

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7428	19	0.3
NZX 50	12891	-11	-0.1
DJIA Futures	36061	52	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4696	17	0.4
NASDAQ Futures	16301	113	0.7

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade with an \$A depreciation, two key domestic economic reports due by late morning, a September quarter update from a major domestic bank pre-trade, and full year results from a batch of high-profile domestic stocks, ahead of CPI readings out of the UK and euro zone tonight.

Overnight US equities sentiment bounced.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes September quarter **wages** growth, **11.30am** AEDT.

The Westpac-Melbourne Institute monthly **leading indicators** report is due at 11am.

Regionally today, **Japan** is scheduled to report **October trade** figures **10.50am** AEDT.

In overnight commodities trade, Brent **crude** turned to settle higher. WTI closed with a slight decline.

US **gold** futures settled lower for a second consecutive session.

Iron ore (China port CFR, 62% fines) turned higher, surpassing \$US90.00/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** declined further, reportedly by more than 1%. **Nickel** was reported ~1% lower, and **aluminium** down by ~3%. *Last night's LME final price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication.*

The \$A declined to ~US73.00c after trading at ~US73.35c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	36142	55	0.2
S&P 500	4701	18	0.4
NASDAQ	15974	120	0.8
FTSE 100	7327	-25	-0.3
DAX 30	16248	99	0.6
Shanghai Comp	3522	-12	-0.3

Overseas Markets Commentary

Improved sentiment was evident across most major European, UK and US equities markets overnight, the UK's FTSE 100 proving the exception.

Yesterday, China's president Xi Jinping and US president Joe Biden

*** Mineral exploration listing – 12.30pm AEDT – LYN ***

*** Gold exploration listing – 2pm AEDT – KAL ***

Today's Stock Watch
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)

\$2.3B (unaudited) September quarter NPAT. \$2.2B cash NPAT. 12.5% CET1, 0.19% higher for the quarter.

Nufarm Ltd (NUF)

4c final dividend from no dividend a year ago.

\$65.13M full year NPAT, from a \$92.86M FY20 net loss.

\$3.216B revenue, from \$267,320. \$2.31 NTA from \$1.91.

United Malt Group (UMG)

3.5c final dividend from 3.9c a year ago.

70% lower, \$A13.8M full year NPAT.

4% lower, \$1.235B revenue. \$2.56 NTA against \$2.69.

ALS Ltd (ALQ)

15.8c, 4.7c-franked interim dividend, from 8.5c fully franked a year ago. 8.7% higher, \$74.1M interim NPAT.

22.9% higher, \$1.03B revenue.

Plenti Group (PLT)

\$7.475M interim net loss, from a \$6.619M loss a year ago.

43.4% higher, \$37.22M revenue. 23.41c NTA against 31.42c.

Noxopharm Ltd (NOX)

Resuming from a trading halt with subsidiary Pharmorage securing an exclusive, global RNA licensing agreement with the Hudson Institute of Medical Research. The deal is expected to boost mRNA vaccine potential opportunities.

Today's AGM materials also lodged this morning.

NOX last traded at 48.5c but is likely to open above 50c.

Resources
Black Earth Minerals (BEM)

Maniry project Razafy Northwest resource estimated at 2.9Mt @ 9.8% total graphitic carbon (TGC), for 283,000t of graphite.

This has pushed the Maniry indicated resource to 9.9Mt @ 7.7% TGC and the inferred resource to 13.2Mt @ 6.4% TGC.

Evolution Energy Minerals (EV1)

Exploration company completed an outstanding ASX listing yesterday, following a \$22M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 58.5c and traded at 57c – 70c before closing at 42c.

12.835M shares changed hands across 2532 transactions.

110M quoted shares.

Talga Resources (TLG)

MoU secured with Taiwan-headquartered Long Time Technology Co, targeting larger call trials following initial testing using TLG's natural graphite Talnode-C.



were confirmed to have spoken via video link post-US trade Monday, the meeting lasting more than three hours, into very early yesterday morning in the US.

Mr Xi and Mr Biden emphasised the importance of co-existence without conflict, despite retaining differences, and recognised each nation faced several challenges.

Central bank policies were again also in focus, yesterday afternoon (AEDT) **Reserve Bank of Australia** governor Philip Lowe stating the central bank viewed inflationary pressures within Australia as likely to remain relatively muted than in other nations.

Overnight, four **US Federal Reserve** officials were scheduled to speak publicly, at least two offering consumer sentiment indicated inflation was raising household stress levels such that Federal control could be needed.

In overnight **data** releases, the **euro zone's** final September quarter GDP reading confirmed 2.2% growth for the three months and 3.7% on an annualised basis.

This followed 2.1% and 14.2% respectively for the June quarter.

In the **UK**, the September unemployment rate was estimated at 4.3% from 4.5% in August.

Average earnings, excluding bonuses, rose by 4.9% during September.

For the September quarter, productivity declined by 1.2% after rising by 0.1% during the June quarter. Forecasters had anticipated a 0.5% September quarter productivity improvement.

During October, total UK unemployment claims fell by 14,900 after dropping by 51,100 in September.

