 50	12838	3	0.0
DJIA Futures	29865	-168	-0.6
S&P 500 Futures	3647	-15	-0.4
NASDAQ Futures	12457	89	0.7

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) policy meeting minutes due late morning, a batch of material data expected out of **China** early afternoon, a pullback in yesterday's China port iron ore price settlements, further confirmation of China's changing trade relations with Australia, and wavering overnight international equities sentiment.

Post-ASX trade yesterday, China was reported to have formally blocked Australian coal imports following weekend deliberations by the National Development and Reform Commission.

Locally today, companies exposed to China **coal** trade are consequently expected to be impacted during today's trade.

Among key releases, the **RBA** publishes the minutes of the December **policy meeting 11.30am AEDT**.

In addition, RBA **financial stability** head Jonathan Kearns speaks at an Australian Finance and Banking conference, 11.40am.

Also today, the ACCI and Westpac publish their December quarter **business conditions** report.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is scheduled to release a **jobs and wages** report for the week ending 28 November.

Pre-trade, a weekly **consumer confidence** reading is due.

Further, **three** companies (**AKO, LFG, SLA**) are scheduled to complete their ASX **listings** today.

Regionally, China's November **industrial production, fixed asset investment, retail sales and unemployment** are anticipated **1pm AEDT**.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** turned higher and US **gold** futures lower.

Yesterday's Northern China **iron ore** (62% Fe) port prices were reported 3.6% lower, at \$US157.37/t.

Overnight LME **copper** extended Friday's fall, but modestly. **Nickel** and **aluminium** swung higher and rallied.

The **\$A** fell to US75.40c after trading at ~US75.75c early yesterday evening.

This morning, the \$A has again been pushed lower.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	29862	-185	-0.6
S&P 500	3647	-16	-0.4
NASDAQ	12440	62	0.5

RBA - policy meeting minutes – 11.30am AEDT

RBA #2 – financial stability head Jonathan Kearns speaking at an Australasian Finance & Banking conference – **11.40am AEDT**

China – November **fixed asset investment, industrial production, retail sales and unemployment** updates – **1pm AEDT**.

* Personal cosmetic services listing – **11am AEDT – SLA** *

* Iron-ore focused exploration listing – **11.30am AEDT – AKO** *

* Financial sector listing – **12.30pm AEDT – LFG** *

Today's Stock Watch

MACA Ltd (MLD) / Downer EDI (DOW)

MLD will purchase DOW's surface contract mining business Mining West for \$109M cash upfront and \$66M in deferred payments. To fund the acquisition, MLD will conduct a \$A41M fully underwritten institutional placement, \$19M institutional entitlement offer and \$15M retail entitlement offer, in addition to securing a \$130M debt facility.

Additional details lodged this morning.

MLD remains in a trading halt.

Zip Co (Z1P)

Partnership secured with Harvey Norman, Domayne and Joyce Mayne franchisees whereby customers can opt for Z1P's buy now pay later (BNPL) service.

Wesfarmers Ltd (WES)

WES has appointed Google VP product management and senior product and engineering leader for Australia and New Zealand Anil Sabharwal as a director, effective 1 February.

Pushpay Holdings (PPH)

Trading halt called this morning ahead of a fully underwritten book-build for a sell down of 54.68M PPH shares (4.96%), 41.67M held by interests associated with PPH co-founder and former director and CEO Chris Heaslip, and 13.01M held by PPH executive director Chris Fowler.

Additional details lodged this morning.

Austin Engineering (ANG)

\$35M worth of new orders, covering 100 products, received in the past few weeks.

Civmec Ltd (CVL)

CVL has recently secured new contracts worth ~\$140M.

Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Resources

Red 5 (RED)

WA King of the Hills gold project processing facility construction approvals in hand.



