

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7996	-29	-0.4
NZX 50	12447	-4	-0.0
DJIA Futures	41324	-32	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	5635	-9	-0.2
NASDAQ Futures	19584	-69	-0.4

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences mid-week trade with a material economic indicator due late morning, and several additional influential domestic stocks reporting earnings, amid remaining fluid geopolitical scenarios.

US equities markets settled slightly higher at best overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases its July **CPI** indicator report at **11.30am** AEST.

At the same time, the ABS reports **construction work** done for the June quarter.

In addition, being the third last trading day for August, another bevy of earnings reports from across multiple sectors is due today.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** include **TLC**, **TLS** and **TWE**. *Please see pp4-5 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** swung greater than 2.0% lower overnight.

US **gold** (Comex Dec) futures ultimately rose a little further, settling at ~US2560/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) recorded a slight gain for a second consecutive session, moving towards \$US98.5/t.

The LME commenced trade for the first time this week.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **nickel** rallied by greater than 1.5% and 2.0% respectively. **Aluminium** settled slightly higher for the session.

The **\$A** approached US67.95c after trading at ~US67.75c - ~US67.85c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	41251	10	0.0
S&P 500	5626	9	0.2
NASDAQ	17755	29	0.2
FTSE 100	8345	18	0.2
DAX 30	18682	65	0.3
Shanghai Composite	2849	-7	-0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Vacillating sentiment again featured across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight, but most key indices also trended higher towards close. NASDAQ trade demonstrated

Today's Stock Watch
Woolworths Ltd (WOW)

57c final and 40c special dividends, each fully franked, from a 58c final dividend a year ago.

93.3% lower, \$108M full year NPAT.

5.6% higher, \$67.92B revenue. 43.8c NTA against 60.1c.

Australian food sales grew 3% year-on-year during the first eight weeks of FY25.

FY24 results were impacted by \$1.6B worth (post-tax) of significant items, in the large part related to NZ operations.

Flight Centre Travel Group (FLT)

30c fully franked final dividend from 18c a year ago.

\$139.64M full year NPAT, from \$47.46M.

18.9% higher, \$2.71B revenue.

\$100M bank debt. FY25 growth plans outlined but additional guidance promised at the 14 November AGM.

Tabcorp Holdings (TAH)

0.3c unfranked final dividend from 1c fully franked a year ago.

\$1.36B full year net loss from a \$66.5M FY23 NPAT.

4% lower, \$2.34B continuing operations revenue.

Results included \$1.38B (post-tax) worth of impairments.

\$860M net debt, mostly due to a \$600M Victorian licence fee paid 26 June.

'Only part way through a turnaround'.

Kelsian Group (KLS)

Flat 9.5c fully franked final dividend.

\$58M full year NPAT from \$21M.

42.2% higher, \$2.0B revenue. 18c NTA from 15c.

Anticipating \$283M - \$295M FY25 underlying EBITDA from \$265.4M (adjusted) for FY24.

Smartgroup Corporation (SIQ)

17.5c fully franked interim dividend from 15.5c a year ago.

18% higher, \$34.26M interim NPAT.

27% higher, \$148.49M revenue.

Nine Entertainment Company (NEC)

4.5c fully franked final dividend from 5.0c a year ago.

31% lower, \$134.9M full year NPAT. 3% lower, \$2.6B revenue.

Resources
Fortescue Ltd (FMG)

89c fully franked final dividend from \$1.00 a year ago.

18% higher, \$US5.68B full year NPAT.

8% higher, \$US18.22B revenue. \$US6.22 NTA from \$US5.75.

\$US497M net debt.

Lynas Rare Earths (LYC)

72.8% lower, \$84.5M full year NPAT.

37.3% lower, \$463.3M revenue. \$2.3882 NTA from \$2.3107.

improved, steady sentiment through second-half trade.

UK markets, including the London Metals Exchange (LME), traded for the first time this week and hence reacted to developments and releases from the weekend through to last night.

Among geopolitical developments, following a meeting between the foreign ministers of Russia and Yemen in Moscow, Russia’s foreign minister warned the US of the potential for a third ‘world war’ and that it would not be confined to Europe.

Meanwhile, Russia continued an escalation of activity in Ukraine as Ukraine’s president revealed he would present a Ukraine-Russia peace plan to the US.

Earlier yesterday, China reported a 3.6% year-on-year increase for January - July industrial profits following a 3.5% rise reported for January through June.

In overnight **economic data** releases, **Germany’s** final June quarter GDP reading represented 0.1% deflation for the three months, as indicated in the initial estimate, following a 0.2% March quarter deflation.

The annualised reading however, represented no change for the year, against the initial estimate, which had indicated 0.1% year-on-year deflation, the same as recorded year-on-year for the March quarter.

A September consumer confidence reading, estimated by GfK, came in at -22 from -18.6, against consensus for a slight improvement to -18.0. The deterioration dropped the index to its lowest since May.

