

Markets

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| SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST) | 7992 | 51 | 0.6 |
| NZX 50 | 12109 | -56 | -0.5 |
| DJIA Futures | 40352 | 51 | 0.1 |
| S&P 500 Futures | 5670 | 5 | 0.1 |
| NASDAQ Futures | 20546 | 22 | 0.1 |

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new week's trade with a batch of further influential economic indicators due out of China, and new China in hand post-ASX trade Friday, ahead of further key US corporate earnings reports and Federal Reserve chair public comments tonight.

US equities markets settled ~0.6% higher in unison overnight Friday.

Since overnight Friday trade, Russia has claimed to have secured more territory in the eastern Donetsk region of Ukraine.

Dozens of Palestinians were killed in a Saturday attack on a 'safe zone', where key Hamas militants were deemed to be sheltering. Hamas maintained it would not abandon ceasefire negotiations.

In the US, an attempt on former US president Donald Trump's life in the approach to the national Republican convention at which he is expected to be officially nominated as the Republican 2024 presidential candidate, appeared to bolster Mr Trump's ranking in opinion polls.

Locally today, no major economic reports are scheduled for release.

June quarter reporting season warms however, and guidance updates continue.

Regionally, **China's** June quarter **GDP** is anticipated at **midday AEST**, together with June updates for **fixed asset investment, industrial production and retail sales**.

A **residential property price index** is due for release at **11.30am AEST**.

Post-ASX trade Friday, China reported 2130B yuan worth of **new lending** for June. Forecasters had anticipated 2200B following May's 950B.

Japan's markets are **closed today**, due to a public holiday.

In overnight Friday **commodities** trade, **oil** turned 0.4% - 0.5% lower.

US **gold** (Comex) futures closed barely changed, remaining above \$2400.0/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) settled flat, above \$US109.50/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper, nickel** and **aluminium** each turned higher, nickel and aluminium slightly so, but copper by almost 1%.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US67.85c after trading at ~US67.70c - ~US67.75c early Friday evening.

* Multi-mineral exploration listing – midday AEST – PR2 *

Today's Stock Watch

Aussie Broadband (ABB)

Briefing scheduled to commence 11am AEST.

Launching a new digital telco services brand with a self-service app that will manage connection, upgrades, outages and usage. ABB has named the new service Buddy.

In addition, ABB has revealed it is anticipating top-end \$116M - \$121M FY24 EBITDA, and \$125M - \$135M FY25 EBITDA (including Buddy service contributions).

Briefing access details lodged pre-trade.

CurveBeam AI (CVB)

US FDA approval in hand for the CVB 'Enhanced HiRise' scanner, enabling the imaging to be offered in 'routine' medical practices.

Bravura Solutions (BVS)

Expecting \$25M FY24 EBITDA, from previous \$18M - \$22M guidance.

PharmAust Ltd (PAA)

Monepantel has been approved for trialling in the US independent multi-site HEALEY ALS phase 2/3 clinical trialling scheme. Associated investor update lodged this morning.

Nanosonics Ltd (NAN)

Anticipating \$170M FY24 revenue, buoyed by \$90.4M for 2H. Additional statistics, including for comparative 1H and 2H performance, lodged this morning.

Immuron Ltd (IMC)

Travelan FY24 sales rose by 174% to \$A4.9M, bolstered by \$A1.3M for the June quarter.

Resources

Sierra Rutile Holdings (SRX)

In receipt of an unsolicited proposal from 19.85% SRX shareholder Leonoil Company, which is planning a conditional 16c cash-per-share off-market takeover bid. SRX considers the proposed offer could become one that is superior to Gemcorp's bid. SRX traded at 15c – 16.5c last week.

Liontown Resources (LTR)

10-month, up to 100,000t Kathleen Valley lithium project spodumene concentrate off-take agreement secured with Beijing Sinomine International Trade Co.

Mineral Commodities (MRC)

Assessing the impacts of stormy weather, and a subsequent stranding of a ship transporting bulk ammonia, on MRC's 50%-held Tormin minerals sands project, South Africa.

MRC is resuming from a trading halt. Last traded at 2.7c.

**Overseas Markets**

| INDEX | CLOSE | +/- | % |
|---------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| Dow Jones | 40001 | 247 | 0.6 |
| S&P 500 | 5615 | 31 | 0.6 |
| NASDAQ | 18398 | 115 | 0.6 |
| FTSE 100 | 8253 | 30 | 0.4 |
| DAX 30 | 18748 | 214 | 1.2 |
| Shanghai Composite | 2971 | 1 | 0.0 |

Overseas Markets Commentary

Cautious starts and subsequent rallying featured across most major European, UK and US equities markets overnight Friday.

Key US indices notably descended during the last half hour of trade, however.

Key US economic data releases had earlier sparked varying interpretations regarding likely monetary policy moves, but appeared mostly viewed as supportive of an interest rate reduction.

Earlier Friday, China's June trade figures had come in mixed, exports exceeding expectations, but imports soundly undershooting these.

Individual commodity imports also varied, both for the month and half year to 30 June.

Among geopolitical developments, speculation broadened regarding the US presidential campaign and potential outcomes.

Hamas ventured there would likely be no Israel-Hamas ceasefire agreement from the week's negotiations.

In overnight Friday **economic data** releases, **Germany's** June wholesale prices were reported to have fallen 0.3% for the month, against forecasts for a 0.2% rise following May's 0.1% increase.

Against June 2023, prices were down 0.6%, against May's annualised 0.7% fall.

In the **US**, June **producer prices** were calculated 0.2% higher for the month, double the forecast rise, initially sparking fears regarding inflation containment.

