

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEST)	7771	-41	-0.5
<b>NZX 50</b>	11801	-47	-0.4
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	39588	-8	0.0
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	5634	3	0.1
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	20698	19	0.1

## Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences mid-week trade with a Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) economist due to speak publicly this afternoon, and key domestic and regional economic reports due, together with a regional interest rates decision.

US equities markets closed little changed again overnight.

**Locally** today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reports May **business turnover** at **11.30am** AEST.

At 3.30pm, **RBA** head of **economic research** John Simon is due to participate in a panel discussion at an Australian Conference of Economists event in Adelaide.

Regionally, **China** is scheduled to release June **CPI** inflation and **producer prices** at **11.30am** AEST.

**Japan's** June **producer prices** are expected just prior to the ASX open.

In the meantime, the **Reserve Bank of New Zealand** convenes a monetary policy meeting from which outcomes will be known at **midday** AEST. The official cash rate stands at 5.5%.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** continued lower, this time by slightly more than 1.0%, Brent crude settling below \$US85/bbl.

US **gold** (Comex) futures turned to record a slight gain.

**Iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) resumed its recent climb with a modest swing higher.

LME (3mth evening) **copper**, **nickel** and **aluminium** fell by 0.5% to almost 2.0%.

The **\$A** rose to ~US67.40c after trading at ~US67.35c early yesterday evening.

## Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	39292	-53	-0.1
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	5577	4	0.1
<b>NASDAQ</b>	18429	26	0.1
<b>FTSE 100</b>	8140	-54	-0.7
<b>DAX 30</b>	18236	-236	-1.3
<b>Shanghai Composite</b>	2959	37	1.3

## Today's Stock Watch

### Incitec Pivot (IPL)

Teleconference scheduled to commence 10am AEST. IPL has scrapped plans for a potential sale of the IPL fertilisers business to PT Pupuk Kalimantan Timur. In association, IPL will commence a previously-announced up-to-\$900M on-market share buy-back.

### Insignia Financial (IFL)

IFL maintains it is unaware of any offers, following a media article, published early yesterday afternoon, claiming IFL had commissioned advisor to field such activity. IFL settled 13.64% higher for the session yesterday, at \$2.50, after trading as high as \$2.53 intra-session. ~11M shares changed hands across ~8000 transactions. IFL had closed out Monday at \$2.20.

### PYC Therapeutics (PYC)

Multiple ascending dose study underway for PYC's proposed treatment for Retinitis Pigmentosa type II. Safety and efficacy results are anticipated by year's end.

### Volt Group (VPR)

Plant hire contract secured with Thiess, for the supply of VPR's EcoQuip mobile solar and communications towers.

### WhiteHawk Ltd (WHK)

Cyber security risk assessment contract secured with Tabcorp Holdings (ASX: TAH).

### Opthea Ltd (OPT)

A scientific review of OPT's VEGF-C/D potential therapy for wet age-related macular degeneration has been published in the peer-reviewed journal *Ophthalmology and Therapy*.

## Resources

### American West Metals (AW1)

Heralding Canada Storm copper project diamond drilling visual results.

Details lodged this morning.

### Antipa Minerals (AZY)

WA Paterson province Minyari Dome gold-copper project RC drilling has delivered multiple near-surface, high-grade intersections, with mineralisation remaining open in several areas.

Assays lodged this morning.

### Culpeo Minerals (CPO)

Positive copper update lodged this morning from previously reported diamond drilling within the Lana Corina project, Chile.



## Overseas Markets Commentary

Sentiment dropped considerably across major European and UK equities markets overnight, and proved weak at best for key US indices trade.

In discussions with a Senate committee, US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell appeared to emphasise consideration of the cooling US labour market as much as persistently elevated prices.

Mr Powell declared the US economy ‘no longer overheated’.

The overall remarks were widely interpreted as pointing to a US interest rate reduction now under consideration for earlier than policymakers had recently been anticipating.

Ongoing commentary regarding the likely impacts of any change in the US presidency from the November vote was also cited as a growing influence on financial markets by some analysts.

Meanwhile, US treasury secretary Janet Yellen maintained to the House of Representatives financial services committee that the apparent easing of supply and labour market pressures would help lower US inflation levels further, but that residential property costs were keeping inflation growth higher than considered optimal.

In geopolitical developments, concerns were raised regarding an uptick in Russian aggression and Russia’s public courting of international leaders, and also China’s moves in the South China Sea.

Ukraine’s conflict against Russia proved a major focus during the commencement of a three-day NATO leaders’ summit in Washington.

Among overnight **economic data** releases, a **US** June business optimism index surprised on the upside, rising to 91.5 from 90.5 against consensus for a decline to 89.5.

Earlier yesterday, the **UK’s** BRC retail sales monitor indicated like-for-like sales fell by 0.5% year-on-year in June, against expectations for a 0.2% rise following a May annualised 0.4% increase.

The new result was in part contributed to wintry weather.

**Tonight** in the US, **US Federal Reserve** chair Jerome Powell meets with the House of Representatives financial services committee.

In addition, the **NATO** leaders’ summit continues in Washington.

Among US data releases, May wholesale inventories are due, together with weekly mortgage applications and rates. The US also conducts a 10-year note auction.

