

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6010	-52	-0.9
NZX 50	11624	-70	-0.6
DJIA Futures	26552	9	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	3233	5	0.2
NASDAQ Futures	10579	31	0.3

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences Friday trade following overnight falls across US equities markets, and amid broadening geopolitical tensions, as several key nations continue to manage around Covid-19 outbreak containment measures.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases preliminary June trade figures 11.30am AEST.

In addition, an address from the Prime Minister is anticipated following a national cabinet meeting.

Regionally today, Japan's equities markets remain closed today due to a public holiday.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** picked up the pace of Wednesday's turn lower.

US **gold** futures (August) extended this week's rally.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) turned lower, but remained above \$US107.75/t.

LME **copper** and other key base metals seesawed higher.

The **\$A** fell to ~US71.40c after trading at US71.55c early yesterday evening.

Earlier this morning, the **\$A** was pushed beneath US71.00c.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	26652	-354	-1.3
S&P 500	3236	-40	-1.2
NASDAQ	10461	-245	-2.3
FTSE 100	6211	4	0.1
DAX 30	13103	-1	-0.0
Shanghai Comp	3325	-8	-0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Sentiment largely waned across major European and US equities markets overnight, several indices settling at or near session lows following some disappointing data releases and mixed high-profile corporate earnings reports and outlooks.

In addition, UK – China, US – China, UK – Russia and US - Russia tensions were in focus, with China threatening not to recognise UK passports for Hong Kong.

Further, the UK accused Russia of releasing what appeared to be a weapon from an orbiting satellite.

Australia – preliminary June trade statistics – 11.30am AEST

*** Soft tissue regeneration specialist listing – 11am AEST – ARX ***

Today's Stock Watch

Magnis Energy Technologies (MNS)

Heralding charge times achieved for unoptimized batteries by MNS partner Charge CCCV Llc.

MNS says 85% charge has been achieved within six minutes, with positive implications for electric vehicle use.

Vicinity Centres (VCX)

The net value of VCX's portfolio fell 11.3% during January – June.

VCX's 'flagship' portfolio net value fell 8.8%.

Alcidion Ltd (ALC)

NHS Lanarkshire (Scotland) has agreed to use ALC's Patientrack system across three hospitals and within the community, representing 1250-bed coverage.

ALC anticipates \$1.52M from the initial five-year agreement.

Visioneering Technologies (VTI)

First sales of multifocal contact lenses achieved in Canada. Details lodged this morning.

Aroa Biosurgery (* ARX)

New Zealand-headquartered soft tissue regeneration product designer and retailer scheduled to list on the ASX **11am AEST**, following a \$45M IPO at 75c per share.

~300M quoted shares.

Resources

Gold Road Resources (GOR)

GOR's 50%-held Gruyere operation produced a record 71,865oz of gold during the June quarter.

GOR sold 28,700oz at \$A2498/oz.

5330oz of gold doré and bullion at 30 June.

\$84.1M net cash and equivalents.

This past week, GOR has achieved debt-free status.

Horizon Minerals (HRZ)

HRZ has poured first gold from the WA goldfields Boorara operation. Initial revenue is anticipated by month's end.

Middle Island Resources (MDI)

The WA Sandstone gold project Shillington deposit resource has grown 52% to 80,700oz, with 7200oz (17%) qualifying for indicated status.

Sandstone resources now total 650,000oz.

Plans to potentially further boost resources lodged this morning.



The US had similarly called out Russia.

Overnight, the US also charged a trio of citizens from China with visa offences.

Earlier, reports emerged the European Parliament would not effectively rubber stamp the proposed €750B economic rescue package agreed by European Union leaders earlier this week, but rather, a significant number of MPs was pushing for changes.

In the US, progress was reported from talks between the US administration and key parliamentarians regarding additional stimulus for the US.

Among overnight **data** releases, a GfK consumer confidence index for **Germany** improved to -0.3 from -9.4.

The **euro zone** estimated an initial -15 for July regional consumer confidence, from -14.7 in June and against expectations of -12.

In the **UK**, the July CBI industrial trends orders index rose to -46 from -58, but undershot expectations.

A September quarter business optimism index improved to -1 from -87, far exceeding expectations.

US weekly new unemployment claims rose by 1.42M, after a 1.31M increase last week. With a Covid-19 – related US employment retention program expiring 31 July, the new weekly claims tally, together with rising Covid-19 outbreaks, exacerbated fears of a new rise in unemployment.

The Kansas City Fed manufacturing index in the meantime was reported at seven, from two.

The Conference Board June leading index was estimated at 2%, against 3.2% for May.

Tonight in the **US**, June new home sales and Markit's initial July PMI estimates are due.

Elsewhere, July PMIs are due for the euro zone and UK. The UK also reports June retail sales.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: American Express, Chevron, Dow Chemical, ENI, Honeywell, Hyundai Engineering, Reliance Industries, Samsung Card, Schlumberger, Ssangyong Motor and Verizon Communications.

In overnight corporate news, **Microsoft**, which had reported post-Wednesday US trade, had warned of slowing revenue, this pushing the stock lower prior to last night's trade.

Tesla benefited from a fourth consecutive quarterly profit, thereby qualifying for possible inclusion in the S&P500 index.

Pre-overnight US trade, **American Airlines** reported a \$US2.1B quarterly net loss.

