

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEST)	<b>6240</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	9131	15	0.2
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	25695	-112	-0.4
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	2849	-13	-0.5
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	7361	-37	-0.5

## Local Markets Commentary

Domestic earnings reports will again feature in Australian market mid-week trade, with another swag of high-cap stocks also trading ex-dividend, and analyst reassessments.

Australia's political leadership is considered to remain fluid and will also retain the spotlight.

Any new successful bid for a change in the prime ministership could spawn ruling coalition resignations that would force a national election.

Also locally today, Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) deputy governor Guy Debelle is due to spake on *Low Inflation* at an Economic Society of Australia lunch in Brisbane, **1.10pm** AEST.

This morning, the Melbourne Institute and Westpac publish their monthly leading index report.

The ABS releases June quarter construction activity statistics and, later today, the Department of Jobs and Small Business reveals skilled job vacancies.

**AGL**, **AMP** and **LNK** are among high-profile domestic stocks trading ex-dividend today. *Details can be found on p4.*

*Overnight international equities and commodities trade proved mixed. Notably, US futures have fallen this morning, following adverse legal accusations against the US president.*

**Oil** extended its current run higher.

US **gold** futures notably climbed further.

LME **copper** continued to rally, but not so **aluminium** or **nickel**.

The **\$A** headed to ~US73.60c after rising beyond US73.55c early yesterday evening.

Regionally today, Singapore's markets will not trade, due to a public holiday.

## Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	25822	64	<b>0.3</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2863	6	<b>0.2</b>
<b>NASDAQ</b>	7859	38	<b>0.5</b>
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7566	-26	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>DAX 30</b>	12384	53	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	2734	35	<b>1.3</b>

## Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets mostly opened higher overnight, but weak FTSE 100 sentiment produced choppy trade that could not retain any gains.

The S&P 500, however, attained a new record intra-session peak, just one day shy of surpassing the

**RBA** – deputy governor Guy Debelle is speaking on *Low Inflation* at the Economic Society of Australia, Brisbane, **1.10pm** AEST

## Today's Stock Watch

### AMP Ltd (AMP)

AMP has appointed Credit Suisse CEO SE Asia Francesco De Ferrari as CEO, effective 1 December. Mr De Ferrari has also been appointed as an AMP executive director, effective January 2019. Trading ex-dividend (10c) today.

### Seven Group Holdings (SGH)

\$413.9M full year NPAT. 40.6% higher, \$3.21B continuing operations revenue. 21c fully franked final dividend. \$2.46 NTA.

### WorleyParsons Ltd (WOR)

Full year results lodged pre-trade.

In addition, WOR has secured a one-year EPCM contract extension with Woodside Petroleum's (ASX: WPL) WA North West shelf JV. The extension covers brownfield engineering services to gas plant facilities in Karratha.

### Vocus Group (VOC)

\$61.0M full year NPAT, following a \$1.46B net loss a year ago. 4% higher, \$1.898B income. In addition, VOC has appointed SAI Global (ASX: SAI) chair Matthew Hanning and former Foxtel chair Bruce Ackhurst as non-executive directors.

### Lend Lease Corp (LLC)

4.5% higher, \$792.8M full year NPAT. 0.6% lower, \$16.56B revenue. 35c final distribution. \$8.70 NTA. 16 November AGM.

### Inghams Group (ING)

93.9% higher, \$114.6M full year NPAT. 2.2% lower, \$2.37B revenue. 11.6c fully franked final dividend. \$145.4M net debt.

### Spark New Zealand (SPK)

7.9% lower, \$NZ385M full year NPAT. 1.0% higher, \$NZ3.65B operating revenue. NZ11c, ~3.21c-franked final dividend. NZ1.5c, ~0.44c-franked special dividend.

### Cleanaway Waste Management (CWY)

42.5% higher, \$103.3M full year NPAT. 15.9% higher, \$1.56B revenue. 1.4c final dividend, up 27.3%.

### The a2 Milk Company (A2M)

116% higher, \$195.68M full year NPAT. 68% higher, \$922.7M revenue.

### Corporate Travel Management (CTD)

41% higher, \$76.71M full year NPAT. 14% higher, \$372.24M revenue. 21c, 50%-franked final dividend, against 18c fully franked a year ago. \$3.33 NTA.

### Lovisa Holdings (LOV)

23.8% higher, \$A35.95M full year NPAT. 21.4% higher, \$217.01M revenue. 14c fully franked final dividend. 40c NTA.

