

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6161	48	0.8
NZX 50	12423	66	0.5
DJIA Futures	28787	-11	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	3531	-2	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	12104	5	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade following positive overnight US equities sentiment, with influential data due out of China this afternoon, ahead of a six-monthly economic outlook update from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and some key data releases from both sides of the Atlantic, tonight.

Locally today, a weekly consumer sentiment reading is due pre-trade.

Regionally, **China's** September **trade** figures are expected **2pm** AEDT.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** fell further.

US **gold** futures (August) were pushed a little higher.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) swung slightly lower.

LME **copper** turned modestly lower and **nickel** slightly so. **Aluminium** continued to gain.

The **\$A** traded at US72.30c early yesterday evening.

This morning, the **\$A** has fallen to ~US72.10c.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	28838	251	0.9
S&P 500	3534	57	1.6
NASDAQ	11876	296	2.6
FTSE 100	6001	-15	-0.3
DAX 30	13138	87	0.7
Shanghai Comp	3358	86	2.6

Overseas Markets Commentary

Sentiment vacillated markedly across major European equities markets overnight.

Not so in the US, where major indices traded decidedly higher from open, large tech stocks helping buoy overall sentiment.

The Columbus Day federal holiday in the US meant US bond markets remained closed.

There was plenty to consider geopolitically and in terms of monetary policy.

The US Senate judiciary committee commenced the four-day confirmation hearing for the new Supreme Court nominee, this appearing to focus mostly on healthcare.

China – September trade balance – 2pm AEDT
Today's Stock Watch
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)

This morning's AGM materials lodged.

Telstra Corporation (TLS)

This morning's AGM materials lodged.

Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW)

Proposing to sell a Paris business district building (SHiFT) to a consortium for €620M. Closure is anticipated January 2021.

Challenger Group (CGF)

Repurchasing Capital Notes 1 for \$100 face value each, and planning to issue ~\$250M worth of Capital Notes 3.

Civmec Ltd (CVL)

\$A175M worth of new contracts secured, essentially for the BHP Mitsubishi Alliance Hay Point port, Woodside Energy onshore and offshore facilities, and the FMG-Formosa Steel JV's Iron Bridge magnetite project.

Aurora Labs (A3D)

Japan patent grant in hand for A3D's 'multi-layer concurrent printing' (MCP) technology.

Thorn Group (TGA)

Paying a 7.5c-per-share special dividend.

InteliCare Holdings (ICR)

Online e-commerce marketplace launched for the aged care and health industries.

Resources
Dreadnought Resources (DRE)

Reporting a 1m @ 100g/t Au from 56m intersection from initial drilling within the Longmore's Find prospect of the Illaara gold-VMS-iron ore project.

In addition, reporting significant-width oxide intercepts at shallow depths from maiden Black Oak prospect drilling.

Drilling is planned to continue through year's end.

Resuming from a trading halt having last traded at 2.8c.

Energy
Senex Energy (SXY)

Roma North expansion FID announced this morning, with the aim of pushing natural gas production 50% higher to a daily 24TJ by 30 September 2021.

In addition, SXY has lodged September quarter statistics including 13% production growth for the three months, to 803,000boe. Sales rose 10% to 724,000boe. Sales revenue fell by 8% however, to \$31.1M. \$54.6M net debt, up 21%.



In the meantime, the US administration and key parliamentarians were reported to be continuing to try to reach agreement on a significant new fiscal stimulus package.

Among the central bank representatives appearing during the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) virtual annual meetings week, **European Central Bank (ECB)** president Christine Lagarde confirmed the bank was 'seriously' considering the creation of a digital euro, but was proposing that it would supplement, rather than replace, cash.

Ms Lagarde said regional e-commerce grew ~20% in sales and volumes February – June.

Over the weekend, the **People's Bank of China** relaxed cash reserve requirements for select forward yuan forex trading (shorting the yuan).

This propelled the yuan lower, and China's equities markets higher, during Asian trade yesterday.

Overnight, the **Bank of England** revealed it was canvassing banks on their technological readiness should interest rates be cut to 0% and possibly below.

Banks were required to respond by 12 November.

Also in the UK, the PM repeated this Thursday's deadline for walking from negotiations with the European Union (EU) towards a trade deal to come into effect when the **UK-EU** separation transition period ends 31 December.

Tonight in the **US**, September CPI, a small business optimism index and treasury's fiscal 2020 budget statement are scheduled for release.

Also tonight, the **IMF** is expected to reveal its six-monthly **World Economic Outlook**, as IMF and World Bank annual meetings continue.

Companies scheduled to report **third quarter earnings tonight** include: BlackRock, Citigroup, Delta Air Lines, Johnson & Johnson (Covid-19 vaccine update anticipated), JPMorgan Chase, Toho and Wipro.

A trading update is anticipated from easyJet.

In addition, **Apple** Inc is scheduled to release new iPhones (early AEDT tomorrow).

In overnight corporate news, **Amazon** appreciated more than 4.5% ahead of the annual Prime Day shopping event, from tonight through tomorrow night.

Apple was pushed more than 6% higher, in apparent anticipation of tonight's new iPhones unveiling.

Walt **Disney** in the meantime revealed what amounted to a restructure featuring a stronger streaming push.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1928.9	oz	2.7	0.1
Silver (NY) (Dec)	25.271	oz	0.16	0.7
Gold (LON) (9 Oct)	1923	oz		
Platinum	868	oz	-17	-1.9
WTI Crude (NYMEX Nov)	39.43	bbbl	-1.17	-2.9
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	41.72	bbbl	-1.13	-2.6
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	123.25	t	-0.24	-0.2
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	6745	t	-18	-0.3

Pre-Open Announcements

Chorus Ltd (* CNU)

CNU is noting a final Commerce Commission IM decisions reasons paper regarding proposed prices and information disclosure from 1 January 2022.

