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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	5874	67	1.2
NZX 50	11435	183	1.6
DJIA Futures	25599	102	0.4
S&P 500 Futures	3058	10	0.3
NASDAQ Futures	10002	28	0.3

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade on the last trading day of the financial year, with material domestic and international data due by late morning, and a key speech from the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) deputy governor middle of the day, ahead of parliamentary testimony from the US Federal Reserve chairman tonight.

Regionally today, **China** is scheduled to release official June **PMIs 11am** AEST.

Japan is due to reveal May **industrial production** just prior to the commencement of ASX trade. May industrial production figures are also due from **South Korea** pre-trade.

Locally today, the RBA publishes May financial aggregates, including **private sector credit**, **11.30am** AEST.

At the same time, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases a Covid-19 **jobs and wages** impact report for the week ending 13 June.

At **12.30pm**, RBA deputy governor Guy Debelle is scheduled to speak on and Economic Society of Australia webinar regarding *The RBA's Policy Actions and Balance Sheet*.

Post-ASX trade, the RBA publishes international reserves and foreign currency liquidity.

In overnight commodities trade, oil swung higher.

US gold futures (August) settled with a slight gain.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) turned a little lower, but remained above \$US103.05/t.

LME **copper** again settled just slightly higher while **nickel** and **aluminium** continued to gain decisively.

The **\$A** fell to ~US68.60c after reapproaching US68.80c early yesterday evening.

This morning, the \$A has traded beyond US68.70c.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	25596	580	2.3
S&P 500	3053	44	1.5
NASDAQ	9874	117	1.2
FTSE 100	6226	66	1.1
DAX 30	12232	143	1.2
Shanghai Comp	2962	-18	-0.6

Last trading day of Australia's financial year

Australia - financial aggregates - 11.30am AEST

Australia #2 – RBA deputy governor Guy Debelle speaks on *The RBA's Policy Actions and Balance Sheet* **– 12.30pm**

China - NBS PMIs - 11am AEST

* Mobile network operator listing **11.45am** AEST – **TUA** * In association, the former Vodafone Hutchison Australia and most of the former TPG Telecom commence (merged) ASX trade as **TPG 11.30am** AEST.

Today's Stock Watch

Collins Foods (CKF)

20.1% lower, \$31.26M full year NPAT. 8.9% higher, \$981.73M revenue. Flat, 10.5c fully franked final dividend.

Fletcher Building (FBU)

Planning to repay \$US300M worth of USPP notes early, from cash reserves, late-July.

SeaLink Travel Group (SLK)

SLK has appointed deputy chair Jeffrey Ellison as acting chair on Andrew McEvoy's retirement today. In addition, SLK has appointed former Aurizon Holdings (ASX: AZJ) MD and CEO Lance Hockridge as an independent non-executive director.

TPG Telecom (* CJT)

The merged (former) Vodafone Hutchison Australia and TPG Corporation is scheduled to commence trade **11.30am** AEST on a deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 14 July.

1.86B quoted shares.

TPG Telecom former trade (as TPM) is now suspended, with a 49c dividend to be paid.

Tuas Ltd (* TUA)

Singapore mobile network owner and operator (effectively TPG Telecom Singapore), demerged from TPG Telecom as part of the Vodafone Hutchison Australia and TPG merger process, is scheduled to list on the ASX **11.45am** AEST.

Trading will commence on a conditional and deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 14 July. 463.9M quoted shares.

Resources

Ramelius Resources (RMS)

WA Penny gold project life-of-mine plan extended by 34% to 1.45Moz. Details lodged this morning.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Marked intra-session vacillations featured at various stages across European and US equities markets overnight, but all key indices settled with gains and at or near session highs.

China had confirmed a further Covid-19-related lockdown, this time of 400,000 people in a Hebei province county near Beijing, the US reported 40,000 newly detected cases for a third consecutive day, Covid-19 containment restrictions were newly imposed or reimposed in parts of the US and UK, and a new strain of flu virus was confirmed by scientists in China.

European Union (EU) leaders, however, agreed the reopening of borders to 14 nations.

Meanwhile, in a diplomatic tit-for-tat move, China yesterday confirmed it would restrict visas for select US personnel.

For its part, Iran issued an arrest warrant for the US president, requesting detainment support from Interpol.

In overnight **data** releases, a **euro zone** economic sentiment index climbed to 75.7 from 67.5, against expectations of 79.1.