## Resources

### Saracen Mineral Holdings (SAR)

175% higher, \$78.19M full year NPAT. 21% higher, \$510.96M revenue. 47c NTA. \$118.3M cash and equivalents.

### Western Areas (WSA)

39% lower, \$11.84M full year NPAT. 16% higher, \$248.27M revenue. Flat, 2c fully franked final dividend. \$1.834 NTA. \$151.6M cash at bank.

length of previous record-long bull run, as the \$US fell further.

Meanwhile, the **US** administration further threatened **Russia** ahead of new US sanctions that have been scheduled to come into effect against Russia from later today.

Earlier this month, two days of **China-US** trade talks were scheduled to commence tonight in Washington, but earlier than this, increased import tariffs on goods from the US to China and vice versa were slated to commence from tomorrow.

The US administration in the meantime announced plans for power generation-related new carbon dioxide emissions regulation.

Overnight in the **UK**, public sector finances revealed the largest July budget surplus for 18 years, boosted by seasonal income tax payments. Net borrowing was estimated at the least in 12 years. The April – July deficit came in 40% lower year-on-year, at £12.8B.

Also in the UK, a CBI industrial trends factory orders index was reported to have dropped to seven from 11.

**US Federal Reserve** policy meeting minutes are due in the US **tonight**.

Weekly mortgage applications and July existing home sales are also expected.

*Some traders will likely focus on bull-run records, but others will watch commentary from implications of confessions revealed by the president's former lawyer this morning (AEST).*

Companies scheduled to report earnings tonight include US retailers Lowe's and Target.

In overnight corporate news, US retailer **Kohl's** raised its 2018 earnings guidance after exceeding quarterly expectations, but subsequently settled essentially flat.

US to-end residential builder **Toll Brothers** was pushed ~14% higher on 27% higher, \$US1.9B quarterly revenue and a lift in the group's full year revenue forecast.

Coty was pushed ~7% lower on lower-than-anticipated sales.

Discount online brokers suffered on **JP Morgan Chase** plans for a digital investing business, featuring discounts and no-charge access to research, from next week.

*Numerous markets are closed throughout the Middle East and in select other nations today and/or through to the end of the week, due to Eid observance.*

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Dec)</b>	<b>1203</b>	oz	8	0.7
<b>Silver (NY) (Sep)</b>	14.7	oz	0.1	0.7
<b>Gold (LON)</b>	1184	oz	6	0.5
<b>Platinum</b>	794	oz	0	0.0
<b>WTI Crude (Sep)</b>	<b>67.4</b>	bbl	0.9	1.4
<b>Brent Crude (Oct)</b>	<b>72.6</b>	bbl	0.4	0.6
<b>Iron Ore</b> (CHN port 62%)	67.95	t		
<b>Copper</b> (LME, 3mth, PM)	<b>6045</b>	t	54	0.9
<b>Nickel</b>	13560	t	0	0.0
<b>Aluminium</b>	2055	t	-0.5	-0.0
<b>Lead</b>	2009	t	36	1.8
<b>Zinc</b>	2426	t	49	2.0
<b>Tin</b>	19045	t	245	1.3

### Pre-Open Announcements

#### McMillan Shakespeare (\*\* MMS)

25.9% lower, \$50.30M full year NPAT. 4.2% higher, \$545.40M revenue. 40c fully franked final dividend. \$2.01 NTA.

#### Carsales.com Ltd (\*\* CAR)

68.8% higher, \$A184.84M full year NPAT. 19.3% higher, \$444.01M revenue. 23.7c fully franked final dividend, up 2.2c.

#### Fletcher Building (\*\* FBU)

\$NZ190M full year net loss, following a \$NZ94M net profit a year ago. 1% higher, \$NZ9.47B revenue.

An investor webcast teleconference was scheduled to commence 9am AEST. Access details (including replay pin) lodged this morning.

#### Trade Me Group (\*\* TME)

NZ10.5c, ~4.08c-franked final dividend. NZ22c, ~8.56c-franked special dividend.

2.3% higher, \$NZ96.57M full year NPAT. 6.6% higher, \$NZ250.36M revenue.

#### Adelaide Brighton (\*\* ABC)

9c fully final and 4c special dividends, each fully franked, following an 8.5c dividend a year ago. \$1.43 NTA.

17.7% higher, \$A84.5M interim NPAT. 11.7% higher, \$807.2M revenue. \$414.5M net debt.

