

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5979	-22	-0.4
NZX 50	7995	-54	-0.7
DJIA Futures	23478	-10	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2587	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	6316	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences mid-week trade with the S&P/ASX 200 having surpassed 6000 for the first time since early-2008, but on largely negative overnight commodities leads, and ahead of key data out of China.

China's October trade figures are expected 2pm AEDST, and foreign direct investment (FDI) is anticipated anytime from today.

In overnight commodities trade, US **gold** futures and **oil** were pushed lower. **Iron ore** pulled back. LME **copper** and **nickel** turned and dropped.

The **\$A** traded below US76.45c after falling beneath US76.60c early yesterday evening.

Locally today, **CBA** provides a trading update and Brickworks (**BKW**) and ResMed (**RMD**) trade ex-dividend.

Updates and industry commentary are also anticipated from high-profile stocks holding AGMs today, including **ACX**, **ALU**, **DMP**, **FMG**, **SGM** and **VAH**.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	23557	9	0.0
S&P 500	2591	-0.5	-0.0
NASDAQ	6768	-19	-0.3
FTSE 100	7513	-49	-0.7
DAX 30	13369	-90	-0.7
Shanghai Comp	3414	25	0.8

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets mostly headed lower during early overnight trade, struggling for momentum amid some disappointing influential European data releases and policy and political debate in the US.

Speculation over the likely progress of proposed US **tax** reform legislation appeared to weigh in the US, ahead of expectations Republican senators will release a proposal by the end of the week, a week later than House of Representatives Republicans.

The US financial sector fell out of favour, viewed as in association with tax change uncertainty.

In addition, US State and local government **elections** were watched closely, in particular a contest for the Virginia governorship.

Further, as trade closed, US **Federal Reserve** chair Janet Yellen was publicly espousing the link between public perception of central bank independence in acting in public best interest and the effectiveness of any policy moves.

China – October trade figures 2pm AEDST

Today's Stock Watch

Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)

\$2.8B (unaudited) September quarter NPAT, against ~\$2.4B a year ago.

6% higher, \$2.65B cash NPAT, compared with the average of the two quarters comprising 2H FY 2017.

10.1% CET1. \$198M loan impairment expense, down 20%. Expenses and operating income each rose 4%.

BT Investment Group (BTT) / Westpac Banking Corporation (WBC)

3.8% higher, \$147.46M BTT full-year NPAT. 0.3% lower, \$498.38M income. 10.9% higher, \$173.05M cash NPAT. 26c, 25%-franked final dividend. 95.9c NTA. 54.8c EPS.

Eclix Group (ECX)

18.2% higher, \$54.2M full-year NPAT. 19.7% higher, \$604.5M revenue. 7.75c, fully-franked final dividend, up 0.75c. 32.89c NTA. 19.79c EPS. \$195.2M cash and equivalents (net of overdraft).

James Hardie Industries (JHX)

Proposing to outlay €473M cash for Fermacell, boosting JHX's European construction sector exposure. Completion anticipated before the end of the year.

Ardent Leisure (AAD)

CEO and MD Simon Kelly is resigning, effective immediately, AAD chairman Gary Weiss describing the decision as 'disappointing'. AAD CFO Geoff Richardson will be interim CEO. Dreamworld trade remains challenging, but within expectations and above break-even.

Altium Ltd (ALU)

Technology and business strategy presentation, plus today's AGM's chairman's speech, lodged.

ALU director and founder David Warren is planning to retire from the ALU board 31 December.

ALU VP engineering and research VP, and ALU significant shareholder, Sergiy Kostinsky has been appointed as an executive director, effective 1 January.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ASX: CBA) director and University of Melbourne councillor Wendy Stops has been appointed as a non-executive director, effective 1 February.

AuMake International (AU8)

Acquiring an initial 49% holding in Jumbuck Australia, an Australian wool products manufacturer boasting significant 'daigou' and Chinese tourist business.

AU8 initially is paying \$A100,000 worth of AU8 shares for the 49%.

AU8 holds an option to purchase the balance 51% for \$A400,000 worth of AU8 shares on or after 1 October 2020.

Domino's Pizza Enterprises (DMP)

Questions anticipated at today's AGM regarding the impact of paying fair rates.

Resources

South32 Ltd (S32)

Deutsche Bank has placed a sell on S32.

In data releases, a US job openings report estimated 6.093M opportunities in September, from 6.082M for August

An economic optimism index rose by 3.3 points over the past month to 53.6.

Euro zone retail sales rose 0.7% for the month, after falling 0.5% in August. Year-on-year, sales had improved 3.7%.

Germany's September industrial production dropped 1.6% for the month, against forecasts of a 0.8% fall and following a 2.6% rise in August.

UK like-for-like retail sales were estimated by the BRC to have fallen 1%. Overall, retail sales rose 0.2% during October, the weakest result in ~nine years, following a 1.9% improvement in September.

Tonight in the US, weekly mortgage applications are due.

Eon, Inpex, UK department store Marks & Spencer, Mitsubishi UFJ, Nissan and Toshiba Tec are among companies scheduled to report earnings today or tonight.

In overnight corporate news, both **Toyota** and **BMW** lifted full-year earnings outlooks following a 16% quarterly profit increase for Toyota.

