

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDT)	6095	-55	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	12358	-113	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	27601	20	0.1
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	3397	4	0.1
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	11505	13	0.1

## Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with more than a dozen high-profile domestic stocks hosting AGMs and providing updates, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) deputy governor and an assistant governor meeting with the national Senate estimates committee and new data due out of China early afternoon.

Meanwhile, overnight international equities and commodities trade sentiment proved largely negative, this attributed mostly to Covid-19 and international economic health concerns.

During today's ASX trade, a final confirmation vote is anticipated for the US president's Supreme Court nominee, this viewed as significant pending US presidential election outcome disputes and any ultimate decision from the court.

**Locally** today, **RBA** deputy governor Guy Debelle and assistant governor Michele Bullock are scheduled to meet with the Australian Senate economics legislation committee **1.30pm AEDT**. Ms Bullock is also expected to speak during an Ayr Chamber of Commerce webinar, 6.30pm AEDT.

A weekly **consumer sentiment** reading is due pre-trade.

**Regionally** today, **China** is expected to release September **industrial profits 12.30pm AEDT**.

Also today, China's Communist Party Central Committee continues a four-day forum at which a new five-year economic and social plan will be formed.

**South Korea** is scheduled to release an initial September quarter **GDP estimate 10am AEDT**.

This morning, **New Zealand** has reported a \$NZ1.017B September trade deficit following a \$NZ353M August shortfall.

For January – September, New Zealand is sitting on a \$NZ1.7B trade surplus.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** continued to fall.

US **gold** futures (August) again settled little changed.

**Iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) was pushed slightly lower again, below \$US120.8/t.

LME **copper** and other key base metals mostly extended Friday's decline variously.

The **\$A** has been pushed below US71.20c this morning, after trading at US71.25c early yesterday evening.

**RBA** – deputy governor Guy Debelle and assistant governor (financial system) Michele Bullock are due to meet with the Australian Senate economics legislation (Senate estimates) committee **1.30pm AEDT**

Ms Bullock is also due to speak via webinar post-ASX trade (6.30pm AEDT)

\* Gold exploration listing **11am AEDT – MEG** \*

\* Fintech listing **11am AEDT – CCR** \*

## Today's Stock Watch

### Blackmores Ltd (BKL) / McPhersons Ltd (MCP)

BKL is selling its Global Therapeutics business to MCP for \$A27M.

Today's BKL AGM materials lodged this morning.

### Boral Ltd (BLD)

BLD is selling its 50% holding in USG Boral to Gebr Knauf for \$US1.015B, pending regulatory approvals.

Today's AGM materials, including additional portfolio review information, lodged pre-trade.

### Telstra Corporation (TLS)

TLS business services head David Burns has been appointed enterprise business head, taking over from Michael Ebeid who is leaving TLS.

TLS has appointed former Jetstar COO Dean Salter as head of business services.

### Bendigo & Adelaide Bank (BEN)

Today's AGM materials, including a further trading update, lodged pre-trade.

### Credit Clear (\* CCR)

Receivables management fintech specialist scheduled to list **11am AEDT** following a \$15M IPO at 35c per share.

158.38M quoted shares.

## Resources

### Northern Star Resources (NST)

Webcast teleconference scheduled to commence 11am AEDT.

Sold 227,532oz of gold for \$A2493/oz during the September quarter. \$A1752.oz AISC.

\$A470M cash, bullion and investments.

### Ramelius Resources (RMS)

Produced 71,344oz of gold during the September quarter.

\$A1241/oz AISC. Sold 70,299oz at \$A2323/oz for \$A163.3M revenue. \$205.7M net cash.

### Megado Gold (\* MEG)

Explorer scheduled to list **midday AEDT** following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share. 39.25M quoted shares.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	27686	-650	-2.3
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	3401	-64	-1.9
<b>NASDAQ</b>	11364	-185	-1.6
<b>FTSE 100</b>	5792	-68	-1.2
<b>DAX 30</b>	12177	-469	-3.7
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3251	-27	-0.8

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

Major European and US equities markets fell on opening overnight, most indices soon declining further.

Investor considerations included the ongoing wait for definitive news regarding potential new US economic support, Covid-19 containment concerns, US presidential election commentary, mixed economic data releases, and expectations of a final confirmation vote for the US president's Supreme Court nominee post-US trade.

