

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7337	-20	-0.3
NZX 50	12993	-6	-0.1
DJIA Futures	35096	-37	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4474	-3	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	15282	-9	-0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with the latest policy meeting minutes from the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) due late-morning, a batch of high-profile stocks hosting AGMs and providing updates, and some large-cap resources stocks reporting for the September quarter, following mixed overnight international equities trade sentiment.

Locally today, the RBA publishes the **minutes** of the 5 October **policy meeting** at **11.30am** AEDT.

AGM and other corporate updates are expected to swing some trade also. *Please see p4 for a select list of today's events.*

Regionally today, no major economic reports are scheduled for release.

In overnight commodities trade, Brent **crude** turned more than 0.5% lower. WTI continued higher, but slightly so.

US **gold** futures extended Friday's decline a little.

Iron ore (China port CFR, 62% fines) continued lower, falling below \$US124.35/t.

LME final price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** was reported to have pulled back ~0.7%, however. **Nickel** reportedly settled essentially flat.

Aluminium was reported to have closed 0.5% lower for the session.

Comex copper remained unchanged, at \$US4.73/lb.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US74.10c after falling to US73.90c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	35259	-36	-0.1
S&P 500	4486	15	0.3
NASDAQ	15022	124	0.8
FTSE 100	7204	-30	-0.4
DAX 30	15474	-113	-0.7
Shanghai Comp	3568	10	0.3

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets demonstrated mixed risk sentiment overnight, the S&P 500 and NASDAQ gaining

Today's Stock Watch
CSL Ltd (CSL)

Today's R&D briefing materials lodged pre-trade.

Stockland (SGP)

Market update presentation lodged pre-trade, ahead of today's AGM.

Lark Distilling (LRK)

Resuming from a trading halt proposing to pay \$38.5M cash plus \$1.5M worth of LRK shares for the Kernke Family Shene Estate, which includes the Pontville distillery near Hobart, Tasmania.

In association, LRK has conducted a \$46.5M fully underwritten placement and plans a \$6.4M conditional, non-underwritten placement, each at \$5.00 per share. A \$5M SPP is also planned.

LRK traded at \$4.79 - \$5.12 last week, prior to calling the halt pre-trade yesterday.

Worley Ltd (WOR)

Services contract secured with an under-development Shell 820,000tpa low-carbon fuels facility in The Netherlands.

Resources
BHP Billiton (BHP)

Continuing to warn of Covid-19 adverse impacts on FY22 results while retaining guidance.

September quarter iron ore output fell 4% year-on-year and 3% for the three months, to 63.3Mt.

Petroleum output rose 3% and 2% respectively, to 27.5MMboe.

Energy coal output rose 17% year-on-year, but fell 6% for the quarter, to 4.2Mt. Metallurgical coal production fell 9% and 25% respectively, to 8.9Mt

Copper output fell 9% and 7% to 376,500t. Nickel production dropped 20% and 21% to 17,800t.

Northern Star Resources (NST)

Produced 373,475oz of gold and sold 386,160oz at a \$A1594/oz AISC during the September quarter.

Revenue tallied \$A848M from \$A2345/oz.

\$756M cash and bullion. \$262M corporate bank debt.

Vital Metals (VML)

MoU secured with Ucore Rare Metals for VML to supply an initial minimum 500tpa of rare earth carbonate (ex-cerium) for Ucore's ALASKA2023 project, from 1H 2024.

Lithium Australia (LIT)

Commercial-quality lithium titanium oxide anode powder manufacturing underway by LIT subsidiary VSPC.

unequivocally in contrast to other key indices.

Late weekend, **Bank of England (BoE)** governor Andrew Bailey indicated again the central bank would need to constrain inflation.

Earlier yesterday, **China** had reported a swag of influential economic indicators, including September quarter GDP.

Most undershot expectations, the 4.9% annualised GDP growth 3.0% lower than for the June quarter year-on-year growth estimate and 0.2% lower than forecast.

This was mostly attributed to a mix of electricity shortfalls, power use constraints, supply shortages and increased property sector debt regulation.

In scant overnight data releases, **US** September industrial production was reported 1.3% lower for the month after a 0.1% August decline and against forecasts for a 0.3% improvement.

Against September 2020, output was up 4.6%.

Manufacturing production fell 0.7% for the month following a 0.4% August pullback and against expectations of a 0.4% September turn higher.

A home builders' housing market index rose four points to 80 however, defying forecasts for a one-point decline to 75.

Tonight in the US, September building starts and housing permits are due.

In addition, at least three US Federal Reserve regional presidents are scheduled to publicly.

Elsewhere, BoE governor Mr Bailey is again also scheduled to speak publicly.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include: Bank of NY Mellon, Danone, Ericsson, Halliburton, Johnson & Johnson, Netflix, Procter & Gamble, Travelers and United Airlines.

