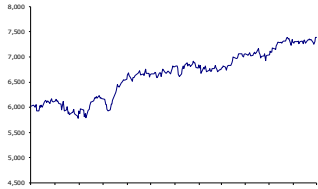
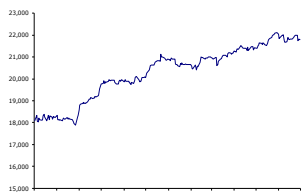


**12-month XJO chart**

**12-month Dow Jones chart**

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**Global Wrap – 25 July 2021**

World Markets	25/07/2021	18/07/2021	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
ASX 200	7394	7348	0.6%	1.1%	33.4%
S&P 500	4412	4327	2.0%	2.7%	96.4%
FTSE 100	7028	7008	0.3%	-0.1%	1.4%
DAX30	14050	13719	2.4%	3.6%	3.6%
Shanghai Composite	3550	3539	0.3%	-1.1%	10.4%
Nikkei 225	27548	27653	-0.4%	-4.0%	46.8%
Hang Seng	27322	28005	-2.4%	-5.2%	19.5%
<b>Currency</b>					
AUD/USD	0.7367	0.7399	-0.4%	-1.5%	7.2%
<b>Commodities</b>					
Oil (\$/bbl)	72.1	71.5	0.9%	-1.9%	35.2%
Gas (\$/gal)	4.0	3.7	10.5%	11.5%	86.7%
Iron Ore (\$/t)	0.0	53.9	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Copper (\$/t)	9434	9397	0.4%	0.5%	61.6%
Lead (\$/t)	2416	2327	3.8%	4.2%	3.6%
Zinc (\$/t)	2923	2966	-1.5%	-0.8%	6.5%
Aluminium (\$/t)	2492	2493	0.0%	-1.2%	43.9%
Nickel (\$/t)	19267	18895	2.0%	4.4%	69.5%
Tin (\$/t)	35101	34177	2.7%	4.9%	64.1%
Gold (\$/oz)	1806	1815	-0.5%	1.9%	54.0%
Silver (\$/oz)	25.2	25.8	-2.2%	-3.7%	47.6%
Platinum (\$/oz)	1061	1109	-4.2%	-1.1%	13.2%
Wheat (\$/t)	684.000	693.750	-1.4%	0.6%	67.5%

Source: Iress

**Key points**

- 1. More records for US benchmarks**
- 2. CSL helps ASX end volatile week in the green**
- 3. What to watch next week**

**US equities** rose Friday with the major averages hitting new records as they overcame concerns about economic growth from earlier in the week.

The **Dow** closed above 35,000 for the first time ever, bringing its gain for 2021 to more than 14%. The blue chip average rose 238.20 points, or 0.68%, to 35,061.55, gaining for a fourth straight day. It made the 1,000-point trek rather quickly, having closed above 34,000 for the first time ever back in mid-April.

The **S&P 500** gained 1.01% to 4,411.79 and the **Nasdaq Composite** climbed 1.04% to 14,836.99, both new closing highs for the benchmarks.

The **10-year Treasury yield** bounced on Friday to 1.281%, easing concerns about the economy that the bond market triggered on Monday. The 10-year yield had fallen to a 5-month low of 1.13% earlier this week.



Strong earnings from tech stocks made investors optimistic ahead of reports next week from the biggest names in the sector. **Twitter** and **Snap** each jumped Thursday following better-than-expected second-quarter earnings reports.

**Twitter** and **Alphabet** traded 3% higher, **Facebook** was up 5%, Snap shot up 24% as digital advertising spend is coming back with a vengeance.

**Facebook** and **Alphabet** both report next week along with Apple, Microsoft and Amazon.

Strength in tech shares also comes with the continued spread of the highly contagious delta variant of COVID.

All three US stock averages closed the week in the green, rebounding from last week's losses and Monday's sharp sell-off.

The S&P 500 rose 2% for the week and the Nasdaq Composite added 2.8%. The Dow ended the week up 1%.

The market overall has been bolstered by a **strong earnings reporting season**, with nearly a quarter of the S&P 500 having already reported.

Of those companies, **88% have reported a positive surprise**, according to FactSet. That would mark the highest percentage of reported surprises within the S&P since 2008 if that figure holds throughout the earnings season.

**Profit growth** for the second quarter is expected to come in at 76%, according to Refinitiv, which would be the best growth since 2009. Profit margins have also held up in the face of rising inflation, with companies reporting average profit margins of 12.8% so far for the second quarter, above the historic range, according to S&P Global.

