

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6434	130	2.1
NZX 50	12664	102	0.8
DJIA Futures	29048	844	3.0
S&P 500 Futures	3544	43	1.2
NASDAQ Futures	11821	-255	-2.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with key economic indicators due both domestically and out of China, following strong gains for most major international equities markets overnight.

The gains were attributed to positive news from the developers of a potential Covid-19 vaccine.

Regionally today, China is due to report October producer prices and CPI 12.30pm AEDT.

Japan reports October bank lending today, and also hosts a 30-year bond auction.

Locally today, the NAB monthly business conditions and outlook survey is due 11.30am AEDT.

Pre-trade, a weekly consumer sentiment reading is due.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** prices on both sides of the Atlantic soared.

US **gold** futures (Dec) tumbled.

LME **copper** settled modestly lower. **Nickel** turned and rallied.

Aluminium closed slightly lower.

The **\$A** fell to ~US72.80c after trading at ~US790c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	29158	835	3.0
S&P 500	3551	41	1.2
NASDAQ	11714	-181	-1.5
FTSE 100	6186	276	4.7
DAX 30	13096	616	4.9
Shanghai Comp	3374	62	1.9

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets were propelled higher overnight, with news that a potential **Covid-19** vaccine had produced protection in 90% of 94 trial volunteers fuelling virus containment hopes.

In addition, the vaccine, under development and phase-three trialling by Pfizer and BioNTech, was reported to have produced no safety issues.

Further, more comprehensive results were anticipated by the

China – PPI and CPI – 12.30pm AEDT

* Mineral exploration listing – 11am AEDT – DEX *

* Data services listing - 12.30pm AEDT – DC2 *

Today's Stock Watch
James Hardie Industries (JHX)

49% lower, \$US96.2M interim NPAT. 4% higher, \$US1.36B net sales. Anticipating paying a full year FY21 dividend.

Incitec Pivot (IPL)

19.0% lower, \$A123.4M full year NPAT.

0.6% higher, \$A3.94B ordinary activities revenue.

Nil final dividend, against 3.4c, 1.02c-franked a year ago.

\$1.12 NTA, against 94c.

Fletcher Building (FBU)

Teleconference scheduled to commence **10am** AEDT.

1% higher year-on-year, \$NZ2.68B July – October revenue.

\$NZ1.4B liquidity. \$NZ388M net debt.

Suncorp Group (SUN)

Suncorp Bank September quarter statistics lodged pre-trade.

Sims Metals Management (SGM)

Today's AGM materials lodged.

Pushpay Holdings (PPH)

Today's investor day presentation lodged pre-trade.

Immutep Ltd (IMM)

Reporting encouraging interim TACTI-002 phase two study results. Details lodged this morning.

DC Two (* DC2)

Data services specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **12.30pm** AEDT, following a \$5.5M IPO at 20c per share.

30.34M quoted securities.

Resources
New World Resources (NWC)

Arizona, US Antler copper deposit drilling has delivered a new thick zone of mineralisation.

Duke Exploration (* DEX)

Mineral explorer scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEDT, following an \$8M IPO at 25c per share.

74.85M quoted securities.

Energy
Beach Energy (BPT)

Declaring the Enterprise 1 well as a new gas discovery, with 115m of preliminary net gas pay in the upper Waarre formation. Low CO₂ indicated. BPT 60% and operator.

developers sooner-rather-than later, as testing has been carried out across six countries, on 43,500 people.

Challenges were said to include storage at below -80C temperatures.

Across the major markets trading past the release of the news, the NASDAQ proved the only exception to maintaining significant gains.

In the meantime, the **UK** and **European Union** (EU) confirmed the resumption of talks in London aimed at reaching trade and borders arrangement agreement ahead of the 31 December expiry of the UK' transition period for its separation from the EU.

For its part, the EU is planning to effect new tariffs on US imports from tonight, sparked by a trade dispute involving Boeing subsidies and US tariffs implemented last year on certain EU imports.

The EU trade commissioner however, said he expected both sides to work towards removing all the relevant tariffs, from sometime in 2021.

Meanwhile in the **US**, the president announced he had dismissed the defence secretary.

Reports also emerged of possible new US sanctions against individuals and groups in Iran from as early as next week.

Financial sector issues including climate change and digital currencies were also again brought into focus overnight, in part due to a UK government policy plan announcement, and also a 'Green Horizon Summit' hosted by the City of London Corporation and the Green Finance Institute, with the support of the World Economic Forum.