#### Altium Ltd (\*\* ALU)

33.5% higher, \$US37.49M full year NPAT. 26.5% higher \$US140.37M revenue. A14c final dividend, up 2c. \$US52.46M cash and equivalents, up 18%.

ALU hosted a teleconference 5pm AEST yesterday.

#### Updater Inc (UPD)

UPD is proposing to delist from the ASX.

Also reporting a \$US14.715M interim net loss.

\$US7.30M revenue, against \$US627,115 a year ago. \$US39.14M cash. Nil debt.

UPD has traded on the ASX at \$1.10 - \$1.30 on the ASX over the past five trading sessions.

#### Immutep Ltd (IMM)

In receipt of a €1.22M research tax credit from the French Government.

IMM also lodged full year accounts, including a \$12.75M net loss, post-trade yesterday.

#### 4DS Memory (4DS)

Claiming ignorance in response to an ASX price and volume query.

4DS traded as high as 12.5c yesterday, adding 15% yesterday after appreciating 14.94% Monday.

### Resources

#### High Grade Metals (\* HGM) / Surefire Resources (SRN)

HGM is resuming from suspension after reaching agreement to sell its WA Victory Bore vanadium project to SRN.

Consideration initially includes \$A500,000 cash plus 62.5M SRN shares at 1.2c each.

In addition, SRN will pay HGM \$A650,000 cash or the equivalent in shares within 60 days of a PFS that delivers a >20% IRR estimate.

SRN has agreed to pay a further \$650,000 in cash or shares within 60 days of any decision to mine.

**CBT Wheat (Sep)** 5.48 bshl -0.15 -2.6**Commodities Commentary**

**Oil** – prices rose further overnight, and post-settlement have continued to do so, after the API weekly report estimated US crude stockpiles had fallen by ~5MMbbl last week.

Among the forecasters, BNP Paribas ventured OPEC daily production totalling 31.7MMbbl during 2019, following 32.1MMbbl/d predicted for this year.

Reports estimated August exports out of southern Iraq equated to a daily 3.7MMbbl for the first 19 days, point to a new monthly record. July's exports had also proved a record. August exports from northern Iraq have reportedly grown 50,000bb/d for the month-to-date, to 350,000bbl/d.

WTI September-delivery futures expired overnight, October-delivery futures rising 42c to \$US65.84/bbl. A weekly US petroleum inventories report is due tonight from government agency IEA.

**Gold** – a further \$US fade benefited overnight gold trade, delivering \$US1200+/oz trades.

Federal Reserve policy meeting minutes, due tonight, could swing the \$US higher.

The annual global central bankers' conference commencing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming tomorrow night will feature a much-anticipated address from US Federal Reserve chair Jay Powell.

**Base metals** – the continuing \$US decline supported some additional gains during overnight trade, although stockpiles and seasonal demand scenarios appeared also in play.

A swag of international PMI updates is expected tomorrow night.

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7356	-0.0010	<b>-0.13</b>
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1572	0.0000	0.00

**Australian Data Today**

Wstpc/MI	Leading index	Jul
ABS	Construction work done	Jun Q
Deptof Jobs	Skilled vacancies	Jul

**US Data Tonight**

Fed Reserve policy meeting mins	31 Jul-1 Aug
Existing home sales	Jul
MBA mortgage applications	17 Aug

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SRN trade remains suspended.  
HGM last traded at 3.7c and SRN at 1.1c.

**BCI Minerals (\* BCI)**

\$16.91M full year net loss, following a \$5.67M net profit a year ago. 52% lower, \$33.45M revenue. 17c NTA.

Expenses rose due to development of the Kumina iron ore and Mardie salt projects.

Income fell due to lower Iron Valley iron ore prices and shipping volumes.

**Canyon Resources (CAY)**

CAY is claiming compliance after being queried by the ASX on the timing of last week's capital raising decision.

CAY is resuming from suspended trade having last traded Thursday last week, at 24.5c. The company had closed Friday 10 August trade at 17c.

**Webjet Ltd (WEB)**

Planning to lodge full year results tomorrow morning, and to host a subsequent webcast teleconference commencing 10am AEST. Access details lodged post-trade yesterday.

**Energy****Central Petroleum (\* CTP)**

Palm Valley 13 gas well drilling underway.

CTP anticipates 3476m total depth (2102m true vertical depth) will require ~46 days' drilling.

