

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6989	-1	-0.0
NZX 50	11177	-47	-0.4
DJIA Futures	34215	51	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4396	12	0.3
NASDAQ Futures	15374	142	0.9

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade with the \$A at ~US64.35c, a key Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) report due late morning, and new data in hand from China, ahead of public comments from the US Federal Reserve chair and Bank of England governor tonight.

US equities markets recorded further, but decidedly varied, gains overnight.

Locally today, the RBA publishes at 11.30am AEDT the central bank's monthly **economic data** and **financial markets chart pack**, outlining in graphical format the trends that underpin RBA considerations.

At the same time, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes the finalised version of the September building approvals report released Wednesday last week.

Also today, **RMD** trades **ex-dividend**. *Please see p3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

Regionally today, a Tankan November **manufacturing** index for **Japan** is due as the ASX opens.

Post-ASX trade yesterday, **China's** October **foreign exchange reserves** were reported at \$US3.101 trillion, essentially in line with expectations, from \$US3.115 trillion for September.

In the meantime, Australia's PM joins the Pacific Island Forum in the Cook Islands.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** turned and tumbled by greater than 4.0%.

US **gold** futures fell below \$US1975/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) swung lower, settling below \$US126.0/t.

Meanwhile, the Dalian Commodity Exchange is limiting iron ore futures trading volumes from today.

US (Dec) **copper** was pushed a further US4c/lb lower, to \$US3.68/lb.

Last night's LME final 3-mth evening price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected to become available via IRESS at ~11.30am AEDT.

The \$A ultimately maintained US64.35c after trading at ~US64.25c - ~US64.35c early yesterday evening.

Today's Stock Watch
James Hardie Industries (JHX)

Commencing a new 12-month \$US250M share buy-back. 6% lower, \$US309.5M interim NPAT. 2% lower, \$US1.95B net sales. \$US3.31 NTA from \$US2.58.

September quarter statistics and comprehensive commentary also lodged.

JHX scheduled a webcast teleconference to commence 9am AEDT.

Breville Group (BRG)

Today's AGM materials lodged.

Chorus Ltd (CNU)

Proposed 2025 – 2028 expenditure and today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Platinum Asset Management (PTM)

\$15.591B FUM at 31 October from \$16.054B at 30 September. Net outflows tallied \$165M.

Resources
WA1 Resources (WA1)

WA West Arunta project RC drilling has delivered confirmation of continuity of shallow and high-grade niobium mineralisation.

Assays lodged this morning.

An initial resource estimate is anticipated by mid-2024.

Golden State Mining (GSM)

WA Paynes Find lithium project field mapping has identified several pegmatite outcrops.

Rock chip assays anticipated early December.

Lucapa Diamond Company (LOM)

The Lulo JV has recovered a 235 carat Type IIa diamond from the Lulo alluvial mine, Angola.

Energy
Woodside Energy (WDS)

Today's investor day materials lodged.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34153	57	0.2
S&P 500	4378	12	0.3
NASDAQ	13640	121	0.9
FTSE 100	7410	-8	-0.1
DAX 30	15153	17	0.1
Shanghai Composite	3057	-1	-0.0

Overseas Markets Commentary

Intra-session trade varied across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight, but several key indices settled at or near session highs.

Inflation, economic growth prospects and central bank views were in focus.

Three US Federal Reserve regional presidents offered varying comments, covering views the central bank would likely need to further tighten policy to tame inflation to sustainable target levels, and that financial conditions might not be sufficient, or declining to suggest no further rate increases.

Two governors anticipated some tightening consideration, citing September quarter GDP growth.

The \$US strengthened but US 10-year bond yields continued to decline.

Yesterday, the **Reserve Bank of Australia** (RBA) raised the cash rate by 0.25% to 4.35% following four months' of status quo.

RBA governor Michele Bullock assured risks would continue to be monitored but also warned that these were continuing to evolve.

Also yesterday afternoon (AEDT), **China's** October international trade statistics proved mixed against expectations.

Exports were calculated 6.4% lower year-on-year against consensus for a 3.3% decline following September's 6.2% fall.

Imports rose 3.0% year-on-year after dropping by 6.0% on an annualised basis in September. Forecasters had anticipated another fall, this time by 4.8%.

Further yesterday, China was reported to have announced new reporting regulations for **commodities imports**, including for crude, rare earths, iron ore, copper concentrates and fertilisers.

Early evening yesterday, China released October foreign exchange reserves which matched expectations at ~\$US3.1 trillion.