In overnight corporate news, **Peabody Energy** confirmed a jump in seaborne coal demand and hence prices, reporting \$US900M worth of sales for the September quarter. This in turn pushed Peabody stock more than 20% higher overnight.

E-commerce IPO talk from last week pushed US retailer **Macy's** almost 20% higher.

Apple Inc also appreciated, but on a much slighter scale, after unveiling a MacBook update.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1765.7	oz	-2.6	-0.1
Silver (NY) (Dec)	23.257	oz	-0.09	-0.4
Gold (LON) (15 Oct)	1773	oz		
Platinum	1030	oz	-19	-1.8
WTI Crude (NYMEX Nov)	82.44	bbbl	0.16	0.2
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	84.33	bbbl	-0.53	-0.6
Iron Ore (Qingdao) (CHN;62% <i>f</i>)	124.32	t	-0.90	-0.7
Iron Ore (Nymex)	123.40	t	0.21	0.3
Copper (LME 3mth Evening, 15 oct)	10268	t		
Nickel	20016	t		
Aluminium	3168	t		
Lead	2335	t		
Zinc	3794	t		
Tin	37160	t		

Pre-Open Announcements

SCA Property Group (* SCP)

Anticipating at least 7.1c-per-unit 1H FY22 distribution and a minimum 7.9c for 2H, against previous guidance of 15c-per-unit for the full year.

September quarter operational statistics lodged pre-trade.

Promising a further guidance update at the 24 November AGM.

Star Entertainment Group (* SGR) / Slater & Gordon (SGH)

SGR intends to defend potential class actions alleging compliance inadequacies. SGR has not been served with any notices of proceedings but notes releases from SGH and Maurice Blackburn regarding potential class actions against SGR.

AFT Pharmaceuticals (AFP)

AFP-patented IV Maxigesic registration licences granted for the UK and Ireland. Sales are expected to commence during the March quarter 2022.

Digital Wine Ventures (DW8)

Following up last week's announcements of a total \$12.75M worth of commitments for placements at 5.6c per share, with a \$2M SPP at the same price, underway until 26 October.

DW8 has traded at 5.9c – 6.95c over its past four trading sessions, settling at 6c yesterday.

DXN Ltd (DXN)

DXN has completed the ~\$4.89M acquisition of Secure Data Centre, Darwin, Northern Territory.

RAM Essential Services Property Fund (* REP)

Commercial retail and medical real estate assets portfolio owner and operator scheduled to list on the ASX midday AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$356.9M IPO at \$1.00 per stapled security.

Trading will commence on a conditional and deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 26 October (Tuesday next week).

~521.08M quoted stapled securities.

ActivePort Group (* ATV)

Computer services specialist scheduled to list on the ASX 1pm AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$12M IPO at 20c per share.

~90.84M quoted shares.

Resources

Askari Metals (* AS2)

Heralding initial WA Kimberley region Horry copper – gold project field sampling and mapping indications.

Select assays lodged pre-trade.



Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices were pushed and pulled overnight by demand scenarios complicated by new data out of the US and China, and production forecasts by US government agency the EIA.

Early optimism regarding demand, in part due to expectations of a significant increase in international travel over the next six months, and higher demand for oil as an alternative electricity generation fuel, pushed Brent crude as high as \$US86.04/bbl intra-session, and WTI to \$US83.87/bbl.

Meanwhile, the EIA predicted US shale output would reach 8.29MMbbl/d during November, representing a 76,000bbl/d increase on October's forecast.

Gold – overnight gold interest was reportedly mostly hurt by rising bitcoin prices (>\$US62,000) and relatively strong 10-year US treasury yields (~1.595%).

Any new commentary from public appearances by US federal Reserve officials tonight could swing some sentiment.

Base metals – overnight LME trade was influenced by interpretations of a slew of data out of China, stockpile updates and mixed risk sentiment across equities trade.

Falling stockpiles propelled shorter-term delivery *copper* prices higher, the premium for cash prices exceeding \$US1000/t, but medium- and longer-term demand was again debated.

Benchmark three-month copper prices reportedly reached \$US10,452.50/t intra-session, however. Also intra-session, *aluminium* reportedly traded as high as \$US3229/t.

China's swagger of influential economic indicators, reported yesterday, mostly undershot expectations.

September quarter GDP was reported 4.9% higher year-on-year, against forecasts for 5.1% growth and following 7.9% annualised growth at the end of the June quarter.

January - September fixed asset investment rose 7.3% against January – September 2020, but an 8.1% increase had been anticipated.

January – August fixed asset investment had previously been reported 8.9% higher than for January – August 2020.

September industrial production was estimated 3.1% higher than for September 2020, against expectations for a 4.4% increase and following August's 5.3% year-on-year rise.

