

**Markets**

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEST)	5892	-45	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	11446	11	<b>0.1</b>
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	26064	96	0.4
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	3157	9	0.3
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	10650	50	0.5

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market commences today's trade with material data due from China early afternoon, ongoing China-US tit-for-tat, a significant renewed shutdown in California, and a late downturn in overnight US equities sentiment, ahead of earnings reports from high-profile US financial stocks tonight.

**Regionally today, China is scheduled to report June trade statistics 1pm AEST.**

**Locally today, a weekly consumer sentiment reading is due pre-trade.**

**NAB also publishes its monthly business conditions and confidence survey today, 11.30am AEST.**

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** turned lower.

US **gold** futures (August) swung higher.

China port Australian 62% Fe fines and Dalian Commodity Exchange **iron ore** reportedly traded at 11-month peaks.

LME **copper** and **nickel** rallied further. **Aluminium** settled slightly higher.

The **\$A** fell to US69.55c after trading at ~US69.70c early yesterday evening.

Earlier this morning, the **\$A** headed towards US69.40c.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	26086	11	<b>0.0</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	3155	-30	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>NASDAQ</b>	10391	-227	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>FTSE 100</b>	6176	81	<b>1.3</b>
<b>DAX 30</b>	12800	166	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3443	60	<b>1.8</b>

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

Major European and US equities markets jumped on open overnight, European indices largely ultimately maintaining or improving on gains, despite some chop.

Key US indices, however, headed decidedly lower ~two hours before close of trade, the tech sector falling out of favour and Tesla pushed lower despite an analyst upgrade.

California's governor had ordered a return to a widespread shutdown including for social and recreation venues, this

**China – June trade balance – 1pm AEST**

\* Gold miner listing - 10.30am AEST – MKR \*

**Today's Stock Watch**
**Westpac Banking Corporation (WBC)**

WBC has appointed KPMG management consulting partner Michael Rowland as CFO, pending regulatory approval.

**AMP Ltd (AMP)**

Standard & Poor's (S&P) has lowered AMP Ltd and AMP Group Holdings ratings to BBB from BBB+, but retained the AMP Bank rating at BBB+. All AMP entities remain on S&P CreditWatch.

**Pendal Group (PDL)**

June quarter FUM grew by 4.0% during the three months, to \$89.4B. Breakdown figures lodged this morning.

FY20 performance fees tallied \$13.6M, against \$1.6M for FY19.

**NeuroScientific Biopharmaceuticals (NSB)**

A preclinical study of EmtinB as a potential treatment for multiple sclerosis indicates it is more effective than the approved drug Copaxone.

**Nanoveu Ltd (NVU)**

NVU's initial anti-viral protection product orders are on their way to distributor AIBI, Singapore.

**MGC Pharmaceuticals (MXC)**

Cannabis research cultivation permit in hand from the Australian Office of Drug Control, enabling collaborative research with the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology(RMIT) to progress.

MXC and RMIT plan to commence a breeding trial to cultivate and optimise the efficacy of various strains against cancer cells, in particular related to melanoma and prostate cancer.

**Altium Ltd (ALU)**

(Unaudited) 10% higher, \$US189M FY20 revenue. ALU's subscription base grew a record 17%. ~\$US90M cash balance.

**Decmil Group (DCG)**

Named by the Government of Western Australia as the preferred proponent to build the \$175M Albany ring road.

**LiveTiles Ltd (LVT)**

Reporting higher June quarter cash receipts, against the March quarter. In addition, positive underlying operating cash flow was achieved during June, producing an improved cash balance.

**Resources**
**Manuka Resources (\* MKR)**

Gold and silver producer scheduled to list on the ASX **10.30am** AEST, following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share.



underscoring other simmering uncertainty.

Yesterday, China had confirmed deteriorating relations with the US, placing sanctions on key individuals.

Later, the US Secretary of State was reported as declaring China's South China Sea territory stance as 'completely unlawful', describing China's actions as 'bullying'.

For its part, the European Union confirmed protest measures were being prepared in response to China's imposition of new security legislation in Hong Kong.

Central banks were also in focus.

Yesterday, the **Bank of Japan** announced it had appointed a new head of the department that drafts monetary policy.

**Bank of England** governor Andrew Bailey revealed overnight that the UK central bank was 'very worried' about employment and described the UK economy as having 'a long way to go'.

In scant overnight **data** releases, the **US** national budget statement included an \$US864B deficit for June, pushed higher in part by the Covid-19 -related 'paycheck protection' initiative. The year-to-date deficit came in at \$US2.7 trillion.