Shares in Asia were mixed on Friday as investors monitored Chinese tech stocks in Hong Kong after regulatory concerns resurfaced.

By the Friday market close in Hong Kong, shares of Chinese tech firms listed in the city tumbled.

**Kuaishou** plunged 10.75% while **Tencent** slipped 2.39% and **Meituan** dropped 2.36%. The broader **Hang Seng Tech index** declined 2.96%.

Hong Kong's **Hang Seng** index fell 1.45% to 27,321.98.

Bloomberg News reported that Beijing is considering harsh penalties on ride-hailing giant **Didi**. The penalties being planned range from a fine likely bigger than the record \$2.8 billion **Alibaba** paid earlier this year to even a forced delisting after Didi's IPO last month.

Shares of Didi in the US plunged more than 11% on Thursday. Earlier in July, the firm was forced to stop signing up new users and also had its app removed from Chinese app stores due to alleged collection and use of personal data.

That development came as Beijing continues its months-long crackdown on China's tech behemoths, targeting issues from anti-trust to data regulation.

In mainland China, the **Shanghai composite** fell 0.68% on the day to 3,550.40 while the **Shenzhen component** shed 1.531% to finish the trading day at 15,028.57.

Markets in Japan were closed on Friday for a holiday.

European stocks advanced on Friday, as investors digested a slew of economic data from across the continent, along with a fresh round of corporate earnings.

The **pan-European Stoxx 600** climbed 0.9% by mid-afternoon, with autos jumping 2.9% to lead gains as all sectors and major bourses traded in positive territory.

**July's flash PMI** (purchasing managers' index) readings on Friday showed euro zone business activity growing at its fastest pace in more than two decades, as an easing of social restrictions and expansion of vaccination programs unleashed pent-up demand.



**UK retail sales** grew 0.5% in June after a surprise pullback in May, according to official figures published on Friday. However, the country's economic recovery ran into a wall in July as the number of people instructed to isolate by the government's test-and-trace app soared due to rising infections. The IHS Markit/CIPS flash PMI dropped to 57.7 in July from 62.2 in June.

Meanwhile the **European Central Bank** held its monetary policy steady following a meeting of the Governing Council on Wednesday, but sharpened its rhetoric and vowed a "persistently accommodative" stance in light of its new inflation target.

The **Australian sharemarket** was lacklustre on Friday but still managed to drift to a new record closing high, ending a volatile week that again revolved around COVID-19.

The **S&P/ASX 200** edged 0.1% ahead to finish at 7394.4, with gains for biotech giant **CSL** helping the healthcare sector lead the pack.

Buy-now-pay-later firms **Afterpay** and **Zip Co** also rose following their tumble last week, while retail and industrial giant Wesfarmers gained 0.8% to set a new closing high of \$61.93.

**Woolworths, Coles, ResMed, and Fisher and Paykel** also finished in front.

Miners **BHP** and **Rio Tinto** weighed the market down, while the major banks were also weak.

The local benchmark added 0.6% for the week despite heavy losses on Monday and Tuesday, with investors seemingly shrugging off worsening COVID numbers in Sydney, new border closures, increasingly strict curfews and a burst travel bubble with NZ.

AMP Capital Head of Investment Strategy and Economics Shane Oliver told The Sydney Morning Herald a **strong set of US earnings figures** and **dovish guidance from the European Central Bank** helped markets look through the COVID gloom, with strong gains in lockdown winners, such as health and IT, offsetting weakness in resources stocks.

However Dr Oliver did note that shares remained vulnerable to a short-term correction, with possible triggers being the upturn in global COVID-19 cases, and continued concern over inflation figures and US taper talk.

In the week ahead, second-quarter inflation data on Wednesday is the key economic focus in Australia next week with NAB tipping a 0.6% quarterly rise in headline numbers.

The year-through CPI should jump to 3.7% as the sharp decline a year ago drops out of the calculation.

Also on investors' radar this year will be a speech to be delivered by Guy Debelle, the Reserve Bank of Australia's Assistant Governor (Financial Markets). On Wednesday the US Federal Reserve will announce its interest rate decision (widely expected to be kept on hold), followed by US GDP on Thursday.

