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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST) NZX 50	6726 10897	27 20	0.4 0.2
DJIA Futures	27631	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	3091	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	8257	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences a new week's trade with new key data in hand from China over the weekend, the 'Singles Day' annual retail sales event underway, two major domestic banks trading ex-dividend, and material economic indicators due out of the UK tonight.

Saturday, **China** reported 1.6% lower **producer prices** than for October 2018.

October **CPI** growth came in at 0.9%, the same as for September. 'Singles Day' **retail sales**, originating in China, are underway, with Alibaba first-hour sales reportedly 32% higher than for the initial hour of last year's event.

Locally today, **ANZ** and **MQG** trade ex-dividend. *Please see p4 for this week's ex-dividend list.*

In overnight Friday commodities trade, WTI **crude** settled slightly higher, and Brent moderately so.

US **gold** futures (December) continued to pull back, but at a much slower pace than Thursday's decline.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) fell below \$US80.40c.

LME copper swung lower.

The **\$A** was pushed below US68.60c after trading at US68.85c early Friday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	27681	6	0.0
S&P 500	3093	8	0.3
NASDAQ	8475	41	0.5
FTSE 100	7359	-47	-0.6
DAX 30	13229	-61	-0.5
Shanghai Comp	2964	-15	-0.5

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets headed lower in early trade, or from the start, overnight Friday, key US indices recovering in varying degrees, but negative sentiment prevailing through European trade.

Reports had emerged the US president remained equivocal about any China import tax removals prior to a potential initial US-China trade accord. A US administrative advisor confirmed nothing had been agreed, and the president subsequently stated likewise.

Today's Stock Watch

Elders Ltd (ELD)

4% lower, \$68.935M full year NPAT. 4% higher, \$1.67B revenue. Flat, 9c fully franked final dividend.

\$1.61 NTA, against 86c. Webcast teleconference 10am AEDT.

Ridley Corporation (RIC)

Restructuring and rationalising mill capacity.

Details lodged pre-trade.

Domain Holdings Australia (DHG)

Proposing to pay \$24.8M for Real Time Agent operator Bidtracker Holdings, and up to an additional \$156M worth of performance-related payments.

Completion is anticipated by year's end. AGM today.

Bubs Australia (BUB)

Distribution agreement secured to sell BUB products in Vietnam, including through the Bibo Mart chain.

McPherson's Ltd (MCP)

Forming a Greater China Dr LeWinn's JV with Access Brand Management. Details lodged pre-trade.

Sky New Zealand (SKT)

Broadcast rights secured for the 2022 and 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Sky City Entertainment (SKC) / Fletcher Building (FBU)

SKC director Richard Didsbury is resigning today from the SKC board, and hence his responsibilities overseeing the New Zealand International Convention Centre project (the site was damaged by a development-delaying fire last month), citing a potential conflict of interest.

Suncorp Group (SUN)

Chasing \$250M in a notes issue in support of tier one capital.

Resources

Aeris Resources (AIS)

Water supply to AIS's Tritton copper project near Nyngan, western NSW has been further restricted due to new government-imposed measures required to ensure town water and critical needs supply.

AIS remains in consultation with authorities.

AIS jumped 10.9% Friday, settling at 6.1c, following an overnight Thursday rally in copper prices on the LME.

BHP Billiton (BHP)

Today's strategy day petroleum briefing lodged pre-trade.

Perenti Global (PRN)

Helicopter evacuation underway for all PRN staff remaining at the Burkina Faso Boungou mine site. PRN settled at \$2.05 Friday, after trading as high as \$2.40 Tuesday last week.



On Thursday, the China Ministry of Commerce claimed China and the US would cut back tariffs in concert, and only if a first-phase agreement was achieved.

Overnight Friday **data** releases included **Germany**'s September trade figures, with the surplus rising to €21.B from €16.4B at the end of August.

Exports grew 1.5% following a 0.9% August fall.

Imports increased by 1.3% after increasing 0.1% in August.

In the **US**, the first reading of the University of Michigan November consumer sentiment index rose by 0.2 to 95.7.

September wholesale inventories fell 0.4% for the month, following a 0.1% August increase.

Tonight in the **US**, no key economic indicators are scheduled for release, due to a public holiday.

The US **president** is set to lead the New York Veteran's Day parade and provide remarks, ahead of an anticipated speech at the Economic Club of New York.

Elsewhere, the **UK** reports material figures, including September quarter GDP growth, September trade balance and industrial production.

In **Asia**, today and through tonight, the 'singles day' largely online sales, which originated in China and is already underway, will provide an initial indication of end-of-year holiday consumer sentiment.