An affirmative vote would mean a 6-3 conservative majority for the court which can ultimately rule on presidential election disputes.

Trading volumes were reported relatively low, also ahead of a plethora of key corporate earnings reports on both sides of the Atlantic from tonight through week's end.

Stocks adversely impacted by, or likely to benefit from, re-imposed and broad Covid-19 containment restrictions attracted decisive relevant trade, however.

The \$US also attracted safe-haven buying.

In the meantime, the US administration revealed it would be proactive in avoiding restrictions to contain the virus, on economic considerations.

Key US fiscal support negotiators, the US House of Representatives speaker and Treasury Secretary, reportedly continued their dialogue for ~one hour overnight.

In overnight **data** releases, an IFO confidence index for **Germany** was estimated at 92.7, from 93.2 for September. This represented the first pullback in six months but also followed forecasts of a larger decline to 91.1.

In the **US**, September new home sales dropped 3.5% against expectations of a 3.5% rise.

The Chicago Fed's national activity index tumbled to 0.27 from 1.11, but against forecasts for a dive to as low as 0.20.

The Dallas Fed (Texas region) manufacturing index improved however, calculated at 19.8 from 13.6, soundly defying expectations of 9.5.

**Tonight** in the **US**, September durable goods orders, the Richmond Fed manufacturing index, two residential property price indices and the Conference Board's October consumer confidence reading are due.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: 3M, Advanced Micro Devices, BP Plc, Caterpillar, Chubb, Cummins, Eli Lilly, Fujitsu, Hitachi Construction, HSBC, LG Household, Merck & Co, Microsoft, Novartis, Pfizer, Raytheon

**Pre-Open Announcements****Marley Spoon (\* MMM)**

MMM has appointed former PepsiCo finance and strategy specialist Jennifer Bernstein as CFO designate and as an executive director.

**Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (\* URW)**

Independent proxy advisory firm Proxinvest recommends URW shareholders vote for the proposed €3.5B capital increase.

Shareholders will decide on a capital restructuring plan, which includes the capital boost, and is entitled RESET, at a 10 November EGM.

**IOOF Holdings (\* IFL)**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) will conduct a public informal merger review of IFL's proposed acquisition of MLC.

The ACCC plans to announce findings 4 February 2021, following the receipt of submissions through to COB 9 November.

**Vmoto Ltd (\* VMT)**

Sold a record 7009 units during the September quarter, 10% more than for the June quarter and 16% more than for the September quarter 2019.

\$A15.3M net cash.

**Zebit Inc (ZBT)**

Online retailer and financier completed its ASX listing yesterday following a \$35M IPO at \$1.58 per CDI.

Opened at \$1.50 and slipped to \$1.03 before settling at \$1.045.

7.027M shares were traded across 2736 transactions.

94.29M quoted CDIs.

**Resources****Cardinal Resources (\* CDV)**

Shandong Gold plans to boost its offer for CDV to \$A1.05 per share should a competitor offer more than Shandong's current \$A1.00 cash-per-share.

Shandong has also extended the period of its off-market offer to 7pm AEDT 31 December.

Nord Gold announced yesterday it would not increase its \$A1.00-per-share offer for CDV unless a higher competing offer was made.

CDV has traded at \$1.00 - \$1.065 over the past five trading sessions.

**Coda Minerals (\* COD)**

Mineral explorer scheduled to list 10.30am AEDT **tomorrow** following a 48.5M IPO at 30c per share.

69.7M quoted shares.

Angang Group Hong Kong holds 13.92%.



Technologies, Santander, S&P Global and Yunnan Copper.

In overnight corporate news, Jack Ma-controlled financial technology specialist **Ant Group** was reported to have attracted \$US34.4B worth of support for ~11% of shares to be sold ahead of its planned 5 November listing on the Shanghai and Hong Kong exchanges.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Dec)</b>	<b>1905.7</b>	oz	0.5	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Silver (NY) (Dec)</b>	<b>24.42</b>	oz	-0.25	<b>-1.0</b>
<b>Gold (LON) (Oct 23)</b>	<b>1904</b>	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>866</b>	oz	-32	<b>-3.6</b>
<b>WTI Crude (NYMEX Dec)</b>	<b>38.56</b>	bbl	-1.29	<b>-3.2</b>
<b>Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)</b>	<b>40.46</b>	bbl	-1.31	<b>-3.1</b>
<b>Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)</b>	<b>120.75</b>	t	-0.27	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)</b>	<b>6777</b>	t	-93	<b>-1.4</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	<b>15595</b>	t	-10	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Aluminium</b>	<b>1823</b>	t	-20	<b>-1.1</b>
<b>Lead</b>	<b>1781</b>	t	3	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	<b>2541</b>	t	-3	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Tin</b>	<b>18050</b>	t	-355	<b>-1.9</b>

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – reduced demand expectations on resurgent Covid-19 diagnoses, including in Europe, Russia, the UK and US, further doused sentiment overnight, as the \$US appreciated on safe-haven buying.

In the meantime, the US announced new sanctions against individuals and organisations associated with Iran's oil sector.

In news expected to influence some trade through the week, another Gulf of Mexico hurricane watch prompted the shutdown of up to 16% of offshore oil output.

**Gold** – a stronger \$US (ICE index +0.3%), US presidential election and EU-UK negotiations uncertainties, plus ongoing reports of Covid-19 spread pushed and pulled overnight trade sentiment.

In addition, no new news came out of US talks aimed at providing additional Covid-19 – related economic support to individuals and businesses.

Bank of Japan and European Central Bank meeting outcomes, Thursday and Thursday night respectively, have become even more keenly anticipated.

**Base metals** – international economic growth angst, no definitive outcomes from US fiscal support talks, or UK-EU post-31 December relationship negotiations and a strengthening \$US again damaged base metals trade sentiment overnight.

China's plenary session, underway yesterday and set to continue through Thursday, is in focus also, amid anticipation of any commentary which would boost expectations of metals demand.

China's September industrial profits are anticipated today.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7120	-0.0002	<b>-0.03</b>

### Altura Mining (AJM)

Receivers and managers appointed.

### Energy

### Paladin Energy (PDN)

\$US32.4M cash at 30 September.

### Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Cauldron Energy	CXU	27 Oct
HGL Ltd	HNG	27 Oct
Resources & Energy Group	REZ	27 Oct
Clinuvel Pharmaceuticals	CUV	28 Oct
Dampier Gold	DAU	28 Oct
E2 Metals	E2M	28 Oct
K2fly Ltd	K2F	28 Oct
OpenLearning Ltd	OLL	28 Oct
Protean Energy	POW	28 Oct
Trimantium GrowthOps	TGO	28 Oct
Sultan Resources	SLZ	29 Oct
Hawkstone Mining	HWK	30 Oct

### Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Consolidated Financial Holdings	CWL	16 Oct
Cyclone Metals	CLE	19 Oct
New Energy Minerals	NXE	15 Oct
Resource Generation	RES	26 Oct
Vault Intelligence	VLT	9 Oct

### Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
<b>CLV</b>	Today	<b>2.5</b>	100	1.01
GCI	Thu	0.74	0	4.34
RFT	Thu	0.1	100	0.00
NBI	2 Nov	~0.696	0	tbc
BIS	3 Nov	5	100	2.68
BOQ	4 Nov	12	100	4.66
WAT	6 Nov	3	100	1.71
JYC	9 Nov	2.7	100	9.71
NAC	9 Nov	1.4	100	4.98
NSC	9 Nov	1.25	100	6.11

### Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>BTI</b>	AGM
	<b>BGA</b>	AGM



EUR – USD 1.1810 0.0001 0.01

### Australian Data Today

ANZ/RoyMgn Consumer sentiment 25 Oct

### US Data Tonight

Durable goods orders Sep  
FHFA house prices Aug  
Case-Shiller house price index Aug  
Richmond Fed manufacturing Oct  
Conference Board consumer confidence Oct

### Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China Industrial profits Sep  
South Korea GDP (initial) Sep Q  
UK CBI distributive trades Oct  
Euro zone Household and business lending Sep

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VMT Sep Q

Tomorrow CDA AGM  
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EQT AGM  
NSR AGM  
NCM Sep Q  
SBM AGM  
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Thu ANZ Full year  
CGF AGM  
FMG Sep Q  
IAP Interim (w/cast tele 5pm)  
JHG Sep Q  
JBH AGM  
JIN AGM  
MOZ AGM  
MYR AGM  
PNI AGM  
RWC AGM  
S32 AGM (2pm)  
TGG AGM

Fri ASB AGM  
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JHC	AGM
RAP	Sep Q
SXL	AGM
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VRL	AGM