**Economic Calendar 26/07/2021 – 30/07/2021**

Monday July 26 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
04:00 PM	DE Ifo Business Climate JUL		101.8	102.1	102.5	
Tuesday July 27 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
08:30 PM	US Durable Goods Orders MoM JUN		2.3%	2.1%	1.9%	
Wednesday July 28 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
02:00 PM	DE GfK Consumer Confidence AUG		-0.3	0	-2	
08:30 PM	CA Inflation Rate YoY JUN		3.6%	3.2%	3.1%	
Thursday July 29 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
02:00 AM	US Fed Interest Rate Decision		0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	
02:30 AM	US Fed Press Conference					
08:30 PM	US GDP Growth Rate QoQ Adv Q2		6.4%	8.6%	8.5%	
Friday July 30 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
08:30 PM	US Personal Income MoM JUN		-2%	-0.3%	-0.3%	
08:30 PM	US Personal Spending MoM JUN		0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	

**Economic Calendar 2/08/2021 – 6/08/2021**

Monday August 02 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
09:45 AM	CN Caixin Manufacturing PMI JUL		51.3	51		
01:00 PM	JP Consumer Confidence JUL		37.4			
Tuesday August 03 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
12:30 PM	AU RBA Interest Rate Decision		0.1%		0.1%	
Thursday August 05 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
09:30 AM	AU Balance of Trade JUN		A\$9.681B		A\$ 8B	
07:00 PM	GB BoE Interest Rate Decision		0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	
08:30 PM	CA Balance of Trade JUN		C\$-1.39B		C\$ -0.1B	
08:30 PM	US Balance of Trade JUN		\$-71.2B		\$ -63B	
Friday August 06 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
08:30 PM	US Non Farm Payrolls JUL		850K		700K	
10:00 PM	CA Ivey PMI s.a JUL		71.9		70	

Source: [www.tradingeconomics.com](http://www.tradingeconomics.com)

**All Ords Top 10 Week Ending 23 July 2021**

10 Best Performing Stocks Weekly (%)			10 Worst Performing Stocks Weekly (%)		
PNV	Polynovo Limited	10.2	SLR	Silver Lake Resource	-11.0
ILU	Iluka Resources	10.0	ALU	Altium Limited	-9.4
NXL	Nuix Limited	9.8	EVN	Evolution Mining Ltd	-9.4
CIM	Cimic Group Ltd	9.4	CHN	Chalice Mining Ltd	-9.0
NHF	NIB Holdings Limited	8.8	CWN	Crown Resorts Ltd	-8.4
DRR	Deterra	8.6	WGX	Westgold Resources.	-6.5
PLS	Pilbara Min Ltd	8.5	STO	Santos Ltd	-6.1
FPH	Fisher & Paykel H.	7.6	NST	Northern Star	-6.0
CUV	Clinuvel Pharmaceut.	7.1	SBM	St Barbara Limited	-5.6
CSL	CSL Limited	5.7	AIA	Auckland Internation	-5.6

Source: IRESS

**S & P Indices Week Ending 23 July 2021**

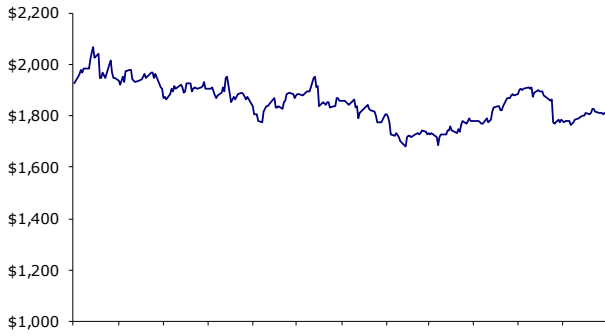
S&P Indices	25/07/2021	18/07/2021	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
S&P 200 Energy	8026	8167	-1.7%	-0.3%	-9.7%
S&P 200 Materials	17890	18098	-1.2%	4.2%	80.7%
S&P 200 Industrials	6462	6511	-0.7%	4.2%	26.6%
S&P 200 Consumer Disc.	3500	3438	1.8%	0.8%	67.2%
S&P 200 Consumer Staples	13604	13311	2.2%	3.2%	59.0%
S&P 200 Healthcare	45312	43275	4.7%	2.3%	135.0%
S&P 200 Financials	6424	6394	0.5%	-1.2%	0.8%
S&P 200 Info Technology	2108	2076	1.5%	-3.4%	171.0%
S&P 200 Telecommunicatic	1490	1490	0.0%	-0.8%	-15.1%
S&P 200 Utilities	6144	6169	-0.4%	4.7%	-18.5%
S&P 200 Property Trusts	1552	1540	0.8%	-0.1%	15.7%
S&P 200 Financials ex PT	7165	7131	0.5%	-1.2%	0.8%