A financial losses paper is anticipated 3 November.

SelfWealth Ltd (SWF)

Conference presentation lodged this morning.

SWF is presenting today, and also 11am AEDT tomorrow.

Data#3 Ltd (DTL)

Conference presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

DTL will be presenting 2.20pm AEDT Wednesday.

Event (virtual) registration link also lodged.

DTL has settled higher the past six sessions, yesterday closing at \$7.03 after trading as high as \$7.25 intra-session.

MNF Group (MNF)

Conference presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

MNF is presenting today.

Resources

Pilbara Minerals (* PLS) / Gold Road Resources (* GOR)

Diggers & Dealers presentations lodged post-trade yesterday.

Tietto Minerals (TIE)

Diggers & Dealers presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

TIE recouped 4.76% Friday and traded as high as 57c (the company's best price in three weeks) yesterday before settling at 56c.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
AD1 Holdings	AD1	13 Oct
Azure Minerals	AZS	13 Oct
Carnavale Resources	CAV	13 Oct
Castle Minerals	CDT	13 Oct
Australia United Mining	AYM	14 Oct
Blackstone Minerals	BSX	14 Oct
Fenix Resources	FEX	14 Oct
Finbar Group	FRI	14 Oct
Krakatoa Resources	KTA	14 Oct
Mount Ridley Mines	MRD	14 Oct
MyFiziq Ltd	MYQ	14 Oct
New Zealand Coastal Seafoods	NZS	14 Oct
Prospect Resources	PSC	14 Oct
Troy Resources	TRY	14 Oct
United Networks	UNL	14 Oct
Volt Resources	VRC	14 Oct
Raiden Resources	RDN	15 Oct



Nickel	15180	t	-10	-0.1
Aluminium	1856	t	9	0.5
Lead	1838	t	19	1.0
Zinc	2452	t	27	1.1
Tin	18245	t	10	0.1

Commodities Commentary

Oil – the prospects of Gulf of Mexico production resuming following hurricane Delta, Libya’s weekend announcement that force majeure had been lifted for the Sharara oil field and a late-week end to Norwegian North Sea industrial action pushed prices lower again overnight.

Sharara is expected to be producing ~300,000bbl/d by the end of next week, 69.4% of Gulf of Mexico oil production was estimated remaining shut in, from 91% over the weekend and ~300,000bbl/d was reported to be coming back online in the North Sea.

Total was reported to have recommenced operations at a 225,500bbl/d refinery at Port Arthur, Texas.

OPEC is due to publish its monthly oil report **tonight**.

The International Energy Agency’s (IEA) October oil report is scheduled for release tomorrow evening.

Gold – continued overnight gains were attributed to hopes of new, legislated economic support in the US, plus the pending US presidential election polling day (3 November).

US bond markets were closed during the federal Columbus Day holiday.

Base metals – overnight LME trade appeared pushed and pulled by caution ahead of key data releases today, and worker negotiations in Chile over the next several weeks, new inventories figures, reactions to the People’s Bank of China’s announcement late last week of eased reserve rules for some forex trading using yuan, and additional media reports out of China.

China’s state media revealed a five-year plan to spend ~\$US900B on power grids, meaning further demand for significant amounts of *copper*.

In addition, Chinese research firm Antaika reported China had produced 3% more copper cathode in September than in August. January through September production was 1.6% lower year-on-year, at 6.26Mt.

China’s September trade figures, due today, are expected to influence at least some of tonight’s trade.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7207	-0.0014	-0.19
EUR – USD	1.1814	0.0003	0.02

Australian Data Today

ANZ /RoyMgn	Consumer sentiment	11 Oct
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US Data Tonight

CPI	Sep
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Warrego Energy	WGO	15 Oct
Altery Therapeutics	ATH	16 Oct
Esports Mogul	ESH	16 Oct

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
The Agency Group Australia	AU1	5 Oct
DGR Global	DGR	12 Oct
East Energy Resources	EER	18 Sep
Funtastic Ltd	FUN	5 Oct
Kaiser Reef	KAU	17 Sep
Lincoln Minerals	LML	21 Sep
Macarthur Minerals	MIO	12 Oct
Metalicity Ltd	MCT	2 Oct
Phoslock Environmental Technologies	PET	21 Sep
Quantum Graphite	QGL	2 Oct
Riedel Resources	RIE	22 Sep
Vault Intelligence	VLT	9 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
BOA	Today	8	0	0.00
GOW	Today	3	100	3.23
BKW	Tomorrow	39	100	2.90
MAH	Tomorrow	0.35	30	1.02
PPK	Tomorrow	1	100	0.54
AVG	Thu	2.7	62.96	3.92
D2O	Thu	2.9	100	2.04
PL8	Thu	0.4	100	5.00

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	CBA	AGM
	EBO	AGM
	SXY	Sep Q
	SKT	AGM
	ST1	AGM
	TLS	AGM
Tomorrow	AFI	AGM
	AZJ	AGM (3pm)
	BHP	AGM
	CWY	AGM
	CSL	AGM
Thu	ARB	AGM
	AD8	AGM



Budget statement	Fed fiscal 2020
NFIB small business optimism	Sep
IBD/TIPP economic optimism	Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Trade balance	Sep
Japan	Tankan indices	Oct
UK	Unemployment rate	Aug
UK	Average earnings	Aug
UK	Unemployment claims	Sep
Germany	ZEW economic sentiment; conditions	Oct
Germany	CPI (final)	Sep
Euro zone	ZEW economic sentiment	Oct

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	SKC	AGM

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