

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7398	-13	-0.2
NZX 50	12784	-13	-0.1
DJIA Futures	34717	27	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4398	3	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	15085	11	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with further influential domestic data due late morning, ahead of a Bank of England policy meeting and outcomes statement tonight, and further key data out of the US.

Overnight US equities trade sentiment proved weak at best.

Also overnight, international Covid-19 containment remained in focus, as it will domestically today.

In addition **locally** today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases **June trade balance** and other headline trade statistics **11.30am AEST**.

At the same time, the ABS publishes a **payroll jobs and wages report for the week ending 17 July**.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** fell for a third consecutive session.

US **gold** futures settled slightly higher.

Qingdao (CFR China, 62% fines) iron ore declined US98c/t to \$US183.69/t.

LME **copper** continued to fall. **Nickel** also settled lower, but slightly so. **Aluminium** declined for a second consecutive session.

The **\$A** dropped to ~US73.80c after trading at US74.20c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34793	-324	-0.9
S&P 500	4403	-20	-0.5
NASDAQ	14781	19	0.1
FTSE 100	7124	18	0.3
DAX 30	15692	137	0.9
Shanghai Comp	3477	29	0.9

Overseas Markets Commentary

Trade across major European, UK and US equities markets diverged overnight, key US indices mostly opening lower or trading so early, amid a batch of mixed data releases.

Also overnight, US Federal Reserve vice-chair Richard Clarida promoted the likely raising of interest rates in 2023, venturing the Fed's current conditions would be met by late-2022.

In the meantime, the World Health Organisation promoted

*** Multi-mineral exploration listing– 11.30am AEST – PFE ***

Today's Stock Watch
Centuria Industrial REIT (CIP)

\$611.24M full year NPAT, from \$75.34M a year ago.

402.82% higher \$685.66M income.

44.01% higher, \$91.44M funds from operations.

Nick Scali (NCK)

25c fully franked final dividend, from 22.5c a year ago.

100.2% higher, \$84.24M full year NPAT. 42.1% higher,

\$373.04M revenue. \$1.37 NTA from 90.17c.

Pharmaxis Ltd (PXS)

A PXS-5505 preclinical study involving liver cancer cholangiocarcinoma has indicated therapeutic benefit, the results presented to an Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association conference in Miami, US.

A PXS-5505 clinical trial is continuing, assessing benefits in treating bone cancer myelofibrosis.

Pinnacle Investment Management Group (PNI)

17c fully franked final dividend, from 8.5c a year ago.

108.1% higher, \$67.02M full year NPAT. 45.1% higher,

\$32.51M revenue. \$1.27 NTA from \$1.00.

A teleconference was scheduled for 9am AEST.

Decmil Group (DCG)

\$21M EPC contract secured for the NSW Crookwell 3 wind farm.

Swoop Holdings (SWP)

\$5M contract secured by SWP subsidiary NodeOne to provide NBN Enterprise Ethernet services.

Djerriwarrh Investments (DJW)

Trading ex-dividend (5.75c) today.

Top 25 investments at 31 July lodged post-trade yesterday.

\$3.31 post-tax NTA, from \$3.26 at 30 June.

Resources
Aldoro Resources (ARN)

Initial Narndee VC1 target diamond drilling has intersected massive sulphides.

Details and further drilling plans lodged pre-trade.

In addition, ARN has secured a HoA to acquire E58/571 (application pending grant), near Mt Magnet, WA, for \$50,000 cash, plus 325,000 ARN shares (on grant).

The permit is located between ARN's E59/2431 and the Wyemandoo permit E57/1017.

ARN is chasing rare metals.

ARN gained 7.45% Monday and 4.95% Tuesday, trading as high as 55c before a trading halt came into effect when at 53c.



prioritising Covid-19 vaccination availability for poorer nations. Several nations reported increasing struggles to contain the virus, including major trade and manufacturing nations China, Japan and the US.

Among overnight **data** releases, **euro zone** June retail sales were calculated 1.5% higher for the month, following a 4% May jump.

Against June 2020, sales were 5% higher.

The final July services PMI for the euro zone represented a 1.5-point rise on June, to 59.8.

For **Germany**, the July services PMI was finalised at 61.8 from 57.5 for June.

The **UK's** final July services PMI reading represented a 2.8-point decline to a nonetheless robust 59.6.

In the **US**, the ISM's July services sector activity index rose by four points to a record 64.1.

This mattered, as the services sector accounts for ~67% of GDP calculations.

Further, both the employment and new orders component indices rose.

A July private sector July employment report surprised, sparking speculation that the July national employment statistics, due tomorrow night, could come in weaker than anticipated.

