

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7248	19	0.3
NZX 50	12811	-1	-0.0
DJIA Futures	34728	40	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4347	5	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	14711	17	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with a Reserve Bank of Australia announcement and press conference due this afternoon, following today's policy meeting, ahead of an influential economic indicator release in the US tonight.

US markets were closed during a public holiday overnight, so have provided no definitive leads.

Locally today, the **RBA** releases a new **monetary policy statement** at **2.30pm** AEST, ahead of a press conference hosted by governor Philip Lowe at 4pm.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is due to publish a **payroll jobs and wages** report for the week ending 19 June, at 11.30am AEST.

Regionally today, **Japan** hosts a 30-year bond auction this afternoon, following the release of household spending and average earnings updates just before ASX trade commences.

In overnight commodities trade, Brent **crude** rallied.

In limited US trade, during the Independence Day public holiday, both WTI crude and US gold futures also gained.

Qingdao **iron ore** (CFR China, 62% fines) were pushed \$US3.84/t higher, to \$US221.82/t.

LME **copper** rallied. **Nickel** settled slightly higher. **Aluminium** turned to close modestly lower.

The **\$A** slipped to ~US75.30c after trading at ~US75.35c early yesterday evening, but has risen beyond US75.40c this morning.

Overseas Markets.

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34786	Public	Holiday
S&P 500	4352	Public	Holiday
NASDAQ	14639	Public	Holiday
FTSE 100	7165	42	0.6
DAX 30	15662	12	0.1
Shanghai Comp	3534	16	0.4

Overseas Markets Commentary

Overnight trade across major European, and UK equities markets featured early vacillations but subsequent trends higher, producing varied positive settlements.

US markets were closed due to a public holiday.

RBA – post-policy meeting statement – 2.30pm AEST

* **Business finance transaction listing – 10.30am AEST – BTN ***

* **Mineral exploration listing – midday AEST – MMG ***

Today's Stock Watch
Westpac Banking Corporation (WBC)

Selling the group's New Zealand life insurance business for \$NZ400M. The deal includes an exclusive 15-year life insurance distribution agreement for WBC NZ customers.

Ramsay Health Care (RHC)

RHC has boosted its offer for Spire Healthcare Group to £2.50 cash per share, valuing Spire (enterprise basis) at £2.105B, or £1.04B (fully diluted basis). RHC says the offer is final.

Home Co Daily Needs REIT (HDN)

Resuming from a trading halt, having completed a \$70M, \$1.45-per-share fully underwritten institutional placement, in support of a proposed \$160M acquisition of Town Centre Victoria Point, Queensland. HDN traded at \$1.355 - \$1.50 last week, settling Friday at \$1.495.

Calix Ltd (CXL)

MoU secured with Tarmac covering co-development of a CLX calciner for lime production with CO2 capture.

Abacus Property Group (ABP)

Outlaying a total \$160M for five self-storage assets in Sydney. ABP will fund the purchases from existing debt facilities.

SRG Global (SRG)

Investor briefing scheduled to commence **11am** AEST. Anticipating FY21 EBITDA at the top end of \$45M - \$47M, and 15% EBITDA growth for FY22. \$12.2M net cash, from \$8.4M net debt.

Immutep Ltd (IMM)

US FDA and IRB approvals in hand for the TACTI-003 trial, as immunotherapy for head and neck squamous cell carcinoma treatment.

Opthea Ltd (OPT)

US FDA fast-track designation for proposed age-related macular degeneration (AMD) treatment OPT-302.

Strategic Elements (SOR)

SOR subsidiary Stealth Technologies will collaborate with the Australian Department of Defence's Defence Science Technology Group and the University of WA to design and build an autonomous drone carrying vehicle for the detection of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear agents. The Western Australian Defence Science Centre is contributing \$150,000.



In the UK, continued promises of a significant easing of Covid-19 restrictions later this month appeared to buoy large-cap stocks, despite ongoing higher daily tallies of new diagnoses.

Among overnight **data** releases, a Sentix investor sentiment index for the **euro zone** rose to 29.8 from 28.1, but forecasters had anticipated 30.0.