Producer prices had been reported flat for the May and the May annualised increase came in at 2.6%.

June prices however, were 3.0% above those for June 2023, exceeding not only the previous reading but June consensus for 2.3%.

An initial 66.0 July **consumer sentiment** estimate, calculated by the University of Michigan undershot expectations for a 2.3-point improvement representing a 2.2-point fall.

Both the current conditions and consumer expectations component indices declined against consensus for respective improvements.

The inflation expectations index declined to 2.9% from 3.0%, however.

Tonight in the US, **Federal Reserve chair** Jerome Powell is scheduled to speak at the Economic Club of Washington.

In US data releases, the July New York Fed (Empire State) manufacturing index is due.

Pre-Open Announcements**Zip Co (* ZIP) / Altium Ltd (ALU)**

ZIP will replace ALU on the S&P/ASX 200 prior to next Monday's ASX open, due to ALU being acquired by Renesas Electronics Corporation.

Vinyl Group (* VNL)

VNL shareholder Songtradr has converted part of a convertible note, for an outlay of \$309,052.02, securing ~14.7M VNL shares and maintaining a 19.99% interest. Songtradr's convertible note balance is no ~\$1.5M.

Auckland International Airport (* AIA)

Passenger numbers rose by 17% during FY24.

For June, passenger numbers grew by 1% year on year, and aircraft movements fell by 4%.

Additional statistics lodged this morning.

Novonix Ltd (* NVX)

\$US47.1M cash balance at 30 June.

Regal Asian Investments (RG8)

Reporting a 4% net portfolio return for June.

Details, including proportional sector exposures, lodged post-trade Friday.

VG1 Global Investments (VG1)

Reporting a 1.8% net portfolio return for June.

Details, including proportional sector exposures, plus top ten long investment weightings, lodged post-trade Friday.

Future Generation Global (FGG) / Future Generation Australia (FGX)

June performance updates and portfolio allocations lodged post-trade Friday.

Douough Ltd (DOU)

\$450,000 FY24 R&D advance in hand.

Archer Materials (AXE)

CEO Mohammad Choucair plans to retire from his AXE role January 2025.

In association, AXE has appointed AXE engineering manager Simon Ruffell as chief technology officer.

Rhythm Biosciences (RHY)

Biotech summit presentation lodged post-trade Friday.

RHY was scheduled to deliver the presentation Friday.

Resources**Atlantic Lithium (* A11)**

Ghana administrative authorisation in hand to recommence operations at the Ewoyaa lithium project site, following a worker fatality Tuesday last week.

Further, the project mining lease application has been submitted to Ghana's parliament.



Companies scheduled to report earnings or provide trading updates later today or tonight include: American Lithium Corp, BlackRock, Goldman Sachs and HDFC Bank.

In overnight Friday and weekend corporate news, Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase reported quarterly profits buoyed by investment banking business, but each suffered a greater than 1.0% stock price fall.

Wells Fargo quarterly interest income undershot expectations, pushing that stock lower, by ~6%.

Tesla's stock price appeared to recover from the previous session's drop following a 'sell' recommendation.

Commodities

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | \$US/ | +/- | % |
|--|--------|-------|-------|------|
| Gold (COMEX 100 Aug) | 2420.7 | oz | -1.2 | -0.0 |
| Silver (COMEX 5000 Sep) | 31.16 | oz | -0.51 | -1.6 |
| Platinum | 1001 | oz | -4 | -0.4 |
| WTI Crude (NYMEX Aug) | 82.21 | bbl | 0.41 | -0.5 |
| Brent Crude (ICE EUR Sep) | 85.03 | bbl | -0.37 | -0.4 |
| Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe) | 109.58 | t | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| Copper (LME 3mth Evening) | 9885 | t | 91 | 0.9 |
| Nickel | 16876 | t | 48 | 0.3 |
| Aluminium | 2482 | t | 4 | 0.2 |
| Lead | 2214 | t | 12 | 0.5 |
| Zinc | 2947 | t | -16 | -0.6 |
| Tin | 33705 | t | -986 | -2.8 |

Commodities Commentary

Oil – China's June trade statistics, reported Friday, initially influenced overnight Friday trade.

Other end-of-week trade considerations included a US consumer sentiment reading at an eight-month low.

China imported 46.45Mt (~11.3MMbbl/d) of crude during June, down 11% against June 2023, but slightly higher than in May (~11.06MMbbl/d).

For January – June, imports fell 2.3% year-on-year.

The falls were in part attributed to lower refinery prices.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report, released by Baker Hughes, included one fewer oil rig in operation, pulling the tally of operational oil rigs back to 478.

Tonight's trade is likely to be part be influenced by a batch of influential economic indicators due out of China today. Administrative comments out of the annual Communist Party economic forum commencing today will also be closely considered.

Gold – prices were pushed lower in early overnight Friday following a US June producer prices release that indicated a longer-than-hoped for fight against inflation.

Investors were also comfortable with taking profits after Thursday's six-week peak prices.

A consumer sentiment reading in late trade came in mixed regarding overall sentiment and inflation perceptions.

Commentary before and after this Thursday's **European Central Bank (ECB)** monetary policy meeting could keep sentiment fluid

De Grey Mining (DEG)

\$A867M cash balance at 30 June.

June quarter activities report lodged this morning.

Energy

Piche Resources (* PR2) / (* PR20)

Multi-mineral explorer scheduled to list on the ASX **midday** AEST, following a \$10M IPO at 20c per share.

~80.29M quoted shares; ~29.89M quoted options.

Exploration assets in Western Australia and Argentina.

Targeting **uranