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# **Market Opener**

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## Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6224	-2	-0.0
NZX 50	8903	-18	-0.2
DJIA Futures	25307	22	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	2806	3	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	7211	10	0.1

#### **Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market opens today's end-of-month trade ahead of influential domestic and regional data, and a Bank of Japan post-policy meeting statement, following negative overnight US equities

Regionally, China's National Bureau of Statistics is scheduled to release July PMIs 11am AEST.

The Bank of Japan announces outcomes from a policy meeting, 1pm AEST, following indications the bank's board is open to tweaking policy in the near

In addition, Japan's June industrial production and unemployment figures are due today from 9.30am AEST.

Locally today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) releases monthly financial aggregates, including private sector credit, 11.30am AEST.

This is one of a series of economic indicators due this week ahead of the RBA's policy meeting Tuesday next week (7 August).

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases building approvals, also at 11.30am.

A weekly consumer sentiment reading is due pre-

Being 31 July, a barrage of June quarter reports is expected.

In decidedly mixed overnight commodities trade, oil turned higher and rallied.

US gold futures settled essentially flat.

Iron ore (China port, 62% Fe) was pushed slightly higher, recording three consecutive gains.

LME copper fell; aluminium rallied; nickel closed unchanged.

The **\$A** appreciated a little after slipping below US74.0c early yesterday evening.

#### **Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	25307	-144	-0.6
S&P 500	2803	-16	-0.6
NASDAQ	7630	-107	-1.4
FTSE 100	7701	-0.46	-0.0
DAX 30	12798	-62	-0.5
Shanghai Comp	2869	-5	-0.2

#### **Overseas Markets Commentary**

Major European and US equities markets fell on opening or trended lower in early trade.

Energy stocks regained favour, but the tech sector notably pushed the NASDAQ to a third consecutive

#### China - NBS PMIs 11am AEST

Australia – private sector credit 11.30am AEST

Japan – Bank of Japan policy meeting outcomes 1pm AEST

Last trading day of the month

## Today's Stock Watch

## CYBG Plc (CYB)

Mortgage business grew 3.8% to £24.2B for the nine months to 30 June. Deposits increased 4.5% to £28.6B. 11.4% CET1 ratio. Keen to point out in the June quarter trading update lodged post-trade yesterday that 'the political situation in the UK remains highly uncertain and the potential impact on the UK economy remains unclear'.

## Credit Corp (CCP)

17% higher, \$64.29M full year NPAT. 12% higher, \$298.978M revenue. 36c fully franked final dividend, against 31c a year ago. \$5.989 NTA.

## **Bubs Australia (BUB)**

Record \$8.89M June guarter gross sales revenue, 63% higher than for the March quarter. Net sales rose 64% to \$8.51M.

## Serko Ltd (SKO) / Flight Centre (FLT)

SKO has lifted its expected FY 2019 revenue growth to 20% -30%, from 15% - 30%.

This is due to a LoI secured with FLT for a contract variation, essentially involving both extension and expansion, effective 1 September. Promising a further update at the 22 August AGM.

## MACA Ltd (MLD) / Regis Resources (RRL)

MLD has secured an open pit mining services contract extension with RRL's WA Duketon South and regional projects. MLD is anticipating \$590M revenue over an initial five years from this month.

#### Resources

## Western Areas (WSA) / Iluka Resources (ILU)

WSA is planning to form a JV with ILU over ILU's South Australia Eucla Basin holdings, with WSA acquiring up to 75% of base and precious metals rights and some rare earth elements. Details lodged this morning.

## Regis Resources (RRL)

Producer 92,008oz of gold during the June quarter and 361,373oz for the year to 30 June. Sold 102,545oz at \$A1731/oz, with a \$982/oz AISC for the quarter. Annual AISC came in at \$901/oz. \$208.8M cash and bullion. Reserves and resources also lodged this morning.

#### Energy

## Senex Energy (SXY)

Produced 12% more, 840,000boe during the year to 30 June, 270,000boe for the June quarter.

Resuming from a trading halt with a \$A150M fully-underwritten seven-year debt facility, in support of Surat Basin gas developments.

Annual reserves update also lodged this morning, including a 35% increase in 2P reserves to 113.2MMboe. SXY last traded at 41c.



fall.

Yesterday, China unveiled tighter regulation governing proposed investment in listed companies by foreign entities.

Among data releases, **US** June pending home sales unexpectedly rose 0.9% for the month, following a 0.5% fall in May. Year-on-year however, pending home sales had fallen 2.5%.

A Texas region overall manufacturing and business conditions index slipped 4.2 points to 32.3.

**Germany**'s initial July CPI growth was estimated at 2.0% year-on-year, following forecasts of 2.1%.

**Tonight** in the US, personal and income spending and employment cost updates are due, together with a Chicago region manufacturing index, a national house price index and a Conference Board consumer confidence reading.