The UK chancellor announced key government finance priorities, including working with other central banks on digital currencies that would enhance the safety and efficiency of payments internationally, and introducing a (UK) sovereign bond targeting climate change support.

Pending market conditions, the UK government planned to issue its first 'Sovereign Green Bond' in 2021, the chancellor said.

Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey expressed support for the government's proposed financial services initiatives and for his part, also promoted climate change action while speaking at a (virtual) climate change summit.

European Central Bank (ECB) president Christine Lagarde also spoke publicly at the 'Green Horizon Summit'.

In a notable direct reference to climate change, the **US Federal Reserve** also spelt out climate change risks, in the bank's six-monthly financial stability report, released overnight.

The report also warned of asset price drops and debt defaults from the adverse economic impacts of Covid-19.

In overnight **data** releases, **Germany's** September trade figures generally encouraged, the trade surplus rising to €20.8B from a €11.9B for August.

Exports rose 2.3% following forecasts of a 2% increase, and against 2.4% for August.

Imports slipped 0.1% after growing by 5.8% in August and following expectations of a 2.1% rise.

Sentix's investor confidence index for the **euro zone** declined to -10 from -8.3, but -15 had been favoured by forecasters.

Pre-Open Announcements

Mayne Pharma (* MYX)

Confirming chairman Roger Corbett and MYX substantial shareholder, and director and MYX substantial shareholder Bruce Mathieson, will retire from the MYX within 12 months, pending several product approvals.

MYX intends to appoint a US-based chairman, and an Australian-based deputy chair.

MYX NextStellis development partner Mithra Pharmaceuticals will boost its MYX shareholding from 4.95% to 9.6% on NextStellis US FDA approval and will be afforded the right to nominate an MYX director.

Smiles Inclusive (SIL)

Voluntary administrators appointed.

Resources

Kore Potash (* KP2)

Production target and financial outcomes updates to the Dougou potash project extension pre-feasibility study lodged post-trade yesterday.

KP2 holds 97% of the project, which is located in the Sintoukola Basin, Republic of Congo.

Kogi Iron (KFE)

Craig Hart has been appointed KFE chairman, taking over from recent chair Greg Boulton.

Mr Boulton has retired from his chairman's role, but is remaining a KFE non-executive director until the conclusion of the company's AGM.

In addition, David Turvey has retired as MD, also effective immediately but he, too, will remain a KFE director until the conclusion of the company's AGM.

Walkabout Resources (WKT)

Shaun Menezes has been appointed to take over from Ian Hobson, who has resigned as WKT company secretary.

Los Cerros (LCL)

Jessamyn Lyons is sole LCL company secretary following the resignation of joint company secretary Julia Beckett.

Energy

Marenica Energy (MEY)

Extending the \$3.75M, 8.8c-per-share SPP closing date by seven days to 17 November due to postal delays.

MEY has traded at 8.9c – 9.3c over the past five trading days.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Altech Chemicals	ATC	10 Nov
Firefinch Ltd	FFX	10 Nov
Auroch Minerals	AOU	11 Nov



In the **US**, an October consumer inflation expectations reading came in at 2.84% from 2.98% in September.

Tonight in the **US**, a September job openings report, November economic optimism and October small business optimism index are due.

In addition, the US conducts a 10-year treasury notes auction.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: Adidas, Autohome, Casio Computer, Fujifilm, JGC, Lyft, Seiko, Shiseido, Tencent Music Entertainment and Warner Music.

In overnight corporate news, **McDonald's** announced plans for new products, including some that will be plant-based, and a rewards scheme, while reporting a September quarter international revenue drop that proved less than feared.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1854.4	oz	-97.3	-5.2
Silver (NY) (Dec)	23.73	oz	-1.93	-7.3
Gold (LON) (6 Nov)	1941	oz		
Platinum	860	oz	-27	-3.0
WTI Crude (NYMEX Dec)	40.29	bbbl	3.15	8.5
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	42.40	bbbl	2.95	7.5
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%) (6 Nov)	117.63	t		
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	6931	t	-18	-0.3
Nickel	15755	t	388	2.5
Aluminium	1900	t	-5	-0.2
Lead	1857	t	12	0.7
Zinc	2653	t	17	0.6
Tin	18455	t	98	0.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight news of positive Covid-19 vaccine trial results pushed up hopes for sooner-rather-than later increased international oil demand.