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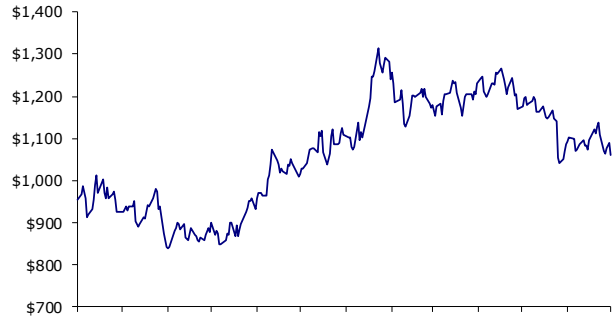


### 1 Year Commodity Price Charts

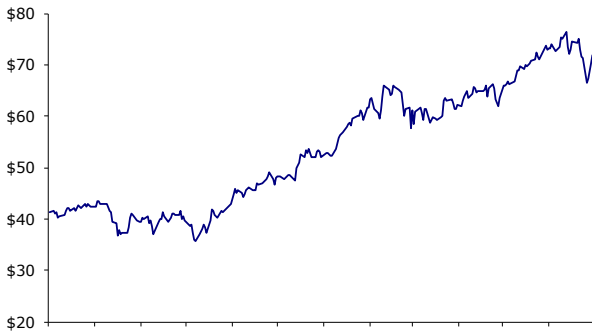
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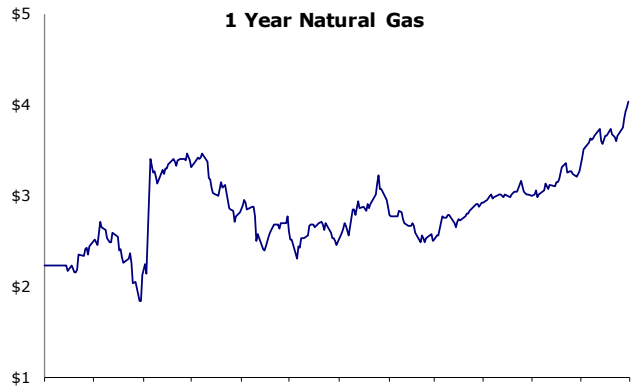
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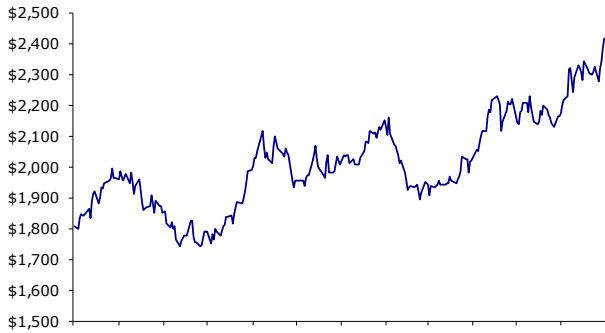
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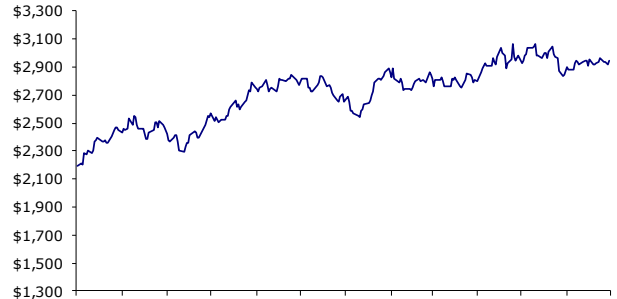
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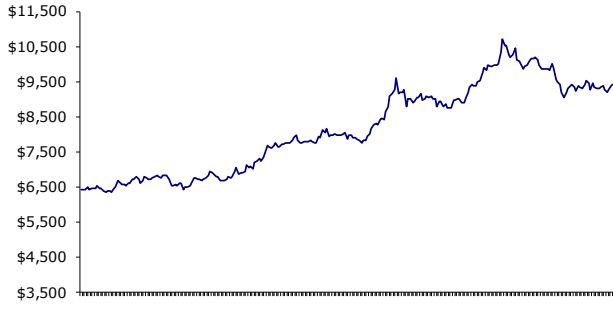


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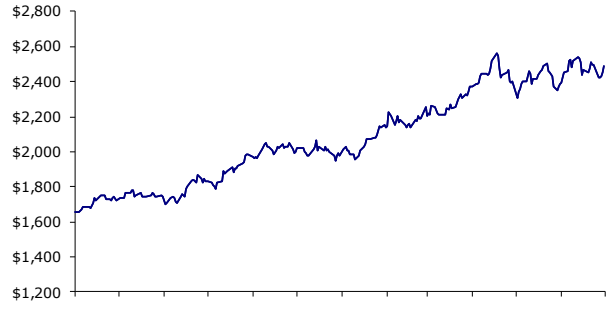