Elsewhere, Germany hosts a 15-year bond auction.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold</b> (COMEX 100 Aug)	2367.9	oz	4.4	0.2
<b>Silver</b> (COMEX 5000 Sep)	31.06	oz	0.15	0.5
<b>Platinum</b>	985	oz	-14	-1.4
<b>WTI Crude</b> (NYMEX Aug)	81.41	bbbl	-0.92	-1.1
<b>Brent Crude</b> (ICE EUR Sep)	84.66	bbbl	-1.09	-1.3
<b>Iron Ore</b> (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	110.51	t	0.49	0.4
<b>Copper</b> (LME 3mth Evening)	9880	t	-49	-0.5
<b>Nickel</b>	17171	t	-334	-1.9

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Monadelphous Group (\* MND)

Seven-year new maintenance contract secured with Shell’s Prelude FLNG project.

### Althea Group Holdings (AGH)

AGH and Canada-headquartered partner Rocket Factory have launched a new medicinal cannabis dried flower range.

### Regal Partners (RPL)

RPL has completed the \$45M cash plus ~64M share acquisition of Merricks Capital.

### DigitalX Ltd (DCC)

DCC will pursue possession of a wallet connected to Bitcoin recovered from the Mt Gox Exchange, following Federal Court of Australia orders in relation to action initiated against a former DCC director.

Additional details lodged post-trade yesterday.

DCC is resuming from a trading halt. Last traded at 4.4c.

## Resources

### Alkane Resources (\* ALK)

Scoping study results, for three potential scenarios, lodged for the NSW Boda-Kaiser gold-copper project.

### Diatreme Resources (DRX)

Non-executive DRX director Gregory Starr has resigned from the DRX board, following his appointment as Metallica Minerals (MLM) MD.

## Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Agrimim Ltd	AMN	11 Jul
Global Lithium Resources	GL1	11 Jul
Infini Resources	I88	10 Jul
Macarthur Minerals	MIO	11 Jul
Perpetual Credit Income Trust	PCI	11 Jul
Quickstep Holdings	QHL	11 Jul
Redcastle Resources	RC1	10 Jul
Summit Minerals	SUM	10 Jul

## Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Besra Gold	BEZ	19 Jun
Beston Global Food Company	BFC	3 Jul
Calidus Resources	CAI	1 Jul
Calima Energy	CE1	3 Jul
Indiana Resources	IDA	4 Jul
Linius Technologies	LNU	8 Jul



<b>Aluminium</b>	2499	t	-36	-1.4
<b>Lead</b>	2199	t	-38	-1.7
<b>Zinc</b>	2936	t	-26	-0.9
<b>Tin</b>	34365	t	132	0.4

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – less-than-feared Texas region damage from Hurricane Beryl pushed prices yet lower overnight.

The US Federal Reserve chair's comments regarding a weaker economy, but also supporting the prospects of a nearer term interest rate reduction, applied both downward pressure on prices and a floor to falls.

Also under consideration overnight, were comments from Hamas, indicating continued Israeli attacks, and the nature of these, were harming the prospects of a ceasefire from this week's negotiations.

In Russia, India's PM touted further petroleum business with major Russian companies, again flying in the face of western sanctions aimed at damaging Russia's economic power in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

OPEC's monthly market report is anticipated tonight.

In addition tonight, the weekly US petroleum inventories report from US government agency the EIA is scheduled for release.

In the meantime, the EIA released a report overnight that forecast an international oil market deficit in 2025, based on predictions of 104.7MMbbl/d demand against 104.6MMbbl/d supply.

Overnight post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) published a weekly report which included a 1.9MMbbl fall for US crude stocks last week.

The International Energy Agency's (IEA) monthly report is due overnight tomorrow.

**Gold** – higher US bond yields and a further \$US appreciation constrained overnight gold sentiment, which appeared supported by some safe-have interest and select interest rate commentary.

US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell's a Senate committee comments both pushed and pulled sentiment, ahead of a US CPI update which is expected to influence some trade overnight tomorrow.

**Base metals** – a stronger \$US, ongoing geopolitical uncertainty, and the wait for key June data out of China, appeared to mostly influence overnight base metals sentiment.

In industry news, Nornickel and Chinalco's China Copper were reported to be negotiating a JV under which the Russian company would move its copper smelting business to China.

China's June CPI inflation and producer prices are due today, ahead of international trade statistics Friday.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.6742	-0.0001	-0.01
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.0816	-0.0013	-0.12

NSX Ltd	NSX	27 Jun
OZZ Resources	OZZ	20 Jun

### Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
<b>CD2</b>	Today	7	0	0.00
<b>CD3</b>	Today	7	0	0.00
TCO	Tomorrow	5	100	0.00
WGX	Tomorrow	1.25	100	0.39
PTL	Fri	7	100	35.90
MTS	16 Jul	8.5	100	5.93
GVF	17 Jul	1	100	5.24
TRA	17 Jul	6.87	85	5.30



**Australian Data Today**

ABS	Business turnover indicator	May
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**US Data Tonight**

Wholesale inventories		May
MBA mortgage applications; 30-year rates		5 Jul

**Overseas Data Today and Tonight**

<b>China</b>	CPI inflation	Jun
China	Producer prices	Jun
<b>Japan</b>	Producer prices	Jun
<b>New Zlnd</b>	RBNZ monetary policy meeting outcomes	10Jul
<b>Russia</b>	CPI inflation	Jun

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