In the UK, the August CBI distributive trades index improved to -27 from -43, but forecasters had anticipated a greater improvement, to -11.

In the **US**, the Conference Board’s August consumer confidence reading exceeded expectations, rising to a six-month peak of 103.3 from 101.9.

The Richmond Fed August manufacturing index fell further, to -19 from -17 against consensus for -14. The tenth consecutive decline included a notable reduction in employees, adding to other recent indicators pointing to a softer labour market.

Two June home price indices indicated greater than 5.0% year-on-year price appreciations, but came in mixed for price movements for the month.

Tonight in the US, weekly mortgage applications and 30-year mortgage rates are due.

Elsewhere, the UK hosts a 10-year index-linked treasury gilt auction.

Companies scheduled to report earnings or provide trading updates later today or tonight include: Aluminium Corp of China, BYD, Baoshan Iron & Steel, China Citic Bank, CNOOC, CrowdStrike, Ganfeng Lithium, HP, International Games System, Jiangxi Copper, Li Auto, NetApp, Novozymes, Nvidia, Salesforce, Shandong Gold and Shift Up.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Dec) <small>(15.58ET Iress)</small>	2560.2	oz	5	0.2
Silver (COMEX 5000 Dec) <small>(15.58ET Iress)</small>	30.43	oz	-0.02	-0.1
Platinum	959	oz	0	0.0

Pre-Open Announcements

APA Group (* APA)

247.7% higher, \$998M full year NPAT.

5.2% higher, \$3.06B revenue.

Anticipating \$1.96B - \$2.02B FY25 underlying EBITDA from \$1.89B for FY24.

Orbital Corporation (* OEC)

OEC’s Orbital 150cc heavy fuel engine (HFE) will be integrated into an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) designed by India-headquartered Dynamic Technology, for potential supply to defence force entities.

The arrangement has been secured under an OEC-Dynamic Technology collaborative agreement outlined in an MoU which has led to formalising an initial order this month for test engines by November 2024.

OEC anticipates an initial \$200,000 in November.

OEC lodged additional details of the MoU post-trade yesterday.

NEXTDC Ltd (* NXT)

\$44.15M full year net loss from a 22.03M FY23 net loss.

12% higher, \$404.34M revenue.

\$5.85 NTA from \$4.43.

Planning to grow further capacity during FY25.

Anticipating \$210M - \$220M FY25 underlying EBITDA from \$204.3M for FY24.

Ainsworth Game Technology (AGI)

AGI scheduled a teleconference to commence 9.30am AEST.

\$A13.976M interim NPAT from \$A1.966M a year ago.

15% lower, \$A121.405M revenue.

70c NTA from 65c.

Pengana Private Equity Trust (* PE1)

\$134M full year net loss from a \$17.115M FY23 NPAT.

69.4% lower, \$7.58M investment income.

Silk Logistics (SLH)

\$136,235 interim net loss from a \$1.26M net loss a year ago.

15% higher, \$3.425M revenue.

Resources

Dateline Resources (DTR)

In order to accommodate demand in placing a \$1.27M shortfall from the recent 0.6c-per share rights issue, DTR will place a further \$392,000 worth of shares at the same price.

Overall, this pushes the amount raised in the rights issue and subsequent placement to ~\$6.22M.

Funds will be used to progress the California, US colosseum gold-REE project.

DTR has traded at 0.6c – 0.8c across the past five sessions.



WTI Crude (NYMEX Oct)	75.53	bbl	-1.89	-2.4
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Oct)	79.55	bbl	-1.88	-2.3
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	98.45	t	0.15	0.2
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	9444	t	153	1.7
Nickel	17127	t	365	2.2
Aluminium	2551	t	6	0.3
Lead	2124	t	5	0.2
Zinc	2942	t	29	1.0
Tin	33328	t	401	1.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices swung lower overnight, market watchers attributing this to a string of relatively slow growth indicators for Germany, China and the US, highlighted yesterday and overnight by new data releases out of China, Germany and the US.

In addition, a three-session price rally, mostly based on supply considerations due to Middle East conflict and news of reduced production and export plans out of Libya, failed to break through 200-day moving averages, prompting some technical-based selling.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report is due tonight from US government agency the EIA.

Overnight post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) published a weekly report which included a 3.4MMbbl draw on US crude stocks last week.

Gold – a 0.3% fall in the \$US index and a rise in US bond yields pushed and pulled overnight trade. October Comex futures reportedly settled 0.1% lower, at \$US2552.90/oz, but December futures were reported to have settled with slight gain.

Market watchers also noted some profit-taking ahead of material international data releases and events this week.

Commentators ventured a potential general swing in sentiment tonight, in part on Nvidia results, could also significantly influence gold trade.

Base metals – the LME traded for the first time this week overnight, considerations including new data out of China, expectations of at least one US interest rate reduction this year and a second one for the euro zone, and early-week inventory updates.