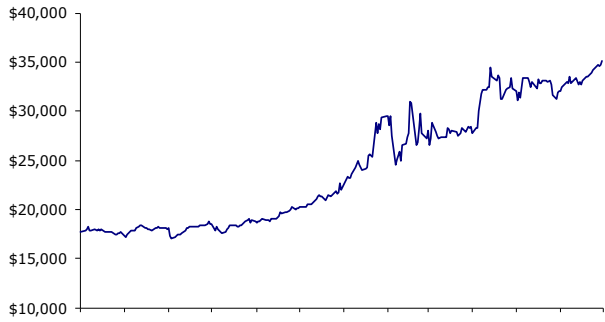
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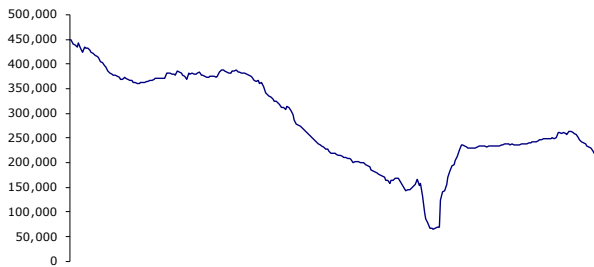


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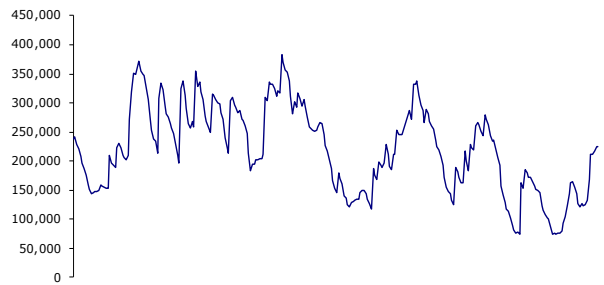


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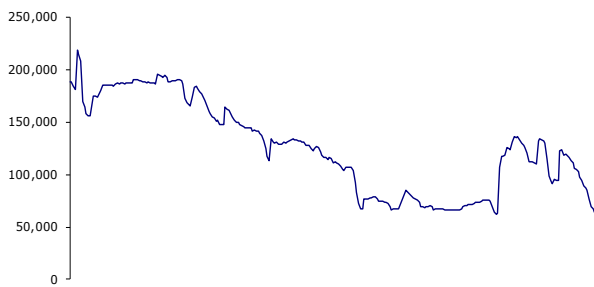
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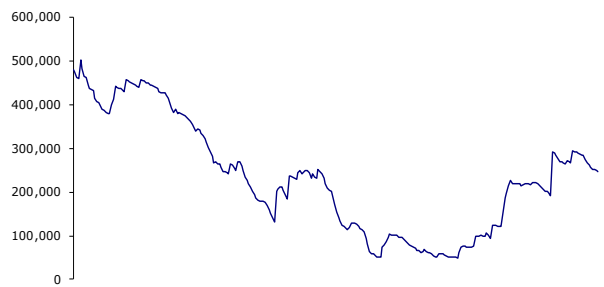
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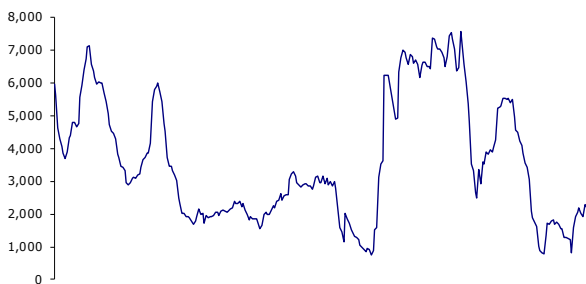
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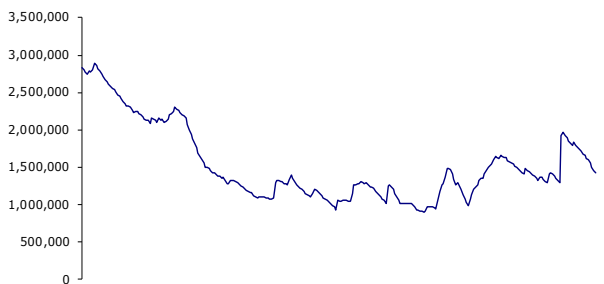
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Tin LME Stockpiles - 5 Year



Aluminium LME Stockpiles - 5 Year





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