Regional consumer confidence was finalised at -14.7, from -18.8 for May. $\,$

Germany's initial June CPI estimate represented a 0.6% rise in prices for the month and 0.9% year-on-year gain. Germany had reported 0.1% deflation for May.

In the **UK**, May consumer credit was estimated £2B lower than anticipated, falling £4.6B for the month, after dropping £7.4B during April.

US May pending home sales were 5.1% lower year-on-year, but jumped 44.3% for the month following a 21.8% April tumble.

A Texas region manufacturing index improved from -49.2 to 6.1.

Tonight in the **US**, **Federal Reserve chair** Jerome Powell and **treasury secretary** Steven Mnuchin are each due to speak to a House of Representative financial services committee.

In addition, the June Chicago PMI and an April residential property price index are due.

Elsewhere, the **UK** releases a final March quarter **GDP** reading, and **Bank of England** chief economist Andrew Haldane is due to speak publicly, ahead of the release of a financial stability report at the end of the week.

The euro zone releases an initial June CPI estimate.

In overnight corporate news, **Boeing** confirmed the commencement of 737 MAX certification flight testing, the stock subsequently trading more than 10% higher.

BP surprised, with an agreement to sell its petrochemicals business for \$US5B to **Ineos**, the same group to which it sold a significant portion of the business in 2005.

In the meantime, **US** January – June **investment banking** fees were estimated at a record \$US57B due to Covid-19 – related fundraisers, including debt sales.

NB: US markets will be **closed Friday** during an Independence Day holiday.

Pre-Open Announcements

Vonex Ltd (* VN8)

January – May total contract value (TCV) for new customer sales grew to \$3M, against \$1.86M for January – May 2019. In addition, VN8 has appointed VN8 consulting engineer Christo Da Silva as chief technology officer.

CIMIC Group (CIM)

Moody's has affirmed its underlying opinion regarding the CIM Baa2 credit rating and stable outlook.

James Hardie Industries (JHX)

JHX has appointed group general counsel and chief compliance officer Joseph Blasko as company secretary on the resignation yesterday of former company secretary Natasha Mercer.

Aurizon Holdings (AZJ)

AZJ has appointed acting AZJ CFO George Lippiatt as CFO and strategy executive.

OpenLearning Ltd (OLL)

OLL has appointed former National Australia Bank (ASX: NAB) executive GM international branches and innovation Spiro Pappas as executive director and senior advisor.

Pacific Smiles (PSQ)

Anticipating a 0.7% decline in FY20 patient fees to ~\$185.8M, \$22.3M - \$22.8M underlying EBITDA, and \$8.5M net debt.

June patient fees (at 28 June) have grown 7% for the month. Promising FY21 outlook with the release of FY20 results 20 August.

Meridian Energy (MEZ)

Reviewing an (New Zealand) Electricity Authority decision regarding December 2019 trade, when exceptional weather meant MEZ experienced 'extremely high inflows' and subsequently spilled from all hydro storage.

Infratil Ltd (IFT)

IFT has received \$NZ131M worth of applications in the targeted \$NZ50M SPP at \$NZ4.65 per share.

IFT has traded at \$A4.31 - \$A4.50 on the ASX over the past five sessions.

WiseTech Global (WTC)

A company controlled by WTC CEO and founder Richard White has sold $^{\sim}2.45M$ WTC shares.

Mr White retains ~46.9% of WTC.

Aspen Group (APZ)

Joint CEO David Dixon has purchased 100,000 APZ stapled securities, at a mean \$1.0225 each, plus 30,000 securities as a participant in the APZ SPP.

Mr Dixon also holds a 50% indirect interest in the shares of substantial APZ securityholder Mill Hill Capital.

APZ has traded at 97c - \$1.04 over the past five trading sessions.



Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1781.2	OZ	0.9	0.1
Silver (NY) (Jul)	17.98	OZ	-0.05	-0.3
Gold (LON) (26 Jun)	1748	OZ		
Platinum	807	OZ	12	1.5
WTI Crude (COMEX Aug)	39.70	bbl	1.21	3.1
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Aug)	41.71	bbl	0.69	1.7
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	103.06	t	-0.17	-0.2
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	5962	t	11	0.2
Nickel	12785	t	100	8.0
Aluminium	1614	t	14	8.0
Lead	1800	t	13	0.7
Zinc	2058	t	19	0.9
Tin	16775	t	-40	-0.2

Commodities Commentary

 ${\it Oil}$ — overnight sentiment appeared unaffected by continued reporting of growing Covid-19 cases in the US and the likely implications for oil demand.