In addition overnight, the \$US index declined by 0.3%, supporting trade in other currencies.

China's January - July industrial profits, reported yesterday, rose by 3.6% year-on-year, against a 3.5% increase for January – June profits.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6791	0.0004	0.06
EUR – USD	1.1183	0.0017	0.15

Australian Data Today

ABS	CPI indicator	Jul
ABS	Construction work done	Jun Q

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ADH	Full year (tele 11.30am)
	APA	Full year (webcast 10.30am)
	AQZ	Full year (post-trade; w/cast tele 9am Thu)
	CAA	Interim (webcast 11am)
	FDV	Interim (w/cast tele 2pm)
	FLT	Full year (w/cast 9.30am)
	FMG	Full year
	FPH	AGM
	HZN	Full year (webcast 11am)
	IMR	Interim (webinar 8am)
	KAR	Interim
	KLS	Full year (webinar 9.30am)
	LYC	Full year (webcast 10.30am)
	M7T	Full year (webinar 9.30am)
	MEZ	Full year (w/cast tele 7.30am)
	NEC	Full year (w/cast tele 9.30am)
SIQ	Interim (w/cast tele 9am)	
TAH	Full year	
WOW	Full year	
Tomorrow	AEF	Full year
	AIM	Full year (webinar 11am)
	ALX	Interim (audio w/cast 10.30am)
	ART	Full year (webinar 1pm)
	BGA	Full year (tele 10am)
	CMW	Full year (tele 10am)
	CTT	Full year (webinar 8.30am)
	CUV	Full year (webinar 6pm)
	DSK	Full year (tele 11.30am)
	FWD	Full year (tele 10am)
	GDG	Full year (webinar 11am)
	IEL	Full year
	IGO	Full year (webcast 10am)
	IPD	Full year (w/cast tele 10am)
	MAC	Interim (w/cast tele 9am)
	MIN	Full year
	MME	Full year (w/cast tele 11.30am)
	PPT	Full year (w/cast tele 11am)
	QAN	Full year
	S32	Full year
	SDF	Full year (w/cast tele 10am)
	SFR	Full year (w/cast tele midday)
	SXL	Full year (tele 9.30am)
	WEB	AGM
WES	Full year	
WPR	Interim (w/cast tele 10am)	

**US Data Tonight**

MBA mortgage applications; 30-year rates 23 Aug

Other Overseas Data Today and Tonight

Japan Leading economic index (final; 3pm AEST) Jun
Euro zone Loans to companies & households Jul

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Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Advance Metals	AVM	29 Aug
Blue Star Helium	BNL	29 Aug
Energy Resources of Australia	ERA	28 Aug
Frontier Energy	FHE	28 Aug
Hyterra Ltd	HYT	29 Aug
Macro Metals	M4M	28 Aug
Omega Oil & Gas	OMA	28 Aug
Vection Technologies	VR1	29 Aug

Suspensions *(selected)*

Company	Code	Since
Coolabah Metals	CBH	14 Aug
Elanor Investors Group	ENN	23 Aug
Kalina Power	KPO	26 Aug
MC Mining	MCM	27 Aug
MCS Services	MSG	15 Aug
NickelSearch Ltd	NIS	27 Aug
Redflow Ltd	RFX	23 Aug
Strata Investment Holdings	SRT	26 Aug
Xstate Resources	XST	26 Aug

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
AHX	Today	1	100	2.38
BFG	Today	4	100	5.00
FID	Today	21.1	100	2.09
MSV	Today	2	0	10.46
MXI	Today	2.57	100	3.18
OML	Today	1.75	100	4.05
TLC	Today	10.5	100	2.85
TLS	Today	9	100	4.38
TWE	Today	19	70	2.84
VG1	Today	5	100	2.60
WGN	Today	2.5	100	0.00
BAP	Tomorrow	5.5	100	4.24
BPT	Tomorrow	2	100	3.07
CTD	Tomorrow	12	0	3.41
DBI	Tomorrow	5.38	67.44	6.71
EBG	Tomorrow	3.75	100	6.03
EBO	Tomorrow	49.71	95.77	2.85
EVN	Tomorrow	5	100	0.92
GCI	Tomorrow	1.46	0	8.47
GOR	Tomorrow	0.5	100	1.29
IAG	Tomorrow	17	50	2.55
JIN	Tomorrow	27.5	100	3.37



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KKC	Tomorrow	1.67	0	8.64
PAI	Tomorrow	1	100	1.59
PCI	Tomorrow	0.69	0	7.92
PMC	Tomorrow	3	100	2.08
REA	Tomorrow	102	100	0.77
RG8	Tomorrow	5	100	2.37
RPL	Tomorrow	8	100	3.02
TCF	Tomorrow	4.17	0	8.21
VNT	Tomorrow	9.35	80	4.05