Veterans' Day is commemorated in the **US** tonight, but most **markets** are scheduled to trade as normal. Bond markets will remain closed, however.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1462.9	OZ	-3.5	-0.2
Silver (NY) (Dec)	16.95	OZ	-0.08	-0.5
Gold (LON)	1464	OZ	-20	-1.4
Platinum	886	OZ	-21	-2.4
WTI Crude (Dec)	57.24	bbl	0.09	0.2
Brent Crude (Jan)	62.51	bbl	0.22	0.4
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	80.36	t	-2.19	-2.7
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	5971	t	-32	-0.5
Nickel	16200	t	-25	-0.2
Aluminium	1820	t	7	0.4
Lead	2095	t	-15	-0.7
Zinc	2478	t	-18	-0.7
Tin	16700	t	125	8.0

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices swung during overnight Friday trade, in part due again to varying commentary regarding the status of US-China trade negotiations. One per cent drops were reported on comments from the US president, Brent crude trading as low as \$USS60.66/bb/ intra-session, and WTI at \$US55.76/bbl.

WTI crude closed 1.9% higher for the week, at an $^{\sim}$ six-week peak, and Brent up 1.3%.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report, published overnight Friday, included a third consecutive fall in the number of

Pre-Open Announcements

EML Payments (** EML)

Proposing to pay £226M upfront and up to £55M worth of earnouts over three years for Prepaid Financial Services (Ireland).

In association, EML is conducting a \$A67M institutional placement and \$A183M entitlement offer, each fully underwritten, and at \$3.55 per share.

In addition, EML will draw \$A130M from a new \$A175M fully underwritten multicurrency debt facility.

Further, EML will issue \$A77M worth of shares to PFS management shareholders.

FY 2020 guidance, and assumptions, also issued this morning, including up to 43% EBITDA growth.

Trading halt called this morning.

EML traded at \$3.71 - \$4.13 last week.

Cann Global (* CGB)

New CGB hemp seed oil and hemp seed mixes products are available via the Costco network.

THC Global Group (* THC)

Australian Office of Drug Control manufacturing permit in hand for the Southport, Queensland facility.

THC says it will commence producing medicinal cannabis immediately.

Emerge Gaming (* EM1)

Billing and distribution agreement secured with Mondia Media, covering EM1's ArcadeX.

FBR Ltd (* FBR)

FBR has successfully completed its building pilot program demonstration stage with Archistruct Builders & Design.

Further, Archistruct has received local government approval to build a display home under the program.

Austal Ltd (ASB)

ASB has delivered another Guardian Class patrol boat to the Australian Department of Defence.

The Australian Government has given this one to the Government of the Solomon Islands, under a Pacific patrol boat replacement program.

ASB has delivered five such vessels within 12 months.

Crown Resorts (CWN)

CWN now holds 100% ownership of the One Queensbridge development site, after completing its acquisition of the 50% balance Friday.

Integral Diagnostics (IDX)

IDX has completed its acquisition of Imaging Queensland.

IDX has settled lower the past three sessions, closing at \$3.51 Friday.

Resources

Panoramic Resources (* PAN) / Zeta Resources (ZTA) /



operational oil rigs, this time by seven, to 684.

In corporate news, Royal Dutch Shell reported a gas leak at a 400,000bbl/d oil refinery in the Netherlands, adding it had been brought under control.

Since overnight Friday trade, **Iran** has heralded a new oil discovery with the potential to boost national reserves more than 30%. The National Iranian Oil Company was reported to have determined the new oil field within the Khuzestan province.

Meanwhile, an Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran spokesperson claimed Iran had boosted capacity to be able to enrich uranium by as much as 60%. 90% enrichment is required to produce nuclear weapon fuel.

In **Iraq**, the nation's oil minister revealed oil output and exports had remained steady during ongoing civil protests.

In **Kuwait**, state media announced crude exports to China could grow to a daily 200,000bbl during 2020. Kuwait's overall October crude output was estimated at 2.65MMbbl/d.

Gold – nothing definitive emerged Friday for gold sentiment to improve for the week.

Key scheduled public addresses by the US Federal Reserve chair and US president from tonight through Wednesday are expected to deliver potential volatility this week.

Material data from China, the euro zone, Japan and the UK through the week will also likely toy with international economic outlook views and hence currency trade and safe-haven sentiment.

On a weekly basis, Comex gold futures settled 3.2% lower overnight Friday, representing the largest decline in a week for ~2.5 years. Silver futures dropped 6.8%.