FTSE 100	6532	-15	-0.2
DAX 30	13223	109	0.8
Shanghai Comp	3369	22	0.7

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets initially bounced on Covid-19 containment hopes as vaccination programs broadened internationally, but sentiment ultimately turned, in varying degrees, across all major indices.

NASDAQ trade again proved the most buoyant in the US, and Germany's DAX across the Atlantic.

Likely outcomes from a batch of material issues remained fluid.

The US electoral college commenced State-by-State allocations of presidential **election** votes for the Joe Biden and Donald Trump, as select community Covid-19 vaccinations commenced in the US.

In the meantime, turnout for the first day of early voting in run-off US Senate elections in Georgia was reported significantly higher than anticipated.

Covid-19 diagnoses and death tallies continued to concern internationally, with London facing tighter restrictions from this week and Turkey announcing a five-day lockdown commencing the evening of 31 December.

US parliamentarians were reported to be continued to work towards a compromise **funding** package, containing some Covid-19 economic relief initiatives in addition to basic funds to avoid a partial shutdown of government operations from midnight this coming Friday.

UK and European Union (EU) negotiators confirmed they would resume trade negotiations for the week from tonight in Brussels.

In overnight **data** releases, **euro zone** October industrial production rose 2.1% for the month, following a 0.1% September increase.

Output proved 3.8% lower than for October 2019, however.

Germany's November wholesale prices were calculated 0.1% higher for the month, following a 0.2% October decline.

Year-on-year, prices were down 1.7%.

In the **US**, a consumer inflation expectations report included a mean 2.96% anticipated rise against 2.84% from October's survey.

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

Scheduled data releases include the New York Fed manufacturing and IBD/TIPP economic optimism indices, together with November import and export prices and industrial production.

Elsewhere, commentary is keenly anticipated out of this week's commencement of UK and European Union (EU) trade negotiations.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$/oz	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Feb)	1832.1	oz	-11.5	-0.6
Silver (NY) (Mar)	24.047	oz	-0.04	-0.2
Gold (LON) (11 Dec)	1842	oz		

Pre-Open Announcements

SILK Laser Australia (* SLA)

Non-surgical cosmetic procedures and products specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEDT, following an \$83.5M IPO at \$3.45 per share.

47.115M quoted shares.

Liberty Financial Group (* LFG)

Stapled securities comprising one Liberty Financial Group share and one Liberty Financial Group Trust unit are scheduled to list on the ASX **12.30pm** AEDT, following a \$320.7M IPO at \$6.00 per security.

Trading commences on a conditional and deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) shares is scheduled to commence Thursday.

303.6M quoted stapled securities.

Treasury Wine Estates (* TWE)

'Fact book' lodged this morning, covering TWE's global business activities and strategies.

Laybuy Group Holdings (* LBY)

Heralding three late-year growth milestones.

Details lodged this morning.

WestStar Industrial (* WSI)

WSI's SIMPEC has secured two contracts worth a combined \$13M.

Kina Securities (* KSL)

KSL has appointed Barrick (Niugini) executive director Ila Temu as an independent non-executive director.

Swift Media (SW1)

SW1 raised an initial \$926,000 in the recent SPP. A shortfall placement brought in an additional \$74,000.

The SPP followed a placement which delivered \$3.987M.

SW1 has traded higher the past three sessions, settling at 3.9c yesterday.

Vita Life Sciences (VLS)

Anticipating \$45.5M - \$46.0M FY20 sales revenue following \$42.2M for FY 19.

Expecting \$7.5M - \$8.0M EBIT, against \$4.4M.

Live Verdure (* LV1)

Plant-based food, nutraceutical and skin care supplier completed a successful ASX listing yesterday, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 25c and traded at 23c – 28c before settling at 23c.

~6.67M shares changed hands across 498 trades.

~40M quoted shares.

Sovereign Cloud Holdings (* SOV)

Cloud-based computing services provider completed an enviable ASX listing yesterday, following a \$20M IPO at 75c per share.