In the meantime, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) revised its China economic growth forecasts, raising its 2023 GDP prediction to 5.4% from 5.0%, and anticipated 2024 growth to 4.6% from 4.2%.

The IMF cited September quarter GDP figures and fiscal support in announcing the revisions.

In overnight **data** releases, **euro zone** September producer prices rose 0.5% following a 0.7% August appreciation.

Against September 2022, prices were down 12.4% from 11.5% on an annualised basis for August.

An October construction PMI fell to 42.7 from 43.6.

In **Germany**, September industrial production surprised on the

Pre-Open Announcements**Neuren Pharmaceuticals (* NEU)**

Investor presentation lodged this morning.

NEU settled higher across seven consecutive sessions through to Monday this week.

Sky Network Television (SKT)

SKT has ended discussions with a third party which had proposed initial non-binding terms for the potential acquisition of Sky (NBIO).

In association, SKT is resuming a share buy-back.

Resources**Atlantic Lithium (* A11)**

Ghana Ewoyaa lithium project resources and metallurgical drilling results lodged post-trade yesterday, together with plans to drill 8000m in a resource extension program.

This will boost completed and planned drilling to mid-2024 to a total 26,500m.

A11 recouped 6.41% yesterday, settling at 41.5c.

Tennant Minerals (TMS)

TMS non-executive chair Matthew Driscoll has resigned from the TMS board, in favour of other commitments, effective immediately.

Mr Driscoll had been a TMS director since April 2019.

The TMS AGM is scheduled for today.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Artemis Resources	ARV	8 Nov
Magnis Energy Technologies	MNS	8 Nov
White Cliff Minerals	WCN	8 Nov
Challenger Gold	CEL	9 Nov
Impact Minerals	IPT	9 Nov
Inca Minerals	ICG	9 Nov
Reward Minerals	RWD	9 Nov

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Applyflow Ltd	AFW	7 Nov
Critical Minerals Group	CMG	3 Nov
Kalina Power	KPO	3 Nov
Mayur Resources	MRL	3 Nov
Omnia Metals Group	OM1	30 Oct
R3D Resources	R3D	3 Nov
Resources & Energy Group	REZ	27 Oct
St George Mining	SGQ	3 Nov
Scorpion Minerals	SCN	3 Nov



downside, falling by 1.4% against consensus for a 0.1% decline as was recorded for August.

Germany's October construction PMI fell to 38.3 from 39.3.

In the **UK**, the Halifax October house price index placed prices 1.1% higher for the month and 3.2% lower than for October 2022.

Forecasters had anticipated a much slighter 0.2% increase for the month, after September's respective 0.3% and 4.5% falls.

The BBA October mortgage rate rose to 8.01% from 7.93%.

The BRC retail sales monitor, released early yesterday, indicated October like-for-like sales were 2.6% higher than for October 2022, against a 2.8% September year-on-year increase.

Overnight, the UK hosted a 10-year treasury gilt auction which delivered a 4.405% yield from 4.444%.

In the **US**, September international trade statistics included a \$US61.5B deficit, against expectations for a \$US59.9B shortfall following a \$US58.7B August deficit.

Meanwhile, September quarter total household debt was estimated at \$US17.29 trillion from \$US17.06 trillion for the June quarter.

Consumer credit grew by \$9.06B in September after dropping by \$US15.63B during August.

Tonight in the US, Federal Reserve governor Jerome Powell is scheduled to speak publicly.

Among US data releases, September wholesale inventories are due, together with weekly mortgage applications.

In addition, the US hosts a 10-year note auction.

Elsewhere, Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey is scheduled to speak publicly.

Further tonight, the UK hosts a 28-year index-linked treasury gilt auction and Germany a 10-year bond auction.

Companies expected to report **earnings** or provide updates later today or tonight include: Adidas, Airbus, Bayer, Biogen, Credit Agricole, Fujifilm, Fujitec, Honda Motor, Japan Pulp & Paper, Kirin Holdings, Mitsui Chemicals, Pandora, Ricoh, Ryobi, Singapore Telecommunications (Optus owner), Softbank, Sumitomo Metal Mining, Take-Two Interactive and Walt Disney and Warner Bros.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Dec)	1973.5	oz	-15.1	-0.8
Silver (COMEX 5000 Dec)	22.59	oz	-0.64	-2.8
Platinum	891	oz	-13	-1.5
WTI Crude (NYMEX Dec)	77.37	bbbl	-3.45	-4.3
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jan)	81.61	bbbl	-3.57	-4.2
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	125.95	t	-0.68	-0.5
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (6Nov)	8248	t	60	0.7
Nickel	18485	t	208	1.1
Aluminium	2291	t	31	1.4
Lead	2183	t	8	0.4
Zinc	2574	t	48	1.9
Tin	24688	t	307	1.3

