

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5981	-10	-0.2
NZX 50	8167	-9	-0.1
DJIA Futures	23569	7	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2602	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	6413	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens this morning following the first full US equities trading session since Wednesday last week, and this morning's publication of **US Federal Reserve** chair nominee Jerome Powell's prepared testimony for his confirmation meeting with a Senate banking committee tonight.

Overnight price falls across several commodities are likely to impact at least some early trade.

WTI crude swung lower. **US gold** futures gained. **Iron ore** (China port, 62% Fe) turned to trade lower. **LME copper** fell. **Nickel** dropped.

The **\$A** fell to ~US76.0c after trading at US76.20c early yesterday evening.

Locally pre-trade, a weekly consumer sentiment index is due.

TNE trades ex-dividend today, but is not the only high-profile stock to do so this week.

Several large-cap stocks also hold **AGMs**.

Please see p3 for detailed lists.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	23581	23	0.1
S&P 500	2601	-1	-0.0
NASDAQ	6879	-11	-0.2
FTSE 100	7384	-26	-0.4
DAX 30	13000	-60	-0.5
Shanghai Comp	3322	-32	-0.9

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy trade featured across major European equities markets overnight and US markets mostly gave up early gains in a session that indicated skittish sentiment.

Sector-specific factors also weighed. An oil price fall hurt energy stocks, and a major researcher downgraded chip manufacturers.

US retail sales from 'Black Friday' through Sunday 'were reported at a record ~US8B, bolstering expectations of ~\$US7B for 'Cyber Monday' and supporting select retail sector trade, however.

In **US** data releases, October new home sales were calculated 6.2% higher, at a 10-year peak, following expectations of a fall.

A Texas region November manufacturing index pulled back 8.2 points to 19.4. A decline was forecast but by less than half that magnitude.

In **Germany**, a from-the-top-promoted possible four-way coalition, rather than the initially proposed

US Federal Reserve – prepared testimony for nominated chair Jerome Powell has been published this morning, ahead of a US Senate committee confirmation hearing tonight.

Today's Stock Watch

Telstra Corporation (TLS)

CEO Andrew Penn is guest speaker at an AmCham lunch in Sydney today, amid estimations of a significant NBN delay TLS revenue impact.

Slater & Gordon (SGH)

UK business separation plans may take 18 months from SGH's proposed recapitalisation to effectively complete.

SGH shareholders are due to vote on the recapitalisation plans at the 6 December AGM in Melbourne.

Carnegie Clean Energy (CCE)

Indigenous Business Australia and Perth Noongar Foundation have agreed terms to own 50% of CCE's proposed solar project at Northam, Western Australia.

Parties have entered an exclusive negotiation period in order to finalise documentation for the proposed deal.

SUDA Ltd (SUD)

Exercising an option to acquire the IP relation to a new anti-cancer and anti-thrombotic agent known as anagrelide.

SUD is targeting the development of an anagrelide oro-mucosal spray using the company's OroMist®.

No initial payments are due under an agreement with UK-headquartered Aluztra Bio, but Aluztra will benefit from net sales or income-based royalties.

Healthscope Ltd (HSO)

Today's investor day presentation lodged.

Mayne Pharma (MYX)

Chairman's speech for today's AGM lodged.

Resources

BHP Billiton (BHP)

Targeting further cost cuts across the group's Australian projects.

Presentation lodged this morning in association with an Olympic Dam-focused webcast briefing in Adelaide this morning.

Lynas Corporation (LYC)

Today's AGM presentation and chairman's speech lodged, together with exploration results.

Altech Chemicals (ATC)

London 121 Mining Investment presentation lodged this morning. ATC is also listed in London.

Energy

South32 Ltd (S32)

Proposing to operate South Africa Energy Coal as a stand-alone business from April 2018.

In association, S32 plans to pour ~\$US300M into the Klipspruit colliery with the aim of extending its life by 20 years.

Development activity is scheduled to commence by year's end.

First production from an open cut mine is anticipated during FY 2019. Studies have produced an estimated 20% IRR.

Origin Energy (ORG)

Today's investor day presentation lodged.

three-party government, was cited as one reason the euro traded at a two-month peak against the \$US.

Tonight in the US, Jerome Powell, nominated as the next US Federal Reserve chair, meets with a Senate banking committee as part of his confirmation.

Among data releases, October wholesale inventories, two house price indices, a consumer confidence report and a regional manufacturing index are due.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1294	oz	7	0.6
Silver (NY) (Sep)	17.1	oz	0.0	0.2
Gold (LON)	1295	oz	4	0.3
Platinum	946	oz	5	0.5
WTI Crude (Jan)	58.1	bbl	-0.8	-1.4
Brent Crude (Jan)	63.8	bbl	-0.2	-0.2
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	67.3	t	-0.6	-1.0
Copper	6942	t	-60	-0.9
Nickel	11570	t	-465	-3.9
Aluminium	2135	t	3	0.1
Lead	2465	t	-15	-0.6
Zinc	3187	t	-49	-1.5
Tin	19525	t	15	0.1
CBT Wheat (Dec)	4.10	bshl	-0.06	-1.6

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight trade indicated some caution ahead of possible currency swings this week and any definitive outcomes from the OPEC meeting Thursday.

