

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	2722	20	0.3
NZX 50	12741	-22	-0.2
DJIA Futures	34883	8	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	4376	-1	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	14875	6	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade with material economic indicators due domestically and from China late-morning through early afternoon, and ongoing US-China argy-bargy, ahead of key euro zone, UK and US economic reports tonight, together with the commencement of the US reporting season.

Locally today, NAB releases the results of its June **business expectations and conditions** survey, **11.30am AEST**.

In addition, the HIA June home sales report is anticipated anytime from today.

Regionally today, **China** is scheduled to release June **trade balance** at **1pm AEST**.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** and **US gold** futures turned to settle lower.

Iron ore prices swung higher, Qingdao (CFR China, 62% fines) recouping \$US3.08/t to reach \$US217.85/t, and Nymex iron ore futures also trading beyond \$US217.00/t.

LME **copper** and other key base metals were pushed lower, following concerted overnight Friday rallies.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US74.80c after trading at US74.70c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets.

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34996	126	0.4
S&P 500	4385	15	0.4
NASDAQ	14733	31	0.2
FTSE 100	7125	4	0.1
DAX 30	15791	103	0.7
Shanghai Comp	3548	24	0.7

Overseas Markets Commentary

Overnight trade across most major European, UK and US equities markets featured early vacillations variously followed by steadying or decided second-half trends higher.

China-US relations continued in focus, China yesterday claiming it had force a retreat of a US warship from an area near the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea.

European Central Bank president Christine Lagarde confirmed overnight that the official statement following next week's

*** Industrial metals mining listing – 1pm AEST – IND ***

Today's Stock Watch
YouFoodz Ltd (YFZ)

YFZ has agreed a 93c cash-per-share scheme of arrangement whereby HelloFresh will acquire 100% of YFZ.

57.4% YFZ shareholder RGT Capital favours the plan.

YFZ has traded at 51c – 55c over the past five trading sessions.

Incitec Pivot (IPL)

The Louisiana, US Waggaman ammonia plant has reached a production rate equivalent to the facility's 800,000t nameplate capacity following its restart.

Confirming a restructure, from a global manufacturing model to regional management.

In association, IPL's president global manufacturing and HSE Tim Wall will leave IPL.

Operational update promised for 29 July.

PolyNovo Ltd (PNV)

Record \$A3.3M June NovoSorb BTM revenue has helped bolster US June quarter BTM revenue to a record \$4.9M.

FY21 BTM revenue is estimated 25% greater than for FY20.

Select Harvests (SHV)

Anticipating a record 28,250MT 2021 crop, from 23,250MT for 2020.

Also reporting record monthly shipment records.

Drought in California has helped lift almond prices.

Plenti Group (PLT)

PLT's loan portfolio rose 96% year-on-year during the June quarter, to \$757M, following record June and June quarter loan originations. Breakdown statistics also lodged pre-trade.

BINGO Industries (BIN) / Centuria Capital Group (CNI)

Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) will not object to the scheme of arrangement proposed acquisition of BIN by MQG's Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets' Recycle and Resource Operations.

BIN shareholders will vote on the scheme this morning.

BIN is being replaced on the S&P/ASX 200 by CNI, prior to Friday's ASX opening, pending ultimate court approval of the scheme.

Resources
Kirkland Lake Gold (KLA)

Produced a record 379,175oz of gold during the June quarter, representing a 15% year-on-year increase and 25% jump for the three months.

Sold 364,575oz at \$US1814/oz.

\$US855M cash; nil debt.

monetary policy meeting would incorporate new guidance language.

This was due to the bank's strategic review, following which new inflation consideration was announced last week.

Ms Lagarde emphasised however, that the time was not right for reducing stimulus, and that the bank's €1.85 trillion pandemic emergency purchase program (PEPP) would continue through to at least March 2022.

From then, it could 'transition into a new format'.

In sparse overnight **data** releases, **Germany's** June wholesale prices were estimated 1.5% higher for the month, following a 1.7% May increase and expectations of a new 1.1% rise.

Against June 2020, prices were 10.7% higher.

In the **US**, a June consumer inflation expectations reading came in at 4.8% from 4.0% for May and forecasts for 4.1%.

A US 10-year note auction resulted in a 1.371% yield from 1.497%.

Tonight in the US, the June CPI is keenly anticipated.

The NFIB small business optimism index and the June budget statement are also due.

A 30-year US bond auction is also scheduled for tonight.

Elsewhere, Germany is due to publish a final CPI reading for June, and Italy to host a 30-year bond auction.

In the UK, the Bank of England publishes a financial stability report and minutes of the June monetary policy meeting.

Companies scheduled to report earnings tonight include ConAgra Brands, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and PepsiCo.

In overnight corporate news, **Virgin Galactic** Holdings was pushed greater than 10% lower after announcing an up to \$US500M share sale.

Commodities				
COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1805.9	oz	-4.7	-0.3
Silver (NY) (Sep)	26.3	oz	0.066	0.3
Gold (LON)	1806	oz		
Platinum	1115	oz	20	1.8
WTI Crude (NYMEX Aug)	74.10	bbbl	-0.46	-0.6
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Sep)	75.20	bbbl	-0.35	-0.5
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	217.33	t	1.55	0.7
Copper (LME Ind)	9406	t	-114	-1.2
Nickel	18650	t	-97	-0.5
Aluminium	2494	t	-6	-0.2
Lead	2328	t	-4	-0.2
Zinc	2943	t	-35	-1.2
Tin	31950	t	285	0.9

Commodities Commentary

Oil – a Russian diplomat involved in multi-national discussions with Iran regarding the 2015 nuclear agreement, and how subsequent sanctions might be lifted, claimed 90% progress, but that securing a final deal would not be easy.

