

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7090	-10	-0.1
NZX 50	11648	2	0.0
DJIA Futures	33670	-102	-0.3
S&P 500 Futures	3914	-2	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	11186	72	0.7

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with the \$A at ~US69.10c and economic reports due for Australia and Japan by late morning.

US equities markets followed Friday's rally with mixed settlements.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is due to release a household spending indicator report for November 2022 at 11.30am AEDT.

Also today, **PMV** trades ex-dividend. *Please see p3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

Regionally today, Japan is also expected to release November household spending this morning.

In overnight commodities trade, both Brent and WTI **crude** were pushed greater than 1.0% higher.

US **gold** futures extended Friday's gain modestly, settling beyond \$US1875/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) also continued higher, trading beyond \$US117.0/t.

Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle) turned lower.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** was reportedly trading 3.1% higher for the day at 1700 GMT. At the same time, **nickel** was reported 2.2% lower for the session. **Aluminium** was reportedly trading 5.8% higher for the day.

Last night's LME final 3-mth evening price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected to become available via IRESS at 11.30am AEDT.

The \$A fell below US69.15c after trading at ~US69.15c ~US69.35 early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	33517	-113	-0.3
S&P 500	3892	-3	-0.1
NASDAQ	10636	66	0.6
FTSE 100	7725	25	0.3
DAX 30	14793	183	1.3
Shanghai Comp	3176	18	0.6

Today's Stock Watch
Civmec Ltd (CVL)

\$A330M construction and modifications contract secured with Rio Tinto's (ASX: RIO) Western Range project.

Off-site work is commencing and completion is scheduled for first-half FY25. CVL says 400 employees would be needed on site during the peak period for the work.

Additional scope details lodged this morning.

CVL says the new contract boosts the company's order book value beyond \$A1.5B.

Platinum Asset Management (PTM)

\$A18.165B FUM at 31 December 2022 from \$A18.175B for 30 November.

DigitalX Ltd (DCC)

The DigitalX Bitcoin Fund fell 18.8% during the December quarter. The DigitalX Fund dropped 22.2%.

DCC converted ~\$A800,000 worth of Bitcoin holdings held in Treasury (~15%) into cash during December.

Resources
West African Resources (WAF)

Burkina Faso Sanbrado gold project regional MV3 prospect diamond drilling has delivered high-grade and significant width intersections.

Assays lodged this morning. Drilling is continuing.

Calidus Resources (CAI)

CAI has achieved commercial production at the WA east Pilbara Warrawoona gold project.

December cash costs, for 5053oz of gold produced, have been estimated at \$A2050/oz.

Promising production and cost guidance by month's end.

Alumina Ltd (AWC)

Gas supply to the AWAC alumina refinery in the south coastal Perth, WA suburb of Kwinana has been reduced due to a gas supply shortage arising from third party gas supplier outages in northern WA.

Accordingly AWAC has reduced Kwinana refinery operations, adversely impacting output by ~30%.

The Kwinana and AWAC Pinjarra alumina refineries have been using diesel since 6 January.

AWAC is an Alcoa Corporation and AWC 60:40 joint venture known as Alcoa of Australia.

Aeris Resources (AIS)

Heralding NSW Tritton operations Avoca Tank underground resource definition drilling results. Assays lodged pre-trade. Mineralisation remains open down plunge.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Varied trade featured across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight, key US indices declining in second-half trade.

Market watchers attributed the US settlements to some profit-taking amid uncertainty regarding the likely pace of a US economic slowdown as a result of attempts to tame inflation.

A US Federal Reserve regional president put the case for varying interest rate speculation, venturing a 0.25% - 0.50% interest rate increase out of the 31 January – 1 February policy meeting, and an overall 0.75% increase for the year.

In overnight data releases, **Germany's** November industrial production was reported 0.2% higher for the month following a 0.4% October decline. Forecasters had anticipated a 0.3% November increase.

The BBA December mortgage rate for the **UK** was calculated at 6.41% from 5.88% for November.

In the **US**, a consumer inflation expectations report included survey participants anticipated inflation at 5.0% within a year against forecasts for 5.2%.

Meanwhile, US consumer credit was calculated to have grown by \$US27.96B during December after rising by \$US29.12B in November. Economists had expected a \$US26B new increase.

Also overnight, a euro zone 20-year bond auction delivered a 3.128% yield from 2.845%.

Tonight in the **US**, US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell is scheduled to speak publicly.

Elsewhere, the UK treasury is due to conduct a 10-year gilt auction.

In addition, NFIB December small business optimism and IBD/TIPP January economic optimism indices are anticipated, together with November wholesale inventories.

Commodities				
COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Feb)	1877.8	oz	8.1	0.4
Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar)	23.87	oz	-0.11	-0.5
Platinum	1077	oz	-13	-1.2
WTI Crude (NYMEX Feb)	74.63	bbbl	0.86	1.2
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Mar)	79.65	bbbl	1.08	1.4
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	117.41	t	0.84	0.7
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (6 Jan)	8589	t	215	2.6
Nickel	28116	t	327	1.2
Aluminium	2301	t	39	1.7
Lead	2204	t	-16	-0.7
Zinc	3023	t	20	0.7
Tin	25270	t	409	1.7
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	395	t	-5	-1.3
Wheat (CBT Mar; IRESS)	741.25	t	-2.25	-0.3

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight price gains were in part attributed to expectations of increased demand out of China, given the weekend reopening

Pre-Open Announcements

AdAlta Ltd (1AD)

Second patent granted in Japan for AD-214, adding to several AD-214 patents granted internationally, and supporting 1AD's quest to develop treatments for initially pulmonary fibrosis and then a range of other diseases and conditions.

Appen Ltd (APX)

Armughan Ahmad commenced as APX CEO and president yesterday.

As announced mid-December, together with Mr Ahmad's appointments, former APX CEO and MD Mark Brayan will remain with APX as an advisor until 28 February.

Mr Ahmad's start date was initially advised as effective no later than 30 January.

Ava Risk Group (AVA)

AVA has appointed new CEO Mal Maginnis also as an AVA executive director.

Mr Maginnis commenced with AVA yesterday.

The changes follow Rob Broomfield's retirement as AVA CEO and also from the AVA board.

Nitro Software (NTO)

NTO bidder Alludo has applied to the Takeovers Panel for an interim acceptance processing restraining order on Potentia Capital Management. This relates to bidder Technology Growth Capital's statements, via Technology Growth manager Potentia Capital Management, regarding the Technology Growth bid.

Resources

Kingfisher Mining (KFM)

Airborne geophysical surveying has identified several REE targets within the Kingfisher South region of KFM's WA Gascoyne region holdings.

GWR Group (GWR)

Kong Leng Lee and Datuk Chin An Lau have resigned as GWR directors.

Mr Lee joined the GWR board in 2010 and Mr Lau in 2011.

VHM Ltd (* VHM)

Rare earth and mineral sands project development company completed its ASX listing yesterday, following an ~\$30M IPO at \$1.35 per share.

Opened at \$1.245, the company's day one high, and fell to \$1.10 before settling at \$1.14.

~2.34M shares changed hands across 653 transactions.

~140.9M quoted shares.

VHM owns the rare earth and mineral sands Goschen project in north western Victoria. DFS completed March 2022.



of the republic's borders.

In addition, commentary continued regarding US economic data pointing to a moderation of US Federal Reserve rate increases.

Differences between month-delivery prices however, indicate concerns regarding 2023 international economic forecasts, the potential demand impacts of the extent of Covid spread within China and any increased spread during the northern hemisphere flu season.

Gold – the \$US remained relatively weak overnight, supporting gold interest.

Comex futures were pushed to ~seven-month peaks in early trade. Key data releases yet to come this week are expected to influence gold sentiment.

Base metals – China's reopening of its borders over the weekend, and a continuing weaker \$US supported early overnight base metals sentiment, *copper* again trading at six-month peaks.

In addition, *aluminium*, *lead* and *zinc* inventories were reported relatively low.

A *nickel* price decline was attributed to commodity index rebalancing.

Meanwhile, Peru's November copper output was reported 15.3% higher year-on-year, at 224,976t.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6912	-0.0016	-0.23
EUR – USD	1.0734	0.0057	0.53

Australian Data Today

ABS	Household spending indicator	Nov
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US Data Tonight

NFIB small business optimism	Dec
IBD/TIPP economic optimism	Jan
Wholesale inventories	Nov

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Household spending	Nov
UK	BRC retail sales monitor (~11am AEDT)	Dec

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Energy

Australian Pacific Coal (APC)

APC has appointed Nick Johansen and Jeff Beatty as non-executive directors.

Mr Beatty is planning and approvals manager for Dartbrook project JV participant Tetra Resources.

Mr Johansen is a solicitor experienced in mining sector transactions and regulations.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Argent Minerals	ARD	11 Jan
Azure Minerals	AZS	11 Jan

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
BPH Energy	BPH	21 Dec
Burgundy Diamond Mines	BDM	19 Dec
CFOAM Ltd	CFO	10 Jan
Ikwezi Mining	IKW	28 Dec
Range International	RAN	28 Dec
Tombola Gold	TBA	22 Dec

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
PMV	Today	79	100	1.76
TRA	Tomorrow	4.55	85	6.25

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