The figures will be keenly analysed, ahead of a **Federal Reserve** post-policy meeting statement early Thursday AEST.

Companies due to report earnings or provide an update later today and tonight include **Apple** (post-US trade), Amtek, Archer-Daniels-Midland, Baidu, BP, Credit Suisse, Glencore, Honda Motor, Nintendo, Pfizer, Procter & Gamble, Samsung Electronics, Sanofi, Shire, Sony, Standard Chartered, Takeda Pharmaceutical and Thomas Cook.

In overnight corporate news, **Caterpillar** exceeded quarterly expectations and was pushed 2% higher early, only to ultimately fall by approximately the same amount, despite bolstering full year profit expectations.

In the communications sector, **AT&T** gained  $\sim$ 3% following a positive research report.

**American Express** fell out of favour by  $\sim 2.5\%$  on claims business sector currency conversion fees had been raised without informing customers.

Weak **tech** conviction following growth concerns and warnings brought to the surface by a batch of key reports last week, pushed Facebook and Netflix more than 4% lower and Alphabet and Amazon down more than 1%.

**Tyson Foods** dropped more than 7.5% as investors digested a full-year profit cutback, the company citing potential adverse trade tax impacts.

## **Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1223	oz	-1	-0.0
Silver (NY) (Sep)	15.5	oz	0.01	0.1
Gold (LON)	1224	OZ	-0.15	-0.0
Platinum	826	oz	-2	-0.2
WTI Crude (Sep)	70.1	bbl	1.4	2.1
Brent Crude (Sep)	75.0	bbl	0.7	0.9
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	67.65	t	0.15	0.2
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	6250	t	-47	-0.8
Nickel	13860	t	0	0.0
Aluminium	2094	t	23	1.1
Lead	2153	t	8	0.4
Zinc	2557	t	-39	-1.5
Tin	20025	t	100	0.5
CBT Wheat (Sep)	5.47	bshl	0.16	3.0

#### **Commodities Commentary**

**Oil** – New North Sea industrial action (this time on a rig for a French-owned operation) added overnight

## **Pre-Open Announcements**

## Australian Agriculture Company (\* AAC)

Today's AGM speeches lodged.

## Air New Zealand (AIZ)

June passenger numbers grew 5.2% and revenue passenger kilometres by 7.0%.

## Fonterra Shareholders' Fund (FSF)

July milk collection totalled 13 million kgMS.

Global dairy update lodged this morning.

Planning to release full year results mid-September.

## **Recce Pharmaceuticals (RCE)**

June quarter summary lodged post-trade yesterday, highlighting ongoing direct US FDA contact regarding clinical and regulatory pathways for the development of RCE's antibiotic compound RECCE 327.

# Alliance Aviation Services (\* AQZ) / St Barbara (SBM)

AQZ has secured a three-year contract extension with SBM's WA Leonora operations following a selective tender process.

## **Fastbrick Robotics (FBR)**

June quarter activities summary lodged this morning.

## Vitalharvest Freehold Trust (\* VTH)

Real estate investment trust scheduled to list on the ASX midday tomorrow following a \$185M IPO at \$1.00 per unit.

Trading will commence on a conditional and deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 8 August (Wednesday next week).

185M quoted units.

#### Resources

## Gold Road Resources (\*\* GOR)

Resuming from a trading halt with WA Gruyere JV gold project capex revised to \$621M.

GOR estimates its share of scope change and force majeure total costs at \$15M.

First gold anticipated by 30 September.

GOR 50%; Gold Fields 50%.

June quarter report also lodged post-trade yesterday.

GOR last traded at 71c.

## Salt Lake Potash (\* SO4)

Lake Way project demonstration plant scoping study figures lodged this morning.

## Saracen Mineral Holdings (\* SAR)

Heralding significant width, high-grade intersections delivered by Thunderbox project extensional and Carosue Dam project drilling. Assays lodged this morning.

## Hillgrove Resources (\* HGO)

Produced 5642t of copper and 2042oz of gold during the June quarter. Sold 23,335Mt of concentrate, pushing the six-month total to 46,730t.

## **Spectrum Rare Earths (\* SPX)**

SPX has requested a 90-day extension to the period of its exclusive option to purchase the Washington gold project, due to the project being located 15 miles north west of Redding, the site of a significant wildfire in California, US.

The project site was evacuated under orders from fire authorities.



to near-term supply conjecture following Saudi Arabia's decision last week to suspend shipments through the Red Sea Bab al-Mandeb strait.

On the flip side, a Reuters survey estimated OPEC July output at a daily 32.64MMbbl, up 70,000bbl/d.

Brent crude September futures expire tonight. Overnight, October futures settled 79c higher, at \$US75.55/bbl.