Strandline Resources		STA	31 Oct	
Ex-Dividends				
Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
RMD	Today	5.35	0	0.80
ACQ	Tomorrow	4.25	100	8.21
NAC	Tomorrow	1.5	100	6.59
NSC	Tomorrow	1.25	100	7.30
WAT	Tomorrow	5	100	2.40
WBC	Tomorrow	72	100	6.28
JHG	Fri	61.59	0	4.50
SSR	Fri	8.29	0	1.65

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AKE	AGM
	ALG	AGM
	BOT	AGM
	BRG	AGM
	CNU	AGM
	DHG	AGM
	JHX	Sep Q; interim (w/cast tele 9am)
	MFG	AGM
	RCE	AGM
	RDX	AGM
	VSL	AGM
	WIN	AGM
	WDS	Investor day (w/cast 9.30am)
Tomorrow	BKL	AGM
	FSF	AGM
	JIN	AGM
	MYR	AGM
	NAB	Full year
	NEC	AGM
	ORI	Full year
	SWM	AGM
Fri	SZL	Sep Q (tele 10.30am)
	SGR	AGM
	TLG	Investor update (webinar 1.30pm)
	XRO	Interim
Fri	APM	AGM
	LPI	AGM
	MRM	AGM
	NHF	AGM
	SVR	AGM



Commodities Commentary

Oil – China’s October trade statistics, a stronger \$US and new supply figures combined to push prices lower overnight.

China’s October crude imports were calculated 13.5% higher year-on-year, at 11.53MMbbl/d, and 3.6% higher than for September.

The increases were largely attributed to new import quotas and Golden Week holiday demand.

January – October crude imports were reported 14.4% higher year-on-year, at 11.36MMbbl/d.

Refinery demand was reported to be slowing this month, however, and headline overall China trade statistics, in particular exports, concerned.

Meanwhile, a report estimated OPEC exports had risen by ~1MMbbl/d over the past two months.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report is due tonight from government agency the EIA.

Overnight, the EIA revised anticipated US 2023 crude output to 12.90MMbbl/d from 12.92MMbbl/d. In addition, the EIA lowered expected domestic overall petroleum demand, forecasting this would fall by 300,000bbl/d this year to 20.1MMbbl/d. The EIA had previously predicted a 100,000bbl/d rise.

Overnight post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) has released a weekly report which includes an estimated **11.9MMbbl build** in US crude stocks last week.

Gold – \$US strength coupled with China demand fears, given some weaker-than-anticipated October trade statistics reported yesterday, to push prices lower overnight.

US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell is scheduled to speak publicly tonight, his comments potentially swinging \$US trade and hence also gold sentiment.

Base metals – overnight trade reacted to fresh material data out of China yesterday, overall exports in particular fuelling fears regarding China’s growth prospects. In addition, a stronger \$US detracted from some overnight buying.

China’s October international trade figures, reported yesterday, included a larger-than-anticipated year-on-year decline in exports and an unexpected rise for imports. The trade balance came in at \$US56.53B against consensus for \$US82B following September’s \$US77.71B.

Copper imports (unwrought and products) were reported 23.7% higher year-on-year, at 500,168t, and 4.1% higher for the month.

January – October copper imports were down 6.7% year-on-year, however.

Copper ore and concentrate imports rose 11.3% year-on-year.

Iron ore imports fell 1.8% for the month, to 99.39Mt, but represented a 4.6% year-on-year increase.

January – October iron ore imports were up 6.5% year-on-year.

Steel product exports rose 53.3% year-on-year, to 7.94Mt, but were down 1.5% for the month.

January – October steel product imports dropped by 30.5% year-on-year, to 6.37Mt.

China’s October (CPI and PPI) inflation figures are anticipated tomorrow.

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6435	-0.0006	-0.09
EUR – USD	1.0700	-0.0008	-0.07

Australian Data Today

ABS	Building approvals (Sep)	Sep
RBA	Chart pack	Nov

US Data Tonight

Wholesale inventories	Sep
MBA mortgage applications; 30-year rates	3 Nov

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Tankan manufacturing	Nov
Japan	Leading economic index (prelim; 4pm AEDT)	Sep
Germany	CPI inflation (final)	Oct
Euro zone	Retail sales	Sep

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