The euro zone finalised June services PMI represented a 3.1-point gain to a relatively robust 58.3.

In **Germany**, the Sentix economic sentiment index improved to 33.8 from 32.9.

The expectations sub-component index dropped 6.3 points however, to 30.0.

Germany's final June services PMI represented a 4.7-point rise for the month to 57.5.

June new domestic vehicle registrations were reported 24.5% higher than for June 2020.

In the **UK**, the June services PMI was finalised at 62.4 from 62.9 for May.

June domestic vehicle sales were reported 28% higher than for June 2020.

Tonight in the US, the June ISM influential services sector activity index is due, together with an updated IBD/TIPP economic optimism reading, and Markit's finalised June services index.

Elsewhere, construction sector PMIs are due for the euro zone and UK.

In addition, the UK hosts a 10-year treasury gilt auction.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1792	oz	8.7	0.5
Silver (NY) (Sep)	26.6	oz	0.099	0.4
Gold (LON)	1786	oz		
Platinum (truncated trade)	1094	oz	6	0.6
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jul)	76.36	bbbl	1.20	1.6
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Sep)	77.16	bbbl	0.99	1.3
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	212.46	t	Public	Holiday
Copper (LME Ind)	9510	t	129	1.4
Nickel	18365	t	23	0.1
Aluminium	2552	t	-6	-0.3
Lead	2317	t	16	0.7
Zinc	2946	t	9	0.3
Tin	31850	t	380	1.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – OPEC and OPEC+ meetings, initially scheduled for Thursday last week, convened overnight Friday, and then also scheduled to continue last night, were called off, with no new date set, pushing crude prices higher.

Brent crude traded at peaks not since October 2018.

WTI trade was curtailed by the US Independence Day public holiday and no official settlement was recorded.

An OPEC+ announcement had been anticipated regarding the further easing, or otherwise, of OPEC+ production curbs from August, and for how long output restraints will continue.

Pre-Open Announcements

Butn Ltd (* BTN)

Business transaction financing specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **10.30am** AEST, following a \$20M IPO at 50c per share. 65M quoted shares.

Cirralto Ltd (* CRO)

Planning to issue \$A10M worth of CRO shares (~132.95M shares at 7.5c each) to acquire Sydney-headquartered fintech Invigo. Completion anticipated 12 July (Monday next week). CRO has traded at 4.9c – 5.7c over the past five trading sessions.

Cirrus Network Holdings (* CNW)

Expecting 11.7% FY21 revenue growth, to \$106M, but an overall disappointing full year result, due to business disruptions in Victoria and underperformance in WA, plus significant product and licensing deals not closing by 30 June. \$2M pre-options adjusted EBITDA anticipated. \$7.7M net cash. Debt-free. Positive FY22 outlook.

Centuria Industrial REIT (* CIP)

CIP has settled the acquisitions of three industrial facilities, one in Sydney and two in Melbourne, for a combined \$86M. The purchases were announced 11 June.

Bigtincan Holdings (* BTH)

Two-year, \$6.3M contract extension secured with T-Mobile Inc. Details lodged pre-trade.

Lumos Diagnostics Holdings (LDX)

Point-of-care diagnostic testing and analysis specialist completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$63M IPO at \$1.25 per share.

Opened at \$1.50 and slipped to \$1.30 before settling at \$1.31. 7.44M shares were traded across 2916 transactions. 150.15M quoted shares.

Planet Innovation Holdings held 26.72% on listing; RPS Diagnostics held 10.42%.

Vysarn Ltd (VYS)

VYS has replaced an investor presentation lodged Friday last week, with one submitted post-trade yesterday.

The initial presentation was determined to contain images of a drill rig not owned by the company, but rather by Bunbury Drilling Company.

Resources

Monger Gold (* MMG) / Torian Resources (TNR)

Mineral exploration company and TNR spinoff MMG is scheduled to list on the ASX **midday** AEST, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share. 251M quoted shares. TNR holds 10.71%.