Twitter quarterly results appeared to please, in particularly with regards to user growth.

Amazon sales were reported to have risen more than 150% during May.

Intel has reported post-US trade, revealing new chip technology development lagged ~six months behind anticipated timelines.

Overnight in the UK, **Dyson** announced it would eliminate 900 of 14,000 employee positions.

Pre-Open Announcements

Cann Group (CAN)

\$14.3M better off following completion of the group's institutional placement.

A 40c-per-share SPP, which commenced Wednesday, is anticipated to close 12 August.

CAN has traded at 47.5c – 75c over the past five trading sessions.

SelfWealth Ltd (SWF)

SWF has contracted OpenMarkets to supply clearing, settlement and execution services for an additional three years.

Resources

Vanadium Resources (* VR8)

South Africa Steelpoortrift vanadium project ore test work has delivered up to 89% recoveries

Additional details lodged this morning.

Lion One Metals (LLO)

Planning to raise \$C20M in a private placement, in part to support additional exploration, and potential development of, the Tuvatu gold project, Fiji.

Details lodged this morning.

Hammer Metals (HMX)

Exercised options have delivered HMX an additional \$36,659.

The options were exercised at 3c each.

HMX has traded at 3.8c – 4.3c over the past five trading sessions.

Energy

88 Energy (88E)

Presentation lodged post-trade yesterday, highlighting the company's expanded portfolio.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
EMVision Medical Devices	EMV	24 Jul
Kalina Power	KPO	24 Jul
MGC Pharmaceuticals	MXC	24 Jul
Alloy Resources	AYR	27 Jul
AppsVillage Australia	APV	27 Jul
Cardiex Ltd	CDX	27 Jul
eSense-Lab Ltd	ESE	27 Jul
Oklo Resources	OKU	27 Jul
Peel Mining	PEX	27 Jul
Rex Minerals	RXM	27 Jul
Southern Hemisphere Mining	SUH	27 Jul
Stavelly Minerals	SVY	27 Jul
Centaurus Metals	CTM	28 Jul
ECS Botanics Holdings	ECS	28 Jul



Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1890	oz	24.9	1.3
Silver (NY) (Sep)	22.988	oz	-0.16	-0.7
Gold (LON) (22 Jul)	1852	oz		
Platinum	913	oz	-1	-0.1
WTI Crude (NYMEX Sep)	41.07	bbl	-0.83	-2.0
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Sep)	43.31	bbl	-0.98	-2.2
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	107.78	t	-0.26	-0.2
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	6522	t	34	0.5
Nickel	13680	t	530	4.0
Aluminium	1707	t	17	1.0
Lead	1829	t	7	0.4
Zinc	2242	t	30	1.3
Tin	17845	t	255	1.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – reduced demand prospects appeared the major influence on overnight trade.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig count is due tonight.

Gold – pushed higher again overnight, in part supported by a weaker \$US, but also by geopolitical tensions and additional economic support prospects.

Base metals – overnight influences included the \$US at ~two-year lows (ICE index down ~1.3% for the week to date) and LME-warehoused *copper* reported to have dropped 80% in two months. In the meantime, Citigroup predicted *aluminium* at \$US1900/t next year and averaging \$US2000/t during 2022.

In the US, Tesla's Elon Musk called for greater *nickel* availability.

Among the producers, Canada's Teck Resources reported 82% lower quarterly profit, due to the adverse demand, and hence price, effects of the Covid-19 outbreak.

Freeport McMoRan reported a profit however, citing significant cost reductions.

Meanwhile, potential industrial action at the Antofagasta Zaldívar operation, Chile appeared to have at least temporarily avoided.

Yesterday, major trading nation **South Korea** was declared technically in recession, with a 3.3% year-on-year June quarter GDP contraction following a 1.3% March quarter fall.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7104	0.0005	0.07
EUR – USD	1.1602	0.0004	0.04

Australian Data Today

ABS	Preliminary trade balance	Jun
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Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Acacia Coal	AJC	22 Jul
Aurora Minerals	ARM	21 Jul
Blossomvale Holdings	BLV	7 Jul
Factor Therapeutics	FTT	17 Jul
Leaf Resources	LER	16 Jul
Ultima United	UUL	22 Jul

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
MIR	Thu (30 Jul)	6.5	100	3.72
PMV	Thu	34	100	2.12

Reports & Events

(selected)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	GOR	Jun Q
	MTH	Jun Q
Tue	CCP	Full year
	DRO	AGM (2.30pm)
	GUD	Full year (audio webcast 11am)
Wed	ALQ	AGM (10am)
	AAC	AGM (10am)
	APE	AGM (9am)
	IGO	Jun Q
	JHG	Interim, JunQ
	RIO	Interim (4.15pm AEST)
Thu (30 Jul)	CIM	Interim
	DTS	AGM (4pm)
	GMA	Interim (10am)
	LOM	AGM (1pm)
	MRC	AGM (5pm)
	SUP	AGM (midday)
	THC	AGM (11am)
	XAM	AGM (10am)
Fri	GGG	AGM (12.30pm)
	HCT	AGM (3pm)
	YAL	AGM (1pm)



US Data Tonight

Markit PMIs	Jul
New home sales	Jun

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

UK	Retail sales	Jun
UK	PMIs	Jul
UK	GfK consumer confidence	Jul
Germany	PMIs	Jul
Euro zone	PMIs	Jul

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