Rather, **China**'s industrial profits, reported Sunday, included a significant decline for the January – May period, but also a 6% year-on-year rise for the month, this buoying China demand optimism.

Libya in the meantime foreshadowed a resumption of production and exports, due to plans to resume discussions aimed at ending a civil war-related facilities blockade.

Meanwhile, **Chesapeake Energy** was revealed to have filed for bankruptcy, also on Sunday.

For its part, **BP** revealed it was offloading the group's petrochemicals division for \$US5B.

The Brent (ICE futures) August contract expires at the conclusion of tonight's end-of-quarter/financial year trade.

Gold – some profit-taking was reported overnight, ahead of tonight's various end-of-quarter/financial year trade.

Safe-haven support was also evident, however.

In addition to geopolitical and Covid-19 developments, key reports and data, particularly from the US, from tomorrow evening, plus US parliamentary testimony tonight from the Federal Reserve chair and treasury secretary, are expected to keep gold sentiment fluid this week.

Base metals – stockpiles, ongoing evidence of growing demand in China, China's industrial profits (reported on the weekend), Covid-19-related mining restrictions in Chile and relative \$US weakness provided a cocktail of influences on overnight trade.

Chile's mines minister estimated 2020 copper output could fall by 3.5% (~200,000t), due to Covid-19 outbreaks.

China's official (NBS) June PMIs are due today and will influence at least some end-of-month/June quarter/financial year trade tonight.

Among other key trading nations, Japan reported yesterday that May retail sales had improved 2.2% for the month, after a 9.9% April drop. Year-on-year, May sales were 12.3% lower.

Resources

Catalyst Minerals (* CYL) / Navarre Minerals (* NML)

Victoria Tandarra gold JV Macnaughtan prospect drilling has returned high-grade intersections.

Assays lodged this morning.

CYL operator and 51%; NML 49%.

Poseidon Nickel (* POS)

POS has appointed Black Mountain Metals nominee Dean Hildebrand as a non-executive director, effective tomorrow. Black Mountain Metals holds 20.78% of POS.

Mr Hildebrand is a Black Mountain director and CFO of Black Mountain's mining and oil and gas division.

Former POS chair and current non-executive director Geoff Brayshaw retires from the POS board today.

In addition, POS non-executive director, and Black Mountain Metals immediate past nominee, Karl Paganin resigns from the board today.

Energy

Renergen Ltd (* RLT)

June quarter activities and financial reports lodged post-trade yesterday.

RLT has traded higher the past three sessions, yesterday settling at \$1.245.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Whitebark Energy	WBE	30 Jun
Amplia Therapeutics	ATX	1 Jul
Corazon Mining	CZN	1 Jul
Cygnus Gold	CY5	1 Jul
Great Southern Mining	GSN	1 Jul
Hipo Resources	HIP	1 Jul
Mineral Commodities	MRC	1 Jul
Nex Metals Exploration	NME	1 Jul
Synertec Corporation	SOP	1 Jul
Titanium Sands	TSL	1 Jul
Victory Mines	VIC	1 Jul

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
9 Spokes International	9SP	30 Jun
Freedom Foods Group	FNP	26 Jun
MG Unit Trust	MGC	29 Jun
Pioneer Credit	PNC	4 Jun



Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6877	0.0007	0.10
EUR – USD	1.1251	0.0008	0.07

Australian Data Today

RBA	Financial aggregates (incl private sector credit)	May
RBA	International reserves; forex liquidity	Jun
ABS	Covid-19 jobs and wages impacts	13 June

US Data Tonight

Chicago PMI	Jun
Conference Board consumer sentiment	Jun
Case-Shiller home price index	Apr

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	NBS PMIs	Jun
Japan	Industrial production (initial)	May
South Korea	Industrial production	May
UK	GDP (final)	Mar Q
UK	GfK consumer sentiment	Jun
Euro zone	CPI (initial)	Jun

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Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
CLF	Today	1.5	100	4.21
LRT	Today	3.02	0	0.00
MOT	Today	2.15	0	7.57
MXT	Today	0.79	0	5.01
PGG	Today	1.29	0	2.78
TPM	Today	49	100	0.56
VTH	Today	1.5	0	6.28
MGG	Tomorrow	3.44	0	3.68
MHH	Tomorrow	2.25	0	1.62
NBI	Tomorrow	0.9	0	7.68
PWG	Tomorrow	2.8	0	0.00
RF1	Tomorrow	20.79	0	1.74

Reports & Events

(selected)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	CKF RBA	Full year Policy and balance sheet speech

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