**Tonight** in the **US**, a June CPI estimate and a small business optimism index are due.

Elsewhere, UK trade balance, GDP and industrial production updates are keenly anticipated. The euro zone also reports industrial production, together with key sentiment indices.

Companies listed to report earnings later today and tonight include: AO World, Citigroup, Delta Air Lines, JPMorgan Chase, Ocado and Wells Fargo.

Commodities				
COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY)</b> (Aug)	<b>1814.1</b>	oz	12.20	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Silver (NY)</b> (Sep)	<b>19.788</b>	oz	0.73	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Gold (LON)</b> (10 Jul)	<b>1803</b>	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>822</b>	oz	10	<b>1.2</b>
<b>WTI Crude</b> (NYMEX Aug)	<b>40.10</b>	bbbl	-0.45	<b>-1.1</b>
<b>Brent Crude</b> (ICE EUR Sep)	<b>42.72</b>	bbbl	-0.52	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Iron Ore</b> (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	<b>105.59</b>	t		
<b>Copper</b> (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	<b>6550</b>	t	140	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	<b>13705</b>	t	200	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Aluminium</b>	<b>1689</b>	t	5	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Lead</b>	<b>1886</b>	t	36	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	<b>2253</b>	t	64	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Tin</b>	<b>17435</b>	t	125	<b>0.7</b>

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – Overnight, **OPEC** general secretary Mohammad Barkindo offered the oil market had commenced returning to balance.

This, ahead of a monthly oil market report anticipated from OPEC tonight.

In addition, OPEC's monitoring committee is scheduled to meet tonight and tomorrow night, this delivering expectations of renewed back-stage commentary on the likely near-term status of the current output curb agreement.

In the meantime, US government agency the EIA predicted a

72.46M quoted units.

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Pushpay Holdings (\* PPH)

The Huljich family has sold 25% of its combined PPH shares, but remains PPH's largest shareholder with a combined 43.2M PPH shares.

No further such sales are anticipated prior to the release of PPH's FY21 interim results.

PPH traded on the ASX at \$8.67 - \$8.99 yesterday.

### Catapult Group International (CAT)

CAT began to lift some Covid-19 operating cost mitigation measures yesterday.

These include employee furlough leave and salary reductions.

### Nuheara Ltd (NUH)

In response to an ASX price query, NUH points out that IQbuds MAX has received 'overwhelmingly positive' independent reviews from hearing channels and customers, and in the general media since initial shipment.

19 June, NUH announced that IQbuds MAX units had been delivered to global warehouses ready for distribution.

NUH settled the trading week ending 3 July at 1.5c.

Yesterday, NUH traded as high as 3.9c before closing at 3.6c.

### Cadence Capital (CDM)

Top 20 holdings at 30 June lodged post-trade yesterday.

### MMJ Group Holdings (MMJ)

Investment portfolio as at 30 June lodged post-trade yesterday.

### Cipherpoint Ltd (CPT)

Inviting new and existing shareholders to submit questions ahead of a Q & A and company overview teleconference scheduled for 4pm AEST tomorrow.

Email address for lodging questions plus teleconference access details lodged post-trade yesterday.

### YPB Group (YPB)

YPB has raised \$150,000 in a placement to select participants at 0.2c per share.

YPB is issuing 45M shares to lead manager and corporate adviser EverBlu Capital for accrued corporate advisory fees, plus 6% of the gross placement tally.

YPB has traded at 0.3c – 0.45c the past five trading sessions.

### HeraMED Ltd (HMD)

Endeavouring to place an ~14.08M shortfall from the recent 9c-per-share SPP, after the offer attracted applications for a total ~2.59M shares.

HMD has traded at 8.6c – 10c over the past five trading sessions.

### Holista Colltech (HCT)

HCT lodged a response to an ASX Aware query post-trade yesterday, in relation to HCT's sales and distribution



further minimum 56,000bbl/d reduction in shale output during August.

Among other considerations post-overnight settlement, renewed widespread shutdowns in California, ordered overnight, highlighted uncertainty regarding economic recoveries.

**Gold** – some safe haven demand and further dip-buying were cited as key factors behind overnight Comex futures trade.

Silver (September) once again attracted plenty of interest, closing at almost four-year highs for a most-active contract.

**Base metals** – deadly floods in China’s Jiangxi province prompted speculation of further reduced international copper supply, pushing LME copper to trade at two-year highs overnight.