Base metals – **China**'s October **trade** statistics, reported Friday, included a \$US42.81B trade surplus, following \$39.65B for September.

Exports fell 0.9% after a 3.2% tumble in September.

Imports dropped 6.4%, against an 8.5% September slide.

China's October **producer prices** and **CPI** growth, reported over the weekend, are expected to influence at least some of **tonight**'s base metals trade.

Producer prices dropped 1.6% year-on-year following a 1.2% August decline.

CPI came in at 0.9% growth, the same rate as for September. Year-on-year, prices were 3.8% higher.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6858	0.0000	0.00
EUR – USD	1.1021	-0.0002	-0.02

Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Foreign direct investment (anytime from today)	Oct
China	Vehicle sales (post-ASX trade)	Oct
Japan	BoJ summary of opinions	Oct
Japan	Machinery orders	Sep

Independence Group (* IGO)

34.7% PAN shareholder ZTA has declared it will not accept IGO's offer for PAN and has outlined its reasons on the ZTA website.

Red 5 (* RED) / Terrain Minerals (* TMX)

RED has secured an option to purchase TMX's Great Western gold project for \$2.5M. This includes a \$300,000 option fee.

Mako Gold (MKG)

Asserting MKG Burkina Faso employees are safe, and that MKG Niou operations are not located within any 'do not travel' zone, and are situated along a bitumen road.

MKG fell more than 6% each of Thursday and Friday last week, closing out the week at 8.4c after trading as high as 9.6c midweek

Meteoric Resources (MEI)

Initial Brazil Novo Astro gold project drilling has intersected visible gold within the José prospect.

Results from two of five holes completed are expected by month's end.

Energy

Strike Energy (* STX) / Warrego Energy (* WGO)

WA onshore Perth Basin West Erregulla 2C contingent gas resources estimated at 1185Bcf.

STX operator and 50%; WGO 50%.

Santos Ltd (STO)

WA and Northern Territory site visit presentation lodged posttrade Friday.

STO recouped 1.5% Friday, settling at \$8.11.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Advanced Braking Technology	ABV	11 Nov
AJ Lucas Group	AJL	11 Nov
Norwest Energy	NWE	11 Nov
Aspire Mining	AKM	12 Nov
AVZ Minerals	AVZ	12 Nov
CFOAM Ltd	CFO	12 Nov
Invictus Energy	IVZ	12 Nov
EML Payments	EML	13 Nov

Suspensions (select)

Company		Code	Since
Alexium	International Group	AJX	31 Oct
Creso Ph	arma	СРН	5 Nov
Invigor G	roup	IVO	30 Oct
Micro-X	Ltd	MX1	6 Nov
OBJ Ltd		OBJ	5 Nov
UltraCha	rge Ltd	UTR	21 Oct
Vanadiur	m Resources	VR8	30 Oct



Japan	Bank lending	Oct
Japan	Eco watchers survey	Oct
UK	GDP	Sep Q
UK	Trade balance	Sep
UK	Industrial production	Sep

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Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ANZ	Today	80	70	6.10
MQG	Today	250	40	4.17
ORI	Tomorrow	33	15.15	2.21
WBC	Tomorrow	80	100	6.86
API	Wed	4	100	5.64
GMA	Wed	24.2	0	4.33
ACQ	Thu	3.5	100	2.85
NAB	Thu	83	100	6.39
PL8	Thu	0.5	100	5.09
RTE	Thu	0.5	0	0.00
SFR	Thu	16	100	1.11
CVF	Fri	0.46	100	7.14
JHX	Fri	11.6	0	1.48
SOL	Fri	34	100	2.47

Reports & Events

(select)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ВНР	Strategy day
	DHG	AGM
	ELD	Full year
	ED1	AGM
	FSF	AGM
	SO4	AGM
Tomorrow	CBA	Trading update
	GMG	Sep Q
	HCH	AGM
	IPL	Full year
	INA	AGM
	MAH	AGM
	NWL	AGM
	NCM	AGM
	NEC	AGM
	S2R	AGM
	A D.T.	4014
Wed	APT	AGM
	ALG	AGM
	AV1	AGM
	BRG	AGM
	CHC	AGM
	COL	AGM
	CPU	AGM
	MGX	AGM
	NSR	AGM
	PGH	AGM
	SWM	AGM



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	BD1	AGM	
	CNI	AGM	
	GNC	Full year	
	MPL	AGM	
	NEA	AGM	
	NST	AGM	
	RHC	AGM	
	SGM	AGM	
	VCX	AGM	
	WES	AGM	
Fri	ABP	AGM	
	CCL	Investor day	
	LNK	LNK	