PepinNini Minerals (PNN)

Australia exploration update lodged post-trade yesterday.



The UAE reportedly does not want curbs to continue beyond December 2021, and had also reportedly repeatedly requested the base from which UAE production curbs had been calculated from the outset be raised.

The UAE is an economic competitor with Saudi Arabia and has 4MMbbl/d capacity, but this was capped by the OPEC+ agreement at 2.59MMbbl/d last year and allowed output was to rise this year to just 2.74MMbbl/d.

Further, Saudi Arabia has moved to change tariff rules for imports from Gulf Cooperation Council countries, excluding goods made in free trade zones, those originating from Israel and any that are deemed to come from <25% local labour.

Meanwhile, the Florida, US region remains on watch for a deadly approaching tropical storm.

Gold – the US public holiday meant no official overnight settlement for restricted US futures trade.

In limited electronic trade however, prices were pushed higher.

The ISM's monthly US services sector activity index could swing some trade tonight, due to its influence on ultimate quarterly GDP figures.

Base metals – overnight gains, particularly for *copper*, were attributed to funds adjusting their buying, partly in light of no additional \$US rallying.

Trading appeared constrained however by new data. Caixin's June services sector activity index for China, reported yesterday, dropped to 50.3 from 55.1 for May. Forecasters had anticipated 55.0.

Inflation updates are anticipated out of China late-week, amid reported growing expectations of monetary policy tightening.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7544	0.0031	0.42
EUR – USD	1.1865	0.0012	0.10

Australian Data Today

RBA	Monetary policy statement	6 Jul
ABS	Payroll jobs and wages	19 Jun

US Data Tonight

ISM services sector activity index	Jun
IBD/TIPP economic optimism	Jul
Markit services PMI (final)	Jun

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Household spending	May
Japan	Average cash earnings	May
UK	Construction PMI	Jun
Germany	Factory orders	May
Germany	ZEW economic sentiment	Jul

PNN has traded higher the past three sessions, closing at 32.5c yesterday.

First Graphene (FGR)

FGR has appointed CEO Michael Bell as MD.

Ozz Resources (OZZ)

Mineral explorer scheduled completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 16c and traded at 15c – 18c before settling at 16.5c.

4.74M shares changed hands across 223 transactions.

26.96M quoted shares.

Askari Metals (* AS2)

Mineral explorer scheduled to list on the ASX 11am AEST **tomorrow**, following a \$5.729M IPO at 20c per share.

30.156M quoted shares.

Burley Minerals (* BUR)

Mineral exploration company scheduled to list on the ASX midday AEST **tomorrow**, following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share.

34.32M quoted shares.

Energy

Strike Energy (* STX)

WA Perth Basin resources expected to grow during the second half of the year.

Planned activities and gas supply MoU details lodged this morning.

Gas2Grid Ltd (GGX)

GGX's 0.3c-per-share entitlement offer attracted valid applications for a total 52.935M new shares.

The 1.99B share shortfall will go to the underwriters, described as associates of GGX chair David Munns, and fellow GGX directors Dennis Morton and Patrick Sam Yue.

GGX has traded at 0.2c – 0.3c over the past five trading sessions.

Resource Generation (RES)

Voluntary administrators appointed.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Carpentaria Resources	CAP	6 Jul
Metgasco Ltd	MEL	6 Jul
Poseidon Nickel	POS	6 Jul
Traka Resources	TKL	6 Jul
Norwest Energy	NWE	7 Jul
RooLife Group	RLG	7 Jul

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Gold Mountain	GMN	21 Jun



Germany	Construction PMI	Jun
Euro zone	Retail sales	May
Euro zone	ZEW confidence; expectations	Jul
Euro zone	Construction PMI	Jun

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Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
SGLLV	Today	33	100	4.47
CKF	Tomorrow	12.5	100	1.95
GNC	Tomorrow	8	100	1.36
SKI	Tomorrow	6.25	0	5.87
TRA	13 Jul	5.63	85	6.54
DBF	15 Jul	6.2	0	0.00
EZL	19 Jul	13.5	100	4.49