**Reports & Events***(selected scheduled)*

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>A2M</b>	Full year
	<b>ABC</b>	Interim
	<b>APA</b>	Full year
	<b>ARB</b>	Full year
	<b>AAD</b>	Full year
	<b>BAP</b>	Full year
	<b>CAR</b>	Full year
	<b>CWY</b>	Full year
	<b>CCL</b>	Interim
	<b>CTD</b>	Full year
	<b>FBU</b>	Full year
	<b>ING</b>	Full year
	<b>LOV</b>	Full year
	<b>MMS</b>	Full year
	<b>NCM</b>	Full year
	<b>SBM</b>	Full year
	<b>SAR</b>	Full year
	<b>SGH</b>	Full year
	<b>SIQ</b>	Interim
	<b>SPK</b>	Full year
<b>SYD</b>	Interim	
<b>TRS</b>	Full year	
<b>TME</b>	Full year	
<b>WSA</b>	Full year	
<b>WTC</b>	Full year	
<b>WOR</b>	Full year	
<b>Tomorrow</b>	AIZ	Full year
	APO	Interim
	AIA	Full year; Jul
	BLY	Interim
	EVT	Full year
	FPH	AGM



	FLT	Full year
	IDX	Full year
	IRE	Interim
	NEC	Full year
	NST	Full year
	NZM	Interim
	QAN	Full year
	QUB	Full year
	RCR	Full year
	STO	Interim
	S32	Full year
	SXL	Full year
	SGP	Full year
	VRL	Full year
	WEB	Full year
<b>Fri</b>	AHG	Full year
	BXB	Full year
	MYX	Full year
	MPL	Full year
	MYO	Full year
	SGM	Full year
	SKT	Full year
	SDF	Full year
	SGR	Full year
	TGR	Full year
<b>Mon</b>	CNU	Full year
	IFN	Full year
	JHC	Full year
	MHJ	Full year
	SHV	Full year
	SKI	Interim
<b>Tue</b>	APX	Interim
	BKL	Full year
	CTX	Interim
	ORE	Full year
	SHV	Teleconf
	SFH	Full year

### Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
BMG Resources	BMG	22 Aug
Intiger Group	IAM	22 Aug
Poseidon Nickel	POS	22 Aug
Primary Health Care	PRY	22 Aug
Roto-Gro International	RGI	22 Aug
Symbol Mining	SL1	22 Aug
The BetMakers Holdings	TBH	22 Aug
Bingo Industries	BIN	23 Aug
Black Rock Mining	BKT	23 Aug
CSG Ltd	CSV	23 Aug
Envirosuite Ltd	EVS	23 Aug
Marindi Metals	MZN	23 Aug
Peninsula Mines	PSM	23 Aug
SportsHero Ltd	SHO	23 Aug
Thor Mining	THR	23 Aug

### Suspensions *(select)*

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Company	Code	Since
Admedus Ltd	AHZ	6 Aug
Challenger Energy	CEL	7 Aug
Benjamin Hornigold	BHD	30 Jul
Cape Range	CAG	30 Jul
Lanka Graphite	LGR	3 Aug
Queensland Bauxite	QBL	1 Aug
RCR Tomlinson	RCR	1 Aug
Sihayo Gold	SIH	20 Aug
Surefire Resources	SRN	21 Aug
Wolf Petroleum	WOF	1 Aug

**Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
<b>AGL</b>	Today	<b>63</b>	80	5.48
<b>AMP</b>	Today	<b>10</b>	50	7.10
<b>CVC</b>	Today	<b>8</b>	100	5.60
<b>LNK</b>	Today	<b>13.5</b>	100	2.59
<b>MGX</b>	Today	<b>3</b>	100	5.94
<b>PGH</b>	Today	<b>11.5</b>	65	5.29
BBN	Tomorrow	2.5	100	2.24
CAA	Tomorrow	0.5	100	8.06
CGL	Tomorrow	9	100	1.89
JBH	Tomorrow	46	100	5.08
KGN	Tomorrow	6.1	100	2.03
KOV	Tomorrow	7	100	4.62
MYS	Tomorrow	14.5	100	5.92
OML	Tomorrow	3.5	100	2.87
QBE	Tomorrow	22	30	2.39
WPL	Tomorrow	53	100	3.72
ANN	Fri	25	0	1.99
ARG	Fri	16	100	3.79
EAX	Fri	4	100	4.79
PAI	Fri	6	100	8.00
PMC	Fri	6	100	5.22