In the **US**, October retail sales rose 1.7% higher for the month, this in part attributed to early end-of-year season buying amid fears of supply constraints.

Forecasters had anticipated a 1.2% rise following September's 0.8% increase.

October industrial production also surprise on the upside, with a 1.6% lift against expectations of just 0.6%.

October export and import prices were calculated 1.5% and 1.2% higher respectively, following forecasts for 0.7% and 0.8% climbs.

Against October 2020, prices were notably up 18.0% and 10.7%.

A home builders' housing market index improved to 83 from 80, defying forecasters who had expected a decline to 79.

September business inventories rose by 0.7% following a 0.8% August increase.

Tonight in the US, October building permits and housing starts are due, together with weekly mortgage applications.

Elsewhere, the UK reports October CPI growth and the euro zone releases a final October CPI reading.

In addition, Germany hosts a 30-year bond auction.

Companies scheduled to report earnings or provide trading updates later today or tonight include: Baidu, Cisco Systems, Kogas, Korea Zinc, Lowe's, Target, TJZX Companies and NVIDIA.

In overnight corporate news, US retailers **Walmart** and **Home Depot** each reported stronger-than-anticipated earnings.

Walmart also raised its full year profit forecast, but profit margins appeared to disappoint.

Pre-Open Announcements

City Chic Collective (* CCX)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

AMP Ltd (AMP)

AMP superannuation trustees have entered into an enforceable undertaking with the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) relating to certain historical matters within AMP's superannuation business.

APRA has acknowledged that AMP has addressed and completed remediation for several of these.

AMP anticipates incurring \$A40M - \$A45M costs for enforceable undertaking rectification and remediation.

Immutep Ltd (IMM)

Presentation for today's SITC webcast lodged pre-trade.

The webcast was scheduled to commence at 8am AEDT.

Auckland International Airport (AIA)

Passenger numbers dropped 92% year-on-year during September. For the financial year to date however, numbers are up 10.7%.

The October passenger tally has been initially estimated at 92.5% below that for October 2020.

PlaySide Studios (PLY)

Conducting a \$15M placement and \$3M SPP, each at 75c per share, in support of business growth.

The SPP is planned for 22 November – 6 December.

PLY traded at 71c – 87.5c last week before calling a trading halt.

Waypoint REIT (WPRDA)

Planning a maximum \$50M on-market buy-back for up to 12 months from 1 December.

Creso Pharma (CPH)

CPH traded at 11.5c – 14c yesterday, with 28.56M shares changing hands.

In response to an ASX query, CPH pointed out that media articles alleged the Australian Federal Police were executing a search warrant at the offices of Everblu Capital of which CPH chair Adam Blumenthal is a director.

CPH did not otherwise know anything in relation to this, the company told the ASX.

Resources

Lycaon Resources (* LYN)

Exploration company scheduled to list on the ASX **12.30pm** AEDT, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share. 27M quoted shares.

Kalgoorlie Gold Mining (* KAL) / Ardea Resources (ARL)

Gold explorer and ARL spin-off KAL is scheduled to list on the ASX **2pm** AEDT, following a \$7.49M IPO at 20c per share. 72.43M quoted shares.

**Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1854.1	oz	-12.5	-0.7
Silver (NY) (Dec)	24.944	oz	-0.16	-0.6
Gold (LON)	1860	oz		
Platinum	1060	oz	-27	-2.5
WTI Crude (NYMEX Dec)	80.76	bbl	-0.12	-0.2
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jan)	82.43	bbl	0.38	0.5
Iron Ore (Qingdao) (CHN;62%Fe)	90.05	t	0.99	1.1
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (15 Nov)	9670	t		
Nickel	19591	t		
Aluminium	2657	t		
Lead	2326	t		
Zinc	3217	t		
Tin	37489	t		

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight prices were pushed and pulled by industry views, Covid-19 – related demand views, and commentary underscoring current tight supply, in part due to an easing of travel restrictions. In addition, the German energy regulator’s decision to suspend the approval process for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, designed to deliver natural gas from Russia to Europe, prompted revisions of forecast swaps from using gas for power production to alternatives requiring increased oil supply.

The International Energy Agency’s (IEA) monthly report, published overnight, included a view that while crude demand growth remained robust there were signs, including stockpiles data and producers reacting to higher prices, that suggested supply could soon become sufficient to push prices from rally mode.

The IEA raised its 2022 Brent mean average price prediction to \$US79.40/bbl, from \$US76.80/bbl last month, against an estimated \$US71.50/bbl 2021 average, this revised from \$US70.40/bbl.

The agency also said it did not expect US crude production to reach pre – Covid-19 levels until late 2022.

Meanwhile, **OPEC** secretary general Mohammad Barkindo reiterated a supply surplus was likely from December and that OPEC+ members would need to be ‘very, very cautious’ when considered a further lift on production curbs at the 2 December meeting.

US weekly petroleum inventories are due from government agency the EIA tonight.

Overnight, the EIA ventured any oil released from US strategic reserves would ultimately prove of only short-term effect.

Also overnight, post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute released a weekly report which included an estimated 655,000bbl increase in crude stocks last week.

Gold – the \$US at ~16-month peaks (ICE \$US index +0.4%) damaged overnight gold sentiment, some better-than-anticipated US data supporting views the US Federal Reserve would tighten monetary policy in the near term.

Prices swung intra-session however, Comex futures trading as high as \$US1879.5/oz (the most within a session in the past five

ARL holds 10.44%. Washington H Soul Pattinson (ASX: SOL) holds 2.31%.

Anglo Australian Resources (AAR)

AAR non-executive director and former chair John Jones AM has retired from the AAR board after a majority of shareholders voted against his re-election.

Mr Jones was initially elected as an AAR board member February 1990.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Agua Resources	AGR	17 Nov
AuKing Mining	AKN	17 Nov
Aumake Ltd	AUK	17 Nov
Globe Metals & Mining	GBE	17 Nov
Leaf Resources	LER	17 Nov
Lion Energy	LIO	17 Nov
MinRex Resources	MRR	17 Nov
Nexion Group	NNG	17 Nov
Pharmaxis Ltd	PXS	17 Nov
Raiden Resources	RDN	17 Nov
West Wits Mining	WWI	17 Nov
Wildcat Resources	WC8	17 Nov
Activex Ltd	AIV	18 Nov
Black Dragon Gold Corp	BDG	18 Nov
Blue Star Helium	BNL	18 Nov
Hiremii Ltd	HMI	18 Nov
Kingston Resources	KSN	18 Nov
Pacific Nickel Mines	PNM	18 Nov
Tinybeans Group	TNY	18 Nov
Turaco Gold	TCG	18 Nov
Volt Resources	VRC	18 Nov

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
BIR Financial	BIR	28 Oct
Intra Energy Corporation	IEC	3 Nov
Nex Metals Explorations	NME	1 Nov

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ACQ	Tomorrow	8	100	2.18
CBO	Tomorrow	3.3	20	0.00
IAP	Tomorrow	4.53	0	5.47
JHX	Tomorrow	40.5	0	0.00
ONT	Tomorrow	100	100	1.80
VTG	Tomorrow	39	100	8.94



months) before being pushed lower.

Base metals – a yet stronger \$US, China's falling coal prices hence reducing smelting costs, rising inventory levels and lower cash premiums prevailed to impact general overnight LME trade sentiment.

The official introduction of winter industrial restrictions in China would normally affect supply views, but even as China repeated coal supplies would continue to increase, the resulting increased power generation capacity appeared to offset seasonal supply reactions.

Meanwhile, copper cash premiums over three-month contract prices were reported as low as \$US32.50/t, this from more than \$US1100/t a month ago.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7305	-0.0048	-0.65
EUR – USD	1.1321	-0.0062	-0.55

Australian Data Today

ABS	Wage price index	Sep Q
Westpac/MelbInstitute	Leading index	Oct

US Data Tonight

Housing starts	Oct
Building permits	Oct
MBA mortgage applications	12 Nov

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Trade balance	Oct
Japan	Machinery orders	Sep
UK	CPI	Oct
Euro zone	CPI (final)	Oct

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ZEL	Tomorrow	6.72	0	3.80
FGX	Fri	3	100	1.77
KPG	Fri	0.36	100	1.43
ORI	Fri	16.5	0	1.60
SOL	Fri	36	100	1.94
WGB	Fri	5	100	1.98

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	A2M	AGM
	ABP	AGM (2.30pm)
	APT	AGM
	ALK	AGM (1.30pm)
	ALQ	Interim
	BWX	AGM
	CCX	AGM
	CBA	Sep Q
	CMW	AGM
	EML	AGM
	FWD	AGM (midday)
	HLA	AGM
	HPI	AGM
	LFG	AGM
	MOZ	AGM
	NOX	AGM
	NUF	Full year
	PDN	AGM (1pm)
	POD	AGM
	PTM	AGM
PLT	Interim	
PPS	AGM	
REM	AGM (1pm)	
SEK	AGM (4pm)	
SVW	AGM	
UMG	Full year	
Tomorrow	AFP	Interim
	ALU	AGM
	ALL	Full year
	AMA	AGM
	AAC	Interim
	AVZ	AGM (5pm)
	CAM	AGM
	BSL	AGM
	EHL	AGM
	FNP	AGM
	GMG	AGM
	IGO	AGM (3pm)
	JLG	AGM



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	MKG	AGM
	MPL	AGM
	MIN	AGM
	MGV	AGM
	NHC	AGM (1pm)
	NST	AGM (2pm)
	NZM	Investor day
	PFP	AGM
	QHL	AGM (2pm)
	RDT	AGM
	SHL	AGM
	TMR	AGM
	VRT	AGM
	WSA	AGM (6pm)
	WNC	AGM (2pm)
Fri	AX1	AGM
	BMN	AGM (midday)
	EZL	AGM (4.30pm)
	FZO	AGM (5pm)
	IMU	AGM
	MVF	AGM
	NAN	AGM
	NXT	AGM
	PXA	AGM
	RMD	AGM (9am)
	SLR	AGM (5pm)
	SYD	Oct
	WTC	AGM