

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5961	28	0.5
NZX 50	8047	-6	-0.1
DJIA Futures	23501	14	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	2589	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	6314	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade on strong overnight key commodity price gains, ahead of a RBA post-policy meeting statement followed by the running of the annual Melbourne Cup (3pm AEDST). In overnight commodities trade, **oil** rallied further. **Gold** futures swung higher. **Iron ore** surged. LME **copper** swung higher and rallied. **Nickel** continued to do so.

The **\$A** rose beyond US76.85c after trading at ~US76.55c yesterday evening.

Locally today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (**RBA**) holds a policy meeting after which it will release a statement **2.30pm** AEDST.

Pre-trade, a weekly consumer sentiment reading is due. Post-trade, the RBA publishes October reserve assets.

Meanwhile, **MQG** trades ex-dividend (\$2.05) today.

Regionally this evening, a foreign reserves update is expected out of **China**. October trade figures are keenly anticipated tomorrow.

This morning, the **New Zealand** government has released detailed plans for a two-phase review of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and its operational structure.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	23548	9	0.0
S&P 500	2591	3	0.1
NASDAQ	6786	22	0.3
FTSE 100	7562	2	0.0
DAX 30	13469	-10	-0.1
Shanghai Comp	3388	16	0.5

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European equities markets vacillated throughout overnight, but US equities trade trended higher for at least half the session, amid plenty of corporate deal-making news, rallying oil prices and key data out of the euro zone.

Meanwhile, **Bank of England** governor Mark Carney had warned over the weekend, of the impact on UK growth, negotiations to leave the European Union lead to a less-than-optimal deal for the UK, or no definitive deal at all.

This appeared to push the FTSE 100 lower in early trade.

Euro zone final October PMIs were calculated slightly higher than forecast, in the mid-50s.

September producer prices rose 0.6% for the month and 2.9% year-on-year.

RBA – policy statement 2.30pm AEDST

* Potash exploration (new domicile) listing **1pm** AEDST – **KP2** *

Melbourne Cup holiday in **Victoria** today

Today's Stock Watch

Suncorp Group (SUN) / Tower Ltd (TWR)

TWR has terminated the scheme implementation agreement with SUN 100% subsidiary Vero Insurance New Zealand.

Sun had been appealing a New Zealand Commerce Commission decision to decline SUN's application to acquire TWR, but will instead seek to optimise the value of its existing TWR holding.

Premier Investments (PMV)

Lindsay Fox and Gary Weiss are proposing to retire from the PMV board before 31 July 2018, after 30 and 23 years respectively.

RCG Corporation (RCG)

In association with a restructure and name change to Accent Group, RCG chairman Ivan Hammerschlag is retiring from the RCG board at the conclusion of the 23 November AGM.

Non-executive RCG director David Gordon is chairman-elect.

In addition, former Officeworks MD and (former) David Jones finance and operations director Stephen Goddard, and former Big W and David Jones executive Donna Player have been appointed RCG directors following the conclusion of the AGM.

Mr Goddard is a JB Hi-Fi (ASX: JBH) and GWA Group (ASX: GWA) director.

Ms Player is a Baby Bunting (ASX: BBN) director and Camilla Australia merchandise director.

Mr Hammerschlag has been RCG chairman for 11 years.

Creso Pharma (CPH)

Medicinal cannabis research collaborative agreement secured with The University of Wollongong. Details lodged this morning.

Resources

Birimian Ltd (BGS)

RC drilling has confirmed additional mineralisation within the Goulamina lithium project. Initial analysis anticipated within two weeks.

Kore Potash Plc (* KP2) / Kore Potash Ltd (K2P)

The effective new UK-based parent of explorer Kore Potash Ltd (ASX: K2P), Kore Potash Plc, is expected to list on the ASX 1pm AEDST.

K2P shares were suspended from ASX trade at close of trade yesterday. 768.16M shares will settle as CDIs from today's listing. KP2 trade will commence on a deferred settlement basis. Normal (T+2) trade is expected to begin 21 November.