Platinum	1002	oz	0	0.0
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jan)	46.99	bbl	0.42	0.9
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Feb)	50.29	bbl	0.32	0.6
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%) (11Dec)	152.02	t		
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	7746	t	-26	-0.3
Nickel	17575	t	288	1.7
Aluminium	2047	t	23	1.1
Lead	2034	t	-30	-1.5
Zinc	2832	t	37	1.3
Tin	19650	t	227	1.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – OPEC’s monthly report, released overnight, included a lowering of 2021 international crude demand, from a daily 96.26MMbbl to 95.89MMbbl. March quarter forecast demand was cut to 93.97MMbbl/d from 94.96MMbbl/d.

The OPEC report turned oil prices lower, buy as much as 1%, but Covid-19 vaccination rollouts appeared to swing prices higher again.

In addition, Saudi Arabia declared a Jeddah port oil tanker incident, involving another vessel reportedly carrying explosives, as a terrorist act.

On the flip side, Libya’s daily oil output was quoted at 1.28MMbbl, from ~1.25MMbbl two – there weeks ago.

Meanwhile, OPEC announced the next technical and monitoring committee meetings had been pushed back to 3 and 4 January respectively.

The **International Energy Association (IEA)** is scheduled to publish its monthly oil report **tonight**.

Gold – the ICE \$US index traded 0.3% lower overnight, but hopes improved for Covid-19 containment in the US with the commencement of vaccinations, hence damaging gold interest.

In addition, reports of compromise progress in US talks to produce legislation that would provide economic relief funding, in addition to government operational funds, appeared to be met with some scepticism regarding any potential agreement this week.

A two-day US Federal Reserve policy meeting commences tonight. Outcomes, particularly official commentary, are due early Thursday AEDT. The Bank of England convenes a policy meeting Thursday evening AEDT.

Base metals – generally positive sentiment returned to LME trade overnight, with a Covid-19 vaccine rollout underway also in the US and more positive comments the early-weekend from the EU regarding a potential trade deal with the UK buoying economic recovery hopes.

Further weekend reports of the civil unrest in New Caledonia over the sale of a key nickel operation, also appeared to boost *nickel* prices.

Winter’s onset in China and associated seasonal restrictions on *aluminium* operations were cited for aluminium’s turn higher.

In the meantime, Freeport-McMoRan was reported to have agreed concentrate processing fees with smelters in China, for product from the Grasberg copper-gold operation in Papua, Indonesia. Charges were quoted at US\$95c/lb and \$US59.5/t.

Yesterday, **China** reported November residential property prices. These represented a slowdown in growth, rising 4% year-on-year,

Opened at \$1.15 and traded at 99c - \$1.20 before settling at \$1.10.

~8.88M shares changed hands across 2448 transactions.
52.48M quoted shares.

GenusPlus Group (* GNP)

Electricity and telecommunications infrastructure construction and maintenance specialist completed a successful ASX listing yesterday, following a \$32.81M IPO at 96c per share.

Opened at \$1.00 and traded at 97c - \$1.06 before settling at 99c.

5.48M shares changed hands across 818 transactions.

Resources

AKORA Resources (* AKO)

Explorer and iron ore project developer scheduled to list on the ASX **11.30am** AEDT, following a \$5M IPO at 25c per share. Focused on iron ore holdings in Madagascar.
49.545M quoted shares.

Westgold Resources (WGX)

Investor presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Regis Resources (RRL)

Teleconference hosted on close of trade yesterday, following yesterday’s pre-trade announcement of approval for the Duketon gold project Garden Well South underground mine development.

Vango Mining (VAN)

MD Andrew Stocks has stepped down, effective yesterday. VAN has traded lower the past three sessions, settling at 7.4c yesterday.

Carawine Resources (CWX)

CWX has appointed Sam Smart as company secretary, to take over from Rebecca Broughton, effective 1 January.