Meanwhile, copper major Codelco revealed its operations had recorded 3215 Covid-19 cases. In addition, nine personnel who had contracted the virus had died.

Some sentiment this week could swing.

China’s June trade figures, anticipated today, will influence at least some of tonight’s trade.

Further, China reports industrial production and fixed asset investment Thursday.

#### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.6945	0.0006	0.08
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1348	0.0006	0.05

#### Australian Data Today

ANZ/RoyMorgan	Consumer sentiment	12 Jul
NAB	Business survey (conditions, outlook)	Jun
ABS	Covid-19 jobs and wages impacts	27 Jun

#### US Data Tonight

NFIB small business optimism	Jun
CPI	Jun

#### Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

<b>China</b>	Trade balance	Jun
<b>Japan</b>	Industrial production (final; 2.30pm AEST)	May
<b>UK</b>	Trade balance	May
UK	GDP	May
UK	Industrial production	May
<b>Germany</b>	CPI (final)	Jun
Germany	ZEW economic sentiment; conditions	Jul
<b>Euro zone</b>	Industrial production	May
Euro zone	ZEW economic sentiment; expectations	Jul
Euro zone	ECB bank lending	Jul

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agreements update lodged 9 July (Thursday last week). HCT dropped 34.3% Thursday and fell 14.1% and 7.6% respectively Friday and yesterday, settling at 7.3c yesterday.

#### Resources

##### Thomson Resources (TMZ)

TMZ’s entitlement offer became heavily oversubscribed on receipt of additional applications for the shortfall.

Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

##### OceanaGold Corporation (\* OGC)

Planning to release the results of the (New Zealand) Waihi District preliminary economic assessment pre-TSX market open Thursday (Toronto, Canada time) and to host a webcast teleconference commencing 7.30am AEST Friday.

Registration and access details lodged post-trade yesterday.

##### Ausgold Ltd (AUC)

Virtual conference presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

AUC is presenting at 11am AEST tomorrow.

Registration details also lodged post-trade yesterday.

##### Prospect Resources (PSC)

In response to an ASX price query PSC suggests two recent progress announcements have propelled both interest and prices.

PSC added 32.3% and 37.9% Tuesday and Friday last week respectively, and 62.5% yesterday, settling at 19.5c.

PSC closed out June at 7.2c.

#### Energy

##### Whitehaven Coal (\* WHC)

June quarter managed ROM coal production tallied a record 8.2Mt, representing a 17% year-on-year improvement.

Record 6.2Mt saleable coal output, up 29%.

13% higher, 5.3Mt managed sales, pushing FY20 managed coal sales to 17.5Mt.

#### Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Blaze International	BLZ	14 Jul
Bluechiip Ltd	BCT	14 Jul
Quantify Technology Holdings	QFY	14 Jul
Trek Metals	TKM	14 Jul
Aldoro Resources	ARN	15 Jul
Alto Metals	AME	15 Jul
Ardiden Ltd	ADV	15 Jul
Black Cat Syndicate	BC8	15 Jul
Caravel Minerals	CVV	15 Jul
Lindian Resources	LIN	15 Jul
Magnum Mining & Exploration	MGU	15 Jul
Marmota Ltd	MEU	15 Jul
Pointerra Ltd	3DP	15 Jul



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Saracen Mineral Holdings	SAR	15 Jul
Gateway Mining	GML	16 Jul
Navarra Minerals	NML	16 Jul
Scout Security	SCT	16 Jul
Artemis Resources	ARV	17 Jul
Challenger Exploration	CEL	17 Jul
Theta Gold Mines	TGM	17 Jul

#### Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
9 Spokes International	9SP	30 Jun
Blossomvale Holdings	BLV	7 Jul
Cougar Metals	CGM	1 Jul
Freedom Foods Group	FNP	26 Jun

#### Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
CKF	Tomorrow	10.5	100	1.03
PL8	Thu	0.4	100	5.69
PMV	30 Jul	34	100	2.32

#### Reports & Events

*(selected)*

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>STX</b>	Jun Q
	<b>WHC</b>	Jun Q
<b>Tomorrow</b>	CPT	Q&A (teleconf 4pm)
	SXY	Jun Q (teleconf 10am)
<b>Thu</b>	AST	AGM (2pm)
	S32	Jun Q
<b>Fri</b>	ISX	AGM (2.30pm)
	OGC	Waihi update (teleconf 7.30am)
	RIO	Jun Q (teleconf 8.30am)
<b>21 Jul</b>	BHP	Jun Q; FY operations review