The ADP report estimated an additional 330,000 private sector jobs for July, against an anticipated 715,000 and following 680,000 reported for June.

Meanwhile, US weekly mortgage applications fell 1.7%, following a 5.7% increase the previous week.

The average 30-year mortgage rate was reported at 2.97% from 3.01%.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims are due, together with June trade figures, a July job cuts report and final July vehicle sales.

Also in the US tonight, Federal Reserve governor Christopher Waller is scheduled to speak publicly on central bank digital currency.

Elsewhere, the **Bank of England** convenes a policy meeting, from which an outcomes statement will be issued, and following which a press conference is anticipated.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: Adidas, AIG, Bayer Duke Energy, Expedia, Glencore, Kellogg, Merck, Moderna, Motorola Solutions, News Corporation, Nintendo, Novo Nordisk, Olympus, Regeneron, ResMed Inc, Rolls-Royce, Shiseido, Siemens, Square, Suzuki Motor, ViacomCBS, Virgin Galactic, WPP and Yamaha Motor.

Reckitt Benckiser and Unilever are scheduled to trade ex-dividend on the FTSE 100 tonight.

In overnight corporate news, major international lithium producer Albemarle reported 13% higher quarterly lithium sales, supporting a better-than-anticipated profit, in addition to the sale of a chemicals division.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$/oz	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1814.5	oz	0.4	0.1

Pre-Open Announcements

City Chic Collective (* CCX)

CCX has appointed recent Ascender Group CFO Neil Thompson and Cotton On chief retail officer Natalie McLean as independent non-executive directors, effective today.

Non-executive director Michael Hardwick intends to resign as a CCX non-executive director at the CCX November AGM.

DGL Group (* DGL)

Acquiring WA Kwinana-based Opal Australasia.

Consideration comprises ~\$6.7M cash and ~\$1.9M worth of DGL shares.

Beston Global Food Company (BFC)

Initial orders are in hand, and supply has commenced, under BFC's \$20Mpa sales contract with McCain Foods Australia, announced 30 July.

Under the contract, BFC will sell mozzarella (3600tpa for 18 months) and hard cheese for McCains frozen pizzas, with options to renew.

ASX Ltd (ASX)

July activity report, including a 134% year-on-year capital raising increase to \$10.35B, lodged this morning.

Immutep Ltd (IMM)

A first patient has been safely dosed in the triple combination (efti + anti-PD-1 + chemo) clinical trial INSIGHT-003.

The patient is suffering metastatic lung cancer.

Initial data is anticipated next year.

Neuren Pharmaceuticals (NEU)

Anticipating Rett syndrome trofinetide treatment phase three trial results by year's end.

Enrolment has been completed in the US, where NEU partner Arcadia Pharmaceuticals is funding trofinetide development and commercialisation.

NEU can receive up to \$US455M in milestone payments, plus potential royalties.

Resources

Pantera Minerals (* PFE)

Multi-mineral explorer scheduled to list on the ASX **11.30am** AEST, following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share.

Three projects – one each focused on iron ore, manganese and base metals - in the northern half of WA.

38.5M quoted shares.

SSR Mining (* SSR)

\$US54M June quarter NPAT, from a \$US6.3M net loss a year earlier.

\$US376.95M revenue, from \$US92.485M, pushing January – June revenue to \$743.43M.

Produced 349,789oz of gold January through June, selling 346,990oz at \$US1809/oz.



Silver (NY) (Sep)	25.461	oz	-0.121	-0.5
Gold (LON)	1813	oz		
Platinum	1017	oz	-25	-2.4
WTI Crude (NYMEX Sep)	68.15	bbl	-2.41	-3.4
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Oct)	70.38	bbl	-2.03	-2.8
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	181.01	t		
Copper (LME Ind)	9464	t	-81	-0.8
Nickel	19345	t	-41	-0.2
Aluminium	2564	t	-21	-0.8
Lead	2385	t	-10	-0.4
Zinc	2977	t	6	0.2
Tin	34630	t	23	0.1

Commodities Commentary

Oil – a weekly US petroleum inventories report from government agency the EIA, included a surprise 3.626MMbbl rise in stored crude.

Overnight Tuesday post-US trade, an industry report included an estimated ~880,000bbl draw on crude stocks last week.

Last night's report also included a 5.29MMbbl fall in petrol inventories, against a 372,000bbl/d increase in production, at the commencement of the summer holiday period.

Net crude imports rose 510,000bbl/d.

In addition overnight, Covid-19 containment challenges were highlighted in reports out of numerous nations including China, Japan and the US.