Titanium Sands (TSL)

Company secretary David McEntaggart has resigned. Alan Armstrong remains with TSL as sole company secretary.

Errawarra Resources (* ERW)

WA-focused mineral explorer and project developer completed a successful ASX listing yesterday, following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at its day one high of 25c and slipped to 22c where it settled.

~3.85M shares were traded across 329 transactions.
33.71M quoted shares.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
ADX Energy	ADX	15 Dec
Althea Group Holdings	AGH	15 Dec



against October's 4.3%. Forecasters had anticipated this, predicting a likely 4.1% new rise.

In Japan, all Tankan indices improved, albeit all retaining negative readings.

October industrial production was finalised at 4% growth for the month, following a 3.9% September rise. Year-on-year, output was down 3%, however.

China's November industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales are anticipated **today** and as usual, are expected to influence at least some of tonight's trade.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7533	-0.0001	-0.01
EUR – USD	1.2146	0.0002	0.02

Australian Data Today

ANZ/RoyMgn	Consumer confidence	11 Dec
RBA	Policy meeting minutes	1 Dec
ACCI/Westpac	Business conditions	Dec Q
ABS	Jobs and wages	28 Nov

US Data Tonight

Import & export prices	Nov
Industrial production	Nov
NY Fed (Empire State) manufacturing	Dec
IBD/TIPP economic optimism	Dec

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Industrial production	Nov
China	Fixed asset investment	Jan-Nov
China	Retail sales	Nov
China	Workforce (incl unemployment)	Nov
UK	Unemployment	Oct
UK	Unemployment claims	Nov
UK	Average earnings	Oct

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Conico Ltd	CNJ	15 Dec
Meteoric Resources	MEI	15 Dec
Angel Seafood Holdings	AS1	16 Dec
DGO Gold	DGO	16 Dec
Eastern Iron	EFE	16 Dec
Emyria Ltd	EMD	16 Dec
King Island Scheelite	KIS	16 Dec
MACA Ltd	MLD	16 Dec
Netlinkz Ltd	NET	16 Dec
New Age Exploration	NAE	16 Dec
Peel Mining	PEX	16 Dec
Pilbara Minerals	PLS	16 Dec
Pushpay Holdings	PPH	16 Dec
Security Matters	SMX	16 Dec
Suda Pharmaceuticals	SUD	16 Dec
Surefire Resources	SRN	16 Dec
Protean Energy	POW	17 Dec
Strata-X Energy	SXA	17 Dec

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Ovato Ltd	OVT	4 Dec

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
PL8	Tomorrow	0.4	100	4.56
PPK	Tomorrow	2.5	100	0.34
CLF	Thu	1.5	100	4.76
MTS	22 Dec	8	100	3.53
BGP	23 Dec	7.06	0	2.26
CHC	30 Dec	18.55	40.16	2.45
CLW	30 Dec	7.3	0	6.03
DXS	30 Dec	28.8	0	5.12
GDF	30 Dec	1.8	0	5.45
GDI	30 Dec	3.875	0	tbc
GMG	30 Dec	15	0	1.69
LEP	30 Dec	10.75	0	4.27
MGR	30 Dec	4.8	0	tbc
RCT	30 Dec	8.54	0	4.14
RFF	30 Dec	2.82	0	4.44

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	TEK	AGM
Tomorrow	AOU	AGM



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	AIA	October operating statistics
	ANZ	AGM
	MXR	AGM
	MMJ	Investor update (tele 8.45am)
	RSH	AGM
Thu	CDD	AGM
	CNN	Regulatory update (tele 8am)
	ELD	AGM
	MRM	AGM
Fri	ANP	AGM
	GCY	AGM
	IPL	AGM
	LIT	AGM
	NAB	AGM
	NUF	AGM
21 Dec	ADD	AGM
22 Dec	ALG	AGM
	OAR	AGM
	ORI	AGM
23 Dec	AR9	AGM
	SCT	AGM