OPEC representatives were reported overnight to have claimed a working panel had last week concluded no market rebalance was likely before mid-2018.

Gold – an early softer \$US helped support overnight prices, but better-than-anticipated US October new home sales diluted early six-week-high gains. The \$US was subsequently pushed higher by rate rise expectations.

Federal Reserve chair nominee Jerome Powell is scheduled to meet with a Senate banking committee tonight as part of his confirmation process. His prepared testimony has been published this morning AEDST.

Base metals – general sentiment appeared unsettled by China's equities markets which have reacted during recent sessions to changing lending rules.

China reduced growth and demand talk also resurfaced.

China's October industrial profits, reported yesterday, rose 25.1% year-on-year, against 27.7% in September.

For January – October, profits improved 23.3%.

November PMIs for China are anticipated Thursday.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7604	0.0002	0.03
EUR – USD	1.1899	0.0001	0.01

Pre-Open Announcements

Updater Inc (* UPD)

Licences secured to sell insurance in the US will likely cover all 50 States by year's end.

UPD has appointed former S&P market intelligence chief scientist Galen Warren as executive VP engineering within the insurance division.

In addition, UPD has established a San Francisco office from which all data functions will be managed.

In association, UPD has appointed Zack Shalvarjian as VP data. Mr Shalvarjian previously headed Heroku's San Francisco data science & analytics and data engineering & operations functions.

Webjet Ltd (WEB)

Today's 'emerging technology' conference presentation lodged.

WEB has traded lower the past four sessions, settling at \$9.25 yesterday.

Goldfields Money (GMY)

FirstMac Holdings will not extend its \$1.27 cash-per-share on-market offer for GMY. The bid is due to close Friday.

GMY favours a competing merger proposal from Finsure.

GMY closed 6.15% higher for the session yesterday, at \$1.38 after trading as high as \$1.45.

Bio-Gene Technology (* BGT)

Agricultural insecticide developer scheduled to list 11am AEDST tomorrow following a \$7.1M IPO at 20c per share. ~104.5M shares.

Resources

Artemis Resources (* ARV)

115oz of specimen gold recovered from the WA Pilbara Silica Hills project, located on granted mining leases, since 29 September.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Dotz Nano	DTZ	28 Nov
Ishine International Resources	ISH	28 Nov
Meteoric Resources	MEI	28 Nov
New Century Resources	NCZ	28 Nov
Actinogen Medical	ACW	29 Nov
Bingo Industries	BIN	29 Nov
Connexion Media	CXZ	29 Nov
Genera Biosystems	GBI	29 Nov
G Medical Innovations Holdings	GMV	29 Nov
Hastings Technology Metals	HAS	29 Nov
Minbos Resources	MNB	29 Nov
Rhinomed Ltd	RNO	29 Nov
Spectur Ltd	SP3	29 Nov
Traka Resources	TKL	29 Nov
Velpic Ltd	VPC	29 Nov
Winchester Energy	WEL	29 Nov

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Bisan Ltd	BSN	2 Nov
Centennial Mining	CTL	24 Nov
Creso Pharma	CPH	27 Nov

**Australian Data Today**

ANZ/RMgn Consumer sentiment 26 Nov

US Data Tonight

Wholesale inventories	Oct
FHFA house prices	Sep
Case-Shiller house price index	Sep
Conf Board consumer confidence	Nov
Richmond Fed manufacturing	Nov

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Germany	GfK consumer confidence	Nov
Germany	Import prices	Oct
UK	BoE financial stability	Nov

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FE Ltd	FEL	22 Nov
iCandy Interactive	ICI	15 Nov
JustKapital Ltd	JKL	22 Nov
Marquee Resources	MQR	15 Nov
Minrex Resources	MRR	24 Nov
Oriental Technologies	OTI	1 Nov
Red Emperor Resources	RMP	8 Nov

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
TNE	Today	7.6	75	1.57
ALQ	Tomorrow	8	40	2.22
AOD	Tomorrow	0.33	48.48	7.83
GNC	Tomorrow	15	100	3.80
KBC	Tomorrow	0.5	100	4.17
OFX	Thu	2.4	100	3.87
USR	Fri	15	0	4.12
EVO	4 Dec	2.26	0	6.72
MSG	4 Dec	0.1	0	4.55
FPH	5 Dec	~7.90	0	1.57

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AGI	AGM
	BKW	AGM
	GTY	AGM
	HSO	Investor day
	LYC	AGM
	MYX	AGM
	NSR	AGM
	ORG	Investor day
	RSG	AGM
Tomorrow	CKF	AGM
	CMW	AGM
	PPC	AGM
	SBM	AGM
	SFR	AGM
	SEK	AGM
	SPO	AGM
	Thu	ALL
BOQ		AGM
MAH		AGM
RFG		AGM
RIC		AGM
TTS		AGM
Fri	PMV	AGM