Energy

Whitehaven Coal (WHC)

Acquiring the balance 30% of the Tarrawonga mine from Idemitsu, pending regulatory and other approvals.

WHC says another 18 years of mine life remains.

WHC trades ex-dividend (6c) Friday.

Elk Petroleum (ELK)

ELK has completed the \$US160M acquisition of a majority holding in the Greater Aneth oil field, including 60% of an Aneth-hosted CO₂ EOR project in the Rocky Mountains.

Germany's September industrial orders rose 1% against ~4% for August, but a 1.5% drop had been anticipated by some forecasters.

Final October composite and services PMIs undershot expectations but remained strong.

Tonight in the US, a monthly job openings survey, economic optimism report and consumer credit update are due.

Elsewhere, European Central Bank president Mario Draghi is scheduled to speak publicly.

Associated British Foods, Autohome, Mitsubishi Motors, Singapore Airlines, Toyota, Valeant Pharma and Weibo are among companies scheduled to report earnings today or tonight.

In overnight corporate news, **Broadcom** offered \$US130B for fellow chip manufacturer **Qualcomm**.

In the meantime, **Twenty-first Century Fox** was reported to be seeking a majority sale to **Disney**. This helped push **Netflix** lower.

easyJet reported a 9.9% year-on-year rise in October passenger numbers.

Qatar Airways in the meantime, announced plans to outlay \$US662M for 10% of **Cathay Pacific Airways**, making it Cathay's third largest shareholder.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1282	oz	13	1.0
Silver (NY) (Sep)	17.3	oz	0.5	2.5
Gold (LON)	1271	oz	4	0.3
Platinum	934	oz	15	1.6
WTI Crude (Nov)	57.4	bbbl	1.7	3.1
Brent Crude (Nov)	64.3	bbbl	2.2	3.5
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	63.4	t	3.5	5.8
Copper	6970	t	75	1.1
Nickel	12920	t	195	1.5
Aluminium	2172	t	-14	-0.6
Lead	2510	t	47	1.9
Zinc	3232	t	13	0.4
Tin	19450	t	-100	-0.5
CBT Wheat (Dec)	4.31	bshl	0.05	1.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices were pushed to new two-year peaks overnight.

Some of the activity was attributed to speculation regarding Saudi Arabia moves, in light of dozens of arrests over the weekend a few hours after an anti-corruption commission was set up.

Gold – geopolitical uncertainties, and a second US Federal Reserve governor announcing early leave from his tenure, appeared to unleash some safe-haven sentiment overnight. This, in association with a softer \$US, pushed prices into rally mode.

Base metals – a weaker \$US, combined with the latest oil rally, supported traditional *copper* trade overnight. Meanwhile, iron ore futures and spot prices had surged prior to LME trade.

Over the weekend, People's Bank of China governor Zhou Xiaochuan had noted domestic financial system risks and described these as 'hidden, complex, sudden, contagious and hazardous'.

Japan's 53.4 October services and composite PMIs, reported yesterday, represented 2.4 and 1.7-point respective gains.

China's October trade figures, anticipated tomorrow,

Pre-Open Announcements

Carnegie Clean Energy (CCE)

Albany project design and development activities underway. CCE is supported in this work with a \$15.75M grant from the WA Government.

Wattle Health (WHA)

Pleading ignorance in response an ASX price query. Operational updates were lodged 31 August and 26 October, WHA noted. WHA appreciated 25.6% yesterday, settling at \$2.11, after trading as high as \$2.23 on large-volume trade.

Resources

Lucapa Diamond Company (* LOM)

LOM has decided not to pursue an AIM listing after finalising all terms for the previously-flagged \$US15M financing facility with Equigold Pte Ltd.

LOM expects to draw \$US10M before the end of November in support of development of the Mothae project, Lesotho, southern Africa.

LOM has repaid a \$A5.5M bridging facility secured with First Class Securities.

AngloGold Ashanti (AGG)

September quarter operational statistics lodged post-trade yesterday, including 11% higher production totalling 997,000oz at a flat, \$US1071/oz AISC.

