

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	5935	75	1.3
NZX 50	11861	122	1.0
DJIA Futures	28042	70	0.3
S&P 500 Futures	3409	9	0.3
NASDAQ Futures	11439	46	0.4

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade following positive overnight US equities sentiment for the first time since Wednesday last week, with a trio of high-profile earnings reports and several large-cap stocks trading ex-dividend, and Australia-China and US-China relations remaining in focus, ahead of a European Central Bank policy meeting tonight.

Locally today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) publishes monthly **business lending** and quarterly **margin lending** reports, **11.30am AEST**.

The Melbourne Institute also releases its September **inflation expectations** report this morning, at 11am.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include: **CSL, IGO, MND, RWC** and **S32**. *Please see p3 for details.*

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** turned to settle higher.

US **gold** futures (December) extended Tuesday's gain.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) was pushed lower, beneath \$US126.80/t.

LME **copper** swung higher.

The **\$A** was pushed beyond US72.75c after trading at ~US72.30c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	27940	440	1.6
S&P 500	3399	67	2.0
NASDAQ	11142	294	2.7
FTSE 100	6013	83	1.4
DAX 30	13237	269	2.1
Shanghai Comp	3255	-62	-1.9

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets bounced overnight, key US indices pulling back a little in the last half-hour of trade, despite gains by major tech stocks.

Early sentiment was boosted by a media report claiming the European Central Bank (ECB), which holds a policy meeting tonight, was more optimistic than initially on euro zone recovery potential.

In addition, the European Union (EU) confirmed it would not

Today's Stock Watch
Sigma Healthcare (SIG)

87% higher, \$4.71M interim NPAT. 12.5% lower, \$1.64B sales revenue. Nil interim dividend, against 1c a year ago. 31.4c NTA, against 33.9c.

A webcast is scheduled to commence 10am AEST.

Myer Holdings (MYR)

\$172.4M full year net loss. 15.8% lower, \$2.52B sales.

Sky Network Television (SKT)

Raising FY21 net profit, revenue, EBITDA and capex guidance. \$NZ156.8M full year net loss.

\$NZ747.6M revenue, boosted by a 35% jump in streaming revenue. Nil final dividend.

Charter Hall Retail REIT (CQR) / Charter Hall Long WALE REIT (CLW)

A CQR-CLW 50:50 managed fund is acquiring a 49% holding in a portfolio of 70 convenience retail properties leased to BP in New Zealand.

SRG Global (SRG)

\$65M worth of new contracts secured. Details lodged this morning.

Jaxsta Ltd (JXT)

Five-year agreement secured with Songtradr covering revenue ID and collection. Songtradr is investing \$A1.42M via a JXT convertible note.

Resources
Resolute Mining (RSG)

RSG is withdrawing production and cost guidance for CY2020 as the company's Mali Syama gold operation is facing an industrial action threat in relation to Covid-19 containment measures.

RSG was pushed 4.5% lower yesterday, settling at \$1.06.

Iluka Resources (ILU)

Planning to demerge the company's Deterra Royalties royalty business and planning to list it on the ASX, pending shareholder approval 16 October. Webcast teleconference scheduled to commence 11am AEST Monday (14 September).

Newcrest Mining (NCM)

Drilling has extended known Havieron mineralisation, including higher-grad sulphide zones.

An initial resource is anticipated by year's end.

Lynas Corporation (LYC)

\$A114M raised and 44% take-up achieved in the \$2.30-per-share retail entitlement offer.

LYC has traded at \$2.33 - \$2.48 over the past five sessions.



terminate trade negotiations with the UK regarding arrangements following the 31 December expiry of the transition period for the UK's separation from the EU.

This had been feared due to proposed legislation covering the UK's trade arrangements with Ireland.

Both the euro and the British pound subsequently gained against the \$US.

Among US-China developments, the US administration was reported to be planning to ban China's Xinjiang region exports, due to concerns regarding the treatment of Uighur Muslims and related forced labour allegations.

Among other overnight trade considerations, late-Tuesday US time, AstraZeneca and Oxford University announced a suspension of the trial of their potential Covid-19 vaccine while an illness suffered by a trial participant is being investigated.

Among overnight **data** releases, a US July job opportunities report estimated 6.618M job openings, following 6.001M for June.

Weekly mortgage applications rose 2.9%, after falling 2% the previous week.

Average 30-year mortgage rates declined to 3.07% from 3.08%.

A 10-year bond auction, during late equities trade, delivered a 0.704% yield, from 0.677%.

Earlier, a 10-year bond offer in Germany produced a -0.50% yield, following -0.46%.

Tonight in the US, August producer prices, July wholesale inventories and weekly initial jobless claims are due.

In addition, the US conducts a 30-year bond auction.

Elsewhere, statements and commentary following the ECB policy meeting are keenly anticipated.

Also tonight, Chewy, UK supermarket chain Morrison and Oracle are scheduled to report earnings.

In overnight corporate news, **LVMH** revealed it was scrapping plans to outlay ~\$US16B for **Tiffany**.

For its part, Tiffany was reported to be pursuing legal action to force a November transaction.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1954.9	oz	11.7	0.6
Silver (NY) (Dec)	27.083	oz	0.09	0.3
Gold (LON) (8 Sep)	1911	oz		
Platinum	916	oz	19	2.1
WTI Crude (NYMEX Oct)	38.05	bbbl	1.29	3.5
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Nov)	40.79	bbbl	1.01	2.5
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	126.78	t	-1.25	-1.0
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	6762	t	62	0.9
Nickel	14940	t	-15	-0.1
Aluminium	1786	t	-9	-0.5
Lead	1898	t	-19	-1.0
Zinc	2425	t	2	0.1
Tin	18015	t	-31	-0.2

Pre-Open Announcements

De.mem Ltd (* DEM)

Minimum \$A800,000 contract secured with Switzerland headquartered Givaudan, for a waste water treatment system at Givaudan's Singapore facility.