Moeller-Maersk reported a swing to a quarterly loss, citing offshore oil exploration impairments and a cyber breach.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1276	oz	-6	-0.5
Silver (NY) (Sep)	17.0	oz	-0.3	-1.6
Gold (LON)	1271	oz		
Platinum	920	oz	-14	-1.5
WTI Crude (Nov)	57.2	bbl	-0.2	-0.3
Brent Crude (Nov)	63.7	bbl	-0.6	-0.9
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	62.7	t	-0.7	-1.1
Copper	6826	t	-144	-2.1
Nickel	12655	t	-265	-2.1
Aluminium	2132	t	-39	-1.8
Lead	2496	t	-14	-0.6
Zinc	3166	t	-66	-2.0
Tin	19480	t	30	0.2
CBT Wheat (Dec)	4.27	bshl	-0.04	-0.9

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices vacillated intra-session, settling lower despite a reported increase in Saudi tensions with Iran and Yemen.

Overnight, US government agency EIA raised its US 2018 oil output forecast by a daily 720,000bbl to 9.95MMbbl/d.

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

Gold – the \$US index traded at more than five-month highs, damaging gold prices overnight.

Base metals – profit-taking was apparent overnight, amid geopolitical uncertainties and ahead of key data.

China's October trade figures, due today, will likely influence trade over the next few sessions.

Pre-Open Announcements

Family Zone (* FZO)

20,000 registered paying subscriber accounts achieved. Further, 9000 customers have become FZO users in the past four months.

Resources

Sayona Mining (SYA)

SYA's \$4.87M 1c-per-share entitlement offer closed oversubscribed to the tune of \$6.26M. SYA has traded at 2.6c – 3c for the week-to-date.

Kore Potash Plc (* KP2) / Kore Potash Ltd (K2P)

The effective new UK-based parent of explorer Kore Potash Ltd (ASX: K2P), Kore Potash Plc, completed its ASX listing yesterday.

30,000 CDIs/shares traded at 18c each across three transactions. K2P had last traded at 18c Monday.

KP2 trade will commence on a deferred settlement basis. Normal (T+2) trade is expected to begin 21 November.

768.16M shares/CDIs.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Alt Resources	ARS	8 Nov
Blackham Resources	BLK	8 Nov
Caravel Minerals	CVV	8 Nov
Coziron Resources	CZR	8 Nov
G Medical Innovations Holdings	GMV	8 Nov
Greenpower Energy	GPP	8 Nov
Peel Mining	PEX	8 Nov
SECOS Group	SES	8 Nov
Structural Monitoring Systems	SMN	8 Nov
Gascoyne Resources	GCY	9 Nov
Hill End Gold	HEG	9 Nov
Inabox Group	IAB	9 Nov
Inca Minerals	ICG	9 Nov
Kairos Minerals	KAI	9 Nov
Marindi Metals	MZN	9 Nov
Reedy Lagoon Corporation	RLC	9 Nov
Triton Minerals	TON	9 Nov

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Argosy Minerals	AGY	3 Nov
Bisan Ltd	BSN	2 Nov
Caeneus Minerals	CAD	30 Oct
Crusader Resources	CAS	2 Nov
Haoma Mining	HAO	18 Oct
Indo Mines	IDO	1 Nov
Korab Resources	KOR	3 Nov
Oriental Technologies	OTI	1 Nov
Quest Minerals	QNL	2 Nov
Red Emperor Resources	RMP	8 Nov
ServTech Global Holdings	SVT	1 Nov
SIV Asset Management	SAM	10 Oct
Soon Mining	SMG	23 Oct
Stargroup Ltd	STL	19 Oct

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7647	0.0003	0.04
EUR – USD	1.1588	-0.0001	-0.01

US Data Tonight

MBA mortgage applications 3 Nov

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Trade balance	Oct
China	Foreign direct investment	Oct
Japan	Leading indicators (4pm AEDST)	Sep

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Wavenet International	WAL	30 Oct
Wolf Petroleum	WOF	30 Oct
XPD Soccer Gear Group	XPD	11 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
BKW	Today	34	100	3.64
KPG	Today	1	100	0.62
RMD	Today	3.21	0	1.14
API	Tomorrow	3.5	100	4.59
NAB	Tomorrow	99	100	6.25
RBD	Tomorrow	~10.59	0	0.00
WAT	Tomorrow	3	100	2.78
CSR	Fri	13.5	50	5.75
KMD	Fri	8.23	100	5.61
WHC	Fri	10	0	1.47
ANZ	13 Nov	80	100	5.33
WBC	13 Nov	94	100	5.76

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ACX	AGM
	ALU	AGM
	BTT	Full-year
	CBA	Trading update
	DMP	AGM
	ECX	Full-year
	FMG	AGM
	MCR	AGM
	MGX	AGM
	SGM	AGM
	VAH	AGM
Tomorrow	CHC	AGM
	FLT	AGM
	GMG	Q1 2018
	JHX	Interim; Q2
	KAR	AGM
	REA	Q1 2018
	TME	AGM
Fri	NVT	AGM
	NWS	Sep Q
Mon	ELD	Full-year
	MPL	AGM