Retail sales rose by more than anticipated however, calculated 4.4% higher than for September 2020, well exceeding forecasts for a 2.3% rise following August's 2.5% year-on-year increase.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7410	0.0007	0.09
EUR – USD	1.1610	0.0032	0.27

Australian Data Today

RBA	Monetary policy meeting minutes	5 Oct
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Wildcat Resources (WC8)

Resuming from a trading halt with a series of updates following an ASX price query.

WC8 has lodged NSE Adrah gold project High prospect diamond drilling assays, and announced completion of soil sampling within the project's Taralba prospect and also for part of the WA Pilbara Bolt Cutter gold project.

WC8 traded 29.55% higher for the session Friday, settling at 5.7c after trading at 6c intra-session and closing out the previous week at 3.9c.

Global Lithium Resources (GL1)

WA Marble Bar region Twin Veins gold prospect follow up drilling has been completed and assaying is underway.

GL1 now intends to focus on Marble Bar lithium project targets.

Heritage work is continuing but some sampling has been completed.

Adavale Resources (ADD)

\$1.5M, 5.5c-per-share SPP underway, in support of nickel exploration in Tanzania and uranium exploration in South Australia.

ADD has traded at 5.5c – 6.4c over the past five trading sessions.

Pan Asia Metals (PAM)

Pleading ignorance in response to an ASX query.

PAM traded as high as 62c yesterday before settling at 59c, 29.67% higher for the session, and against Friday's 45.5c close. 11.37M shares change hands yesterday, across 1618 trades.

NickelSearch Ltd (* NIS) / Medallion Metals (MM8)

Explorer NIS completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$10M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 21.5c and traded at 20c – 25c before settling back at 20c.

4.598M shares changed hands across 336 transactions.

58.59M quoted shares.

MM8 divested the RAV8 nickel project, near Ravensthorpe, southern WA, to Australasian Mining, now known as NickelSearch, for ~15.71M shares.

MM8 held 15.10% on listing.

Alvo Minerals (* ALV)

Brazil-focused minerals exploration company scheduled to list on the ASX 11.30am AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$10M IPO at 25c per share.

72.83M quoted shares.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Latrobe Magnesium	LMG	19 Oct
Living Cell Technologies	LCT	19 Oct

**US Data Tonight**

Building starts	Sep
Housing permits	Sep

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Eurozone	Construction output	Aug
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Orbital Corporation	OEC	19 Oct
Caspin Resources	CPN	20 Oct
Firstwave Cloud Technology	FCT	20 Oct
Houston We Have	HWH	20 Oct
Perpetual Resources	PEC	20 Oct
Propel Funeral Partners	PFP	20 Oct
Trek Metals	TKM	20 Oct
YPB Group	YPB	20 Oct
Aristocrat Leisure	ALL	21 Oct

Suspensions *(selected)*

Company	Code	Since
4DS Memory	4DS	12 Oct
Kalina Power	KPO	12 Oct
Murray River Group	MRG	1 Oct
Stemcell United	SCU	29 Sep
Structural Monitoring Systems	SMN	8 Oct
Viagold Rare Earth Resources Holdings	VIA	15 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
KAT	Today	0.5	100	1.82
SNC	Today	2.75	100	4.84
CLT	Tomorrow	0.3	0	0.00
KPG	Tomorrow	1.16	100	1.38
SEC	Thu	2.5	100	3.40
CLV	25 Oct	0.5	100	2.10
NHC	25 Oct	7	100	1.60
SXE	26 Oct	4	100	0.00
CLX	27 Oct	2	100	1.94

Reports & Events*(selected; all times AEDT)*

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	BAP	AGM
	BHP	Sep Q
	BXB	AGM (4pm)
	COH	AGM
	CSL	R&D briefing (9am)
	DXS	AGM
	EBO	AGM
	FBU	AGM
	IEL	AGM
	MCY	Sep Q
	NST	Sep Q (tele 11am)
	SXY	Sep Q
	SGP	AGM
	TAH	AGM



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Tomorrow	ADH	AGM
	EVN	Sep Q (tele 11am)
	FLT	AGM
	KOV	AGM
	MYS	AGM
	ORG	AGM
	OZL	Sep Q
	SSM	AGM
	SUL	AGM
	TRS	AGM
Thu	APA	AGM
	AIA	AGM
	CLW	AGM
	CIM	Sep Q
	CWN	AGM
	HLS	AGM
	MFG	AGM
	ORA	AGM
	PPT	AGM
	STO	Sep Q
	TCL	AGM
	WES	AGM; Sep Q
	WPL	Sep Q
Fri	CWY	AGM
	EQT	AGM
	IAG	AGM
	LYC	Sep Q (w/cast tele 11am)
	MAH	AGM
	MMS	AGM
	SDF	AGM