Metalicity Ltd (* MCT)

Reviewing the company's four lithium projects with the support of CSA Global.

European Lithium (EUR)

Presentation lodged this morning.

Hannans Ltd (HNR)

Chasing \$2.5M in an SPP for which terms and conditions will be lodged 10 November (Friday this week). HNR has traded at 1.8c – 2.1c over the past five sessions.

MinRex Resources (MRR)

James Ellingford has been appointed as an MRR non-executive director, effective Friday last week.

Energy

Bounty Oil & Gas (* BUY)

Tanzania Kilwani North-1 wellhead pressure is continuing to decline and daily production rates are fluctuating below 1MMcuff.

BUY may need to impair the carrying value of its interest.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Alt Resources	ARS	8 Nov
Blackham Resources	BLK	8 Nov
Caravel Minerals	CVV	8 Nov
Castle Minerals	CDT	8 Nov
Coziron Resources	CZR	8 Nov
G Medical Innovations Holdings	GMV	8 Nov
Greenpower Energy	GPP	8 Nov
Peel Mining	PEX	8 Nov
SECOS Group	SES	8 Nov
Structural Monitoring Systems	SMN	8 Nov
Gascoyne Resources	GCY	9 Nov



are expected to influence tomorrow night's trade and perhaps add caution to tonight's.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7691	0.0005	0.07
EUR – USD	1.1613	0.0003	0.03

Australian Data Today

ANZ/RMgn	Consumer sentiment	5Nov
RBA	Policy statement	Nov
RBA	Reserve assets	Oct

US Data Tonight

JOLTS job openings	Oct
IBD/TIPP economic optimism	Nov
Consumer credit	Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Foreign reserves (post-ASX trade)	Oct
Germany	Industrial production	Sep
Euro zone	Retail sales	Sep

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Hill End Gold	HEG	9 Nov
Kairos Minerals	KAI	9 Nov
Marindi Metals	MZN	9 Nov
Reedy Lagoon Corporation	RLC	9 Nov
Triton Minerals	TON	9 Nov

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Argosy Minerals	AGY	3 Nov
Bisan Ltd	BSN	2 Nov
Caeneus Minerals	CAD	30 Oct
Crusader Resources	CAS	2 Nov
Haoma Mining	HAO	18 Oct
Indo Mines	IDO	1 Nov
Korab Resources	KOR	3 Nov
Neurotech International	NTI	13 Oct
Oriental Technologies	OTI	1 Nov
Quest Minerals	QNL	2 Nov
ServTech Global Holdings	SVT	1 Nov
SIV Asset Management	SAM	10 Oct
Soon Mining	SMG	23 Oct
Stargroup Ltd	STL	19 Oct
Wavenet International	WAL	30 Oct
Wolf Petroleum	WOF	30 Oct
XPD Soccer Gear Group	XPD	11 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
BIS	Today	2.5	100	3.16
CBC	Today	1.55	100	2.77
CCP	Today	31	100	2.68
MQG	Today	205	45	4.88
OGC	Today	0.98	0	0.55
BKW	Tomorrow	34	100	3.65
KPG	Tomorrow	1	100	0.62
RMD	Tomorrow	3.21	0	1.15
API	Thu	3.5	100	4.56
NAB	Thu	99	100	6.27
RBD	Thu	~10.59	0	0.00
WAT	Thu	3	100	2.78
CSR	Fri	13.5	50	5.82
KMD	Fri	8.23	100	5.63
WHC	Fri	10	0	tbc

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Tomorrow	ACX	AGM
	ALU	AGM
	BTT	Full-year
	CBA	Trading update
	DMP	AGM
	FMG	AGM
	MGX	AGM
	SGM	AGM
	VAH	AGM
Thu	CHC	AGM
	FLT	AGM



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	GMG	Q1 2018
	JHX	Interim; Q2
	KAR	AGM
	REA	Q1 2018
	TME	AGM
Fri	NVT	AGM
	NWS	Sep Q