Ahead of its monthly oil market report, the International Energy Agency confirmed recently-imposed new lockdowns had lowered oil demand expectations.

In the meantime, Saudi Arabia's energy minister also confirmed a possible adjustment to output levels from meetings to be held by OPEC and OPEC+ 30 November and 1 December.

Among the forecasters, Citi Research lowered its 2021 crude price predictions for WTI and Brent by \$US5/bbl to \$US49/bbl and \$US54/bbl respectively.

Gold – US Comex futures dropped overnight in the first official trade since the US president-elect was declared, but this was attributed to broad optimism regarding the progress of a potentially successful vaccine against Covid-19.

Meanwhile, McKinsey CIB Insights reported revenue for the top-10 investment banks had been bolstered by gold during the September quarter.

Base metals – LME copper traded at ~two-year peaks (\$US7054/t) intra-session overnight on general optimism for nearer-than-anticipated potential containment of Covid-19 and hopes for improved international trade relations.

China's October **trade** figures, reported over the weekend, also

Kleos Space	KSS	11 Nov
Paterson Resources	PSL	11 Nov
Victory Mines	VIC	11 Nov
Vitalharvest Freehold Trust	VTH	11 Nov
Buddy Technologies	BUD	13 Nov
NeuroScientific Biopharmaceuticals	NSB	13 Nov
Suvo Strategic Minerals	SUV	13 Nov
Synlait Milk	SM1	13 Nov
Thomson Resources	TMZ	13 Nov

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Consolidated Financial Holdings	CWL	16 Oct
Cyclone Metals	CLE	19 Oct
Emerge Gaming	EM1	30 Oct
Fremont Petroleum Corporation	FPL	3 Nov
IXUP Ltd	IXU	6 Nov
MedAdvisor Ltd	MDR	6 Nov
New Energy Minerals	NXE	15 Oct
Recce Pharmaceuticals	RCE	5 Nov
Resource Generation	RES	26 Oct
Scout Security	SCT	6 Nov
Triple Energy	TNP	28 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
SRH	Today	1	100	0.00
API	Tomorrow	2	100	3.54
RMD	Tomorrow	3.88	0	0.41
RND	Tomorrow	10	100	0.00
TBR	Tomorrow	20	100	0.00
WBC	Tomorrow	31	100	4.50
ACQ	Thu	3.75	100	4.70
NAB	Thu	30	100	5.72
PL8	Fri	0.4	100	4.88

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	CTP	AGM
	DHG	AGM
	INA	AGM
	IPL	Full year
	JHX	Interim; Sep Q (9am)
	PPH	Investor day
	SGM	AGM
	URW	AGM (7pm)



influenced select trade and ultimate prices.
China's October **producer prices** and **CPI** are anticipated today.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7274	-0.0007	-0.10
EUR – USD	1.1813	0.0001	0.01

Australian Data Today

ANZ/RoyMgn	Consumer sentiment	8 Nov
NAB	Business survey (conditions, outlook)	Oct

US Data Tonight

IBID/TIPP economic optimism	Nov
NFIB small business optimism	Oct
JOLTS job openings	Sep

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	PPI	Oct
China	CPI	Oct
Japan	Bank lending	Oct
Japan	Eco watchers survey (4pm AEDT)	Oct
UK	Unemployment claims	Oct
UK	Average earnings	Sep
UK	ILO unemployment	Sep
Germany	ZEW economic conditions	Nov
Euro zone	ZEW economic sentiment; expectations	Nov

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Tomorrow	AST	Interim
	BIN	AGM
	CUV	AGM
	CBA	Sep Q
	CPU	AGM
	CEN	AGM
	ECX	Full year
	ED1	AGM
	FMG	AGM
	IFM	AGM
	MGX	AGM (3pm)
	NEA	AGM
	NCM	AGM
	PPK	AGM (3pm)
WPL	Investor briefing	
Thu	AVH	Sep Q (5.30am)
	BRG	AGM
	COE	AGM
	DTL	AGM
	EHL	AGM
	GDI	AGM
	GNC	Full year (w/cast tele 10am)
	MPL	AGM
	NEC	AGM
	SWM	AGM
	SHL	AGM
	TLS	Investor day
	VCX	AGM
	WES	AGM
WOW	AGM	
XRO	Interim	
Fri	MCR	AGM (4pm)
	NXT	AGM
	ORE	AGM
	PNV	AGM