DEM will build own and operate the system.

This is DEM's third such contract with Givaudan.

Whispir Ltd (* WSP)

20.32M of 53M shares released from escrow yesterday were sold in a block trade at \$3.81 each after-trade yesterday.

Charter Hall Social Infrastructure REIT (CQE)

CQE has appointed Charter Hall Direct fund manager Miriam Patterson as an executive director.

Nearmap Ltd (NEA)

Trading halt called this morning ahead of a \$70M fully underwritten institutional placement.

A \$20M SPP is also planned.

iSentric Ltd (ICU)

ICU received \$4.01M worth of applications in the recent 3c-per-share SPP which targeted \$3M.

In addition, ICU is in receipt of sections 249D and 203D Corporations Act notices requesting a shareholders meeting to consider a board spill.

ICU has traded at 5.1c – 6.4c the past five trading sessions, yesterday settling at 5.2c.

Resources

Buru Energy (BRU) / Sipa Resources (SRI)

Planning to form a JV over the SRI Barbwire Terrace project.

Details lodged this morning.

Auteco Minerals (AUT)

AUT has renewed the employment contract for executive chairman Ray Shorrocks.

Energy

Metgasco Ltd (MEL)

\$3.75M worth of applications received in the recent 2.5c-per-share SPP which targeted \$2M.

MEL will apply some scale-back and issue \$2.6M worth of shares.

MEL has traded at 2.8c – 3.1c the past five trading sessions, yesterday settling at 2.8c.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Emerge Gaming	EM1	10 Sep
Los Cerros	LCL	10 Sep
MGC Pharmaceuticals	MXC	10 Sep
Minbos Resources	MNB	10 Sep



Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight trade appeared impacted by currency swings and views on the likely timing and extent of an increase in international demand.

An industry survey published overnight, estimated OPEC+’s August production at 34.63MMbbl/d, 1.71MMbbl/d higher than for July.

In the meantime, the US government agency the EIA published a new 2020 oil demand growth prediction, lowering the previous forecast by a daily 210,000bbl to 8.32MMbbl/d.

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

Post-US settlement overnight, an industry association weekly report included an estimate of a 2.97MMbbl increase in crude stocks.

Gold – currency swings pushed and pulled overnight gold trade, but Comex futures settled higher for a second consecutive session.

The ICE \$US index ultimately pulled back 0.2%.

Tonight’s European Central Bank post-policy meeting statements are expected to swing some currency trade and gold sentiment.

Base metals – currency swings, data out of China, US-China trade relations, inventories updates and production figures toyed with overnight LME sentiment.

China’s August producer prices, released yesterday, represented a 2% fall year-on-year, following forecasts of a 1.5% decline.

The CPI was reported 0.4% higher for the month and 2.4% year-on-year.

LME-registered copper warehouse levels were reported at 73,425t, the least since November 2005, but Shanghai inventories at the most since May.

China research agency Antaika estimated China had produced 15% more nickel (tallying 14,260t) in August than for August 2019.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7279	0.0065	0.91
EUR – USD	1.1806	0.0026	0.22

Australian Data Today

RBA	Business lending	Aug
RBA	Margin lending	Sep
MelInst	Inflation expectations	Sep

US Data Tonight

PPI	Aug
Initial jobless claims	5 Sep
Wholesale inventories	Jul

Oakdale Resources	OAR	10 Sep
Renegade Exploration	RNX	10 Sep
Paterson Resources	PSL	11 Sep
Shekel Brainweigh	SBW	11 Sep
Twenty Seven Co	TSC	11 Sep
Barra Resources	BAR	14 Sep
Change Financial	CCA	14 Sep
Jindalee Resources	JRL	14 Sep
Aurora Labs	A3D	15 Sep
Blackstone Minerals	BSX	15 Sep
De Grey Mining	DEG	15 Sep

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Ansila Energy	ANA	7 Sep
Faster Enterprises	FE8	2 Sep
Intiger Group	IAM	1 Sep
Local Planning Energy Holdings	LPE	8 Sep
Maximus Resources	MXR	9 Sep
thedocyard Ltd	TDY	18 Aug
Velocity Property Group	VP7	7 Sep

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ANG	Today	0.3	100	1.38
BAF	Today	3	100	5.46
CGO	Today	1.25	100	2.22
CSL	Today	148.1	0	1.04
EAS	Today	2.5	100	4.64
FRI	Today	1	100	3.17
GDG	Today	1	0	2.44
GNE	Today	7.65	0	5.78
IGO	Today	5	0	3.19
LBL	Today	0.6	100	2.00
MND	Today	13	100	4.14
PME	Today	6	100	0.41
RWC	Today	2.5	20	2.49
S32	Today	1.38	100	2.69
SHJ	Today	2.75	0	5.00
SRV	Today	9	0	4.49
TGG	Today	3.5	100	1.69
VTG	Today	2.4	100	3.60
ALI	Tomorrow	4.5	100	1.38
CWY	Tomorrow	2.1	100	1.59
GRR	Tomorrow	1	100	7.27
SEQ	Tomorrow	0.4	100	0.00
VEE	Tomorrow	0.23	0	1.23

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

Japan	Machinery orders	Jul
Euro zone	ECB post-policy meeting statement	Sep

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