Further, Middle East shipping security concerns continued amid conflicting reports of incidents in the Gulf of Oman.

Gold – prices swung overnight, gold interest benefiting from some worse-than-anticipated US data, but waning on a better-than-expected economic indicator, ahead of the release of monthly US employment statistics tomorrow night.

Sensitivities appeared sharpened by rate rise timeline comments from the US Federal Reserve vice chair.

Technical analysts also pointed to a gold 200-day moving average barrier.

Comex futures notably traded as high as \$US1835.90/oz intra-session.

Base metals – Caixin's July services PMI for China, reported yesterday, rose to 54.9 from 50.3, this adding to overnight Covid-19 – related global demand LME trade considerations, amid further speculation regarding additional monetary and fiscal support in China.

Reports also emerged yesterday of additional Yangshan emissions control measures Wednesday (yesterday) through Monday next week.

Tonight's trade could feature a degree of caution in anticipation of China's June trade figures, scheduled for this weekend.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7381	-0.0015	-0.21
EUR – USD	1.1838	-0.0034	-0.29

First Graphene (FGR)

FGR has secured Gerdau Graphene to be a non-exclusive distributor for FGR's PureGRAPH products in the Americas.

EQ Resources (EQR)

Far North Queensland Mt Carbine tungsten project drilling beneath the existing Andy White open pit has intersected high-grade mineralisation.

Assays lodged this morning.

Bankable feasibility continues.

Gold 50 (* G50)

US-focused exploration company scheduled to list on the ASX midday AEST **tomorrow**, following a \$10M IPO at 25c per share. ~50.32M quoted shares.

Five exploration projects in Nevada and Arizona.

Energy

Melbana Energy (MAY)

Conducting a fully underwritten ~\$7.13M, two-for-13, 2c-per-share entitlement offer, in support of Cuba drilling plans.

Presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

MAY has traded at 2c – 2.4c over its past five trading sessions.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Suvo Strategic Metals	SUV	5 Aug
Brookside Energy	BRK	6 Aug
Family Zone Cyber Safety	FZO	6 Aug
Holista CollTech	HCT	6 Aug
Peak Resources	PEK	6 Aug
Rewardle Holdings	RXH	6 Aug
Rex Minerals	RXM	6 Aug

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Crater Gold Mining	CGN	9 Jul
Fargo Enterprises	FGO	26 Jul
Hot Chilli	HCH	4 Aug
IODM Ltd	IOD	3 Aug
Salt Lake Potash	SO4	29 Jul

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
DJW	Today	5.75	100	3.32
DJWN	Today	2.88	100	0.00
FSI	Today	4.75	100	2.48
BKI	Tomorrow	3	100	2.59
JHG	Tomorrow	38	0	3.44
OZG	Tomorrow	0.35	100	2.31

**Australian Data Today**

ABS	Trade balance	Jun
ABS	Payroll jobs & wages	17 Jul

US Data Tonight

Trade balance	Jun
Challenger job cuts	Jul
Initial jobless claims	31 Jul
Vehicle sales	Jul

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

UK	Construction PMI	Jul
UK	Domestic vehicle sales	Jul
Germany	Factory orders	Jun
Germany	Construction PMI	Jul
Germany	New domestic vehicle registrations	Jul
Euro zone	ECB post-policy meeting outcomes	5 Jul
Euro zone	Construction PMI	Jul

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WIC	Tomorrow	3	100	4.76
FRI	Mon	2	100	3.45
AFI	Wed	14	100	2.78
RIO	Thu	~760	100	4.57

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ASX	July
	CIP	Full year
	NWS	Full year (NB: tonight in the US; early Fri AEST)
	NCK	Full year (teleconf 10am)
	PNI	Full year (teleconf 9am)
	RMD	Jun Q (NB: tonight in the US; early Fri AEST)
	SSR	Jun Q
Tomorrow	GXY	AGM
	REA	Full year (NB: with NWS tonight in the US)
Mon	AZJ	Full year
	CLW	Full year
	GOR	Interim
	S2R	Full year
	TCL	Full year
Tue	CGF	Full year
	CRN	Interim
	JHX	Jun Q (1Q FY22; 9am)
	MP1	Full year
Wed	CBA	Full year
	CPU	Full year
	IAG	Full year
Thu (12 Aug)	AGL	Full year (w/cast tele 10.45am)
	AMP	Interim
	CQR	Full year
	DOW	Full year
	GMG	Full year
	MGR	Full year
	QBE	Interim
	TLS	Full year
	WPL	Interim
	XRO	AGM
Fri (13 Aug)	BBN	Full year
	BTI	Full year
	PXS	Full year