Meanwhile, Iran is yet to renew a permit for the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency to monitor nuclear activities

Pre-Open Announcements

Platinum Asset Management (* PTM)

\$23.52B FUM at 30 June, against \$24.71B 31 May.

PTM completed a \$997M (net re-investment) cash distribution to unit holders during June.

1414 Degrees (14D)

14D has appointed former Beach Energy (ASX: BPT) corporate development and strategy GM Matthew Squire as CEO, effective 1 August.

14D added 20% to settle at 12c yesterday, after closing out June at 9.5c.

CI Resources (CII)

The Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs (DHA) has terminated a three-year facilities management services contract awarded to CII subsidiary Christmas Island Maintenance Services for the government's immigration detention facility.

The contract, awarded August 2019, effectively now ends 7 October.

Aerison Group (AE1)

Industrial services specialist completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$13.5M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 21.5c and traded at 20c – 22c before settling at 20.5c.

4.9M shares changed hands across 223 transactions.

305.94M quoted shares.

Resources

Industrial Metals (* IND)

Miner and explorer scheduled to list on the ASX **1pm** AEST, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.
27.525M quoted shares.

Indiana Resources (* IDA)

Resuming from a trading halt with several significant-width and high-grade intersections from Central Gawler Craton gold project Minos prospect RC drilling.

Assays lodged pre-trade.

Pantoro Ltd (* PNR) / Tulla Resources (* TUL)

Webcast scheduled for **11am** AEST.

WA Norseman gold project Mainfield drilling has returned numerous high-grade results.

PNR and TUL each hold 50% of the project.

Vulcan Energy (* VUL)

VUL has appointed Currenta head of finance and former Bayer Group South Korea CFO Markus Ritzauer as the company's German operations CFO.

Resource Base (RBX) / Navarre Minerals (NML)

Mineral exploration company completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$5.5M IPO at 20c per share.



within Iran.

Overnight crude trade appeared to mostly react to weekend revelations from multiple nations across Europe, the Americas and Asia of rising Covid-19 case numbers.

A monthly report is anticipated from the International Energy Agency (IEA) **tonight**.

Gold – overnight prices fell but settled off session lows.

International equities remained ultimately in favour and the \$US ICE index rose ~0.1%.

Key data releases from today through the end of the week are likely to influence some gold sentiment, in addition to geopolitical issues.

Base metals – overnight trade appeared to react to commentary regarding the likely reasoning behind China’s easing of bank reserve requirements, and the extent to which China’s administration may be concerned about sustained growth.

China’s June **trade** figures, due **today**, are expected to influence some sentiment prior to the release of June quarter GDP, and June updates for industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales late-week.

Meanwhile, **copper** stocks in LME-registered warehouses were reported ~40% higher than three weeks ago.

Nickel stocks were reported relatively tight however, amid industrial action at a Vale nickel project in Canada and as Russia moves towards imposing a nickel export tax.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7478	0.0005	0.06
EUR – USD	1.1861	-0.0006	-0.05

Australian Data Today

NAB	Business conditions & expectations	Jun
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US Data Tonight

CPI	Jun
NFIB small business optimism	Jun
Treasury budget statement	Jun

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Trade balance	Jun
UK	BoE financial stability report	Jul
UK	BoE policy meeting minutes	Jun
Germany	CPI (final)	Jun

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33.95M quoted shares.

Opened at 16.5c and traded as high as 18c before settling at 17c. 3.13M shares changed hands across 204 transactions.

Developing the western Victoria Black Range base metal exploration tenement EL 4590 formerly held by NML.

NML held 17.43% of RBX on listing, and Melbourne-headquartered Asipac Group 7.33%.

Balkan Mining & Minerals (* BMM)

Serbia-focused lithium and borate explorer and JDR spin-off and scheduled to list on the ASX 1pm AEST **tomorrow**, following a \$6.5M IPO at 20c per share.

32.5M quoted shares.

Jadar Resources (ASX: JDR) and Sandfire Resources (ASX: SFR) each hold 22.22%.

SFR completed a \$2M cornerstone investment into the IPO, in association with a collaboration agreement.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Elsight Ltd	ELS	13 Jul
Caspin Resources	CPN	14 Jul
Cirralto Ltd	CRO	14 Jul
Cokal Ltd	CKA	14 Jul
Field Solutions Holdings	FSG	14 Jul
Frugl Group	FGL	14 Jul
iCar Asia	ICQ	14 Jul
Leaf Resources	LER	14 Jul
Liontown Resources	LTR	14 Jul
NewPeak Metals	NPM	14 Jul
QMines Ltd	QML	14 Jul
Xstate Resources	XST	14 Jul

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Crater Gold Mining	CGN	9 Jul
Gold Mountain	GMN	21 Jun

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
KAT	Today	0.5	100	1.89
TRA	Today	5.63	85	6.54
DBF	Thu	6.2	0	0.00
EZL	19 Jul	13.5	100	4.33

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Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Thu	AST	AGM
	WPL	Jun Q
Fri	RIO	Jun Q
20 Jul	BHP	Jun Q
21 Jul	SYR	Jun Q
22 Jul	NCM	Jun Q
	STO	Jun Q
23 Jul	MIN	Jun Q
27 Jul	OZL	Jun Q
	RIO	Interim
28 Jul	SBM	Jun Q
	CCP	Full year
29 Jul	FMG	Jun Q
	IGO	Jun Q
	IRE	Investor day
	JHG	Jun Q
	FFG	AGM
30 Jul	ICI	AGM
	OGC	Jun Q
	ORG	Jun Q