**Gold** – US equities trade sentiment again suffered overnight, but this was not sufficient to boost gold interest ahead of key data, events and corporate reports this week.

The **US Federal Reserve** is scheduled to convene a policy meeting tomorrow night and to announce outcomes early Thursday AEST.

The **Bank of Japan** commences a policy meeting today and will announce outcomes 1pm AEST.

The **Bank of England** holds a policy meeting Thursday night prior to the release of an outcomes statement and an inflation report, and a press conference.

**Base metals** – a report published yesterday in China, claimed 1000 manufacturing operations would be closed in Beijing by 2020 in order to boost Beijing air quality and also support regional economies.

China's official July **PMI**s, expected today, will influence at least some of this week's trade, from tonight.

Some end-of-month positioning could also be evident tonight.

PMI speculation yesterday damaged some overnight trade, particularly *copper*, despite Escondida workers reportedly planning to vote on new industrial action after knocking back the latest BHP offer.

Caixin's July manufacturing PMI for China is scheduled for release tomorrow.

#### **Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7409	0.0001	0.02
EUR – USD	1.1709	0.0005	0.04

## **Australian Data Today**

ANZ/RyMgn ABS	Consumer sentiment Building approvals	29 Jul Jun
RBA	Financial aggregates	Jun
RBA	Reserves & forex liquidity	Jul

## **US Data Tonight**

Personal income & spending	Jun
Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE)	Jun
Chicago Fed manufacturing	Jul
Case-Shiller house prices	May
Conf Board consumer confidence	Jul

## Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	NBS PMIs	Jul
Japan	BoJ policy statement	Jul
Japan	BoJ quarterly outlook (3pm)	Jul
Japan	Industrial production	Jun

## **Tungsten Mining (TGN)**

Heralding high-grade assays from infill drilling within the Mulgine Hill project, WA Murchison region.

## **AVZ Minerals (AVZ)**

AVZ has appointed Manono lithium project manager Graeme Johnston as technical director.

A maiden resource is pending.

## Panoramic Resources (PAN)

June quarter update lodged post-trade yesterday. \$A19.6M cash.

## Constellation Resources (\* CR1, CR10)

WA-headquartered mineral explorer completed a successful ASX listing yesterday following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 33c and traded at 30c – 34c before settling at 30.5c. ~2.8M shares changed hands across 231 trades.

35M quoted shares; 11.67M quoted options.

#### **Energy**

## Leigh Creek Energy (LCK)

LCK has raised \$1.478M placing the shortfall of its recent SPP, pushing the total raised to \$3M.

LCK has traded at 16.5c – 19.5c over the past five trading sessions.

## **Reports & Events**

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AQG AAC CCP IFN ORG RRL	Jun Q AGM Full year Jun Q Jun Q Jun Q
Tomorrow	ALQ BWP GMA RIO	AGM Full year Interim Interim
7 Aug	NVT OFX RKN SCP	Full year AGM Interim Full year
8 Aug	CBA IFL SKC TAH TCL	Full year Full year Full year Full year Full year

#### **Trading Halts**

Company	Code	Resuming
Lindian Resources	LIN	31 Jul
Panorama Synergy	PSY	31 Jul
Roto Gro International	RGI	31 Jul
American Pacific Borate & Lithium	ABR	1 Aug
Mustang Resources	MUS	1 Aug
Queensland Bauxite	QBL	1 Aug
RCR Tomlinson	RCR	1 Aug
Scout Security	SCT	1 Aug



Japan	Unemployment	Jun
Japan	Building starts (3pm)	Jun
UK	GfK consumer confidence	Jul
Germany	Retail sales	Jun
Germany	Unemployment	Jul
Euro zone	GDP (initial)	JunQ
Euro zone	CPI (initial)	Jul
Euro zone	Unemployment	Jun

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Classic Minerals	CLZ	2 Aug

## Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Benjamin Hornigold	BHD	30 Jul
Cape Range	CAG	30 Jul
Connected IO	CIO	19 Jul
Crowdspark Ltd	CSK	6 Jul
Eastern Goldfields	EGS	25 Jul
Indoor Skydive Australia	IDZ	23 Jul
JustKapital Ltd	JKL	19 Jul
Questus Ltd	QSS	30 Jul
Sumatra Copper & Gold	SUM	27 Jul
Tikforce Ltd	TKF	24 Jul
Velpic Ltd	VPC	24 Jul

#### **Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
MXT	Today	0.91	0	3.84
ASH	Thu	2.5	100	8.77
OZG	Fri	0.25	100	2.56
WIC	Fri	3	100	5.02
AMH	6 Aug	4.25	100	4.38
DJW	7 Aug	10	100	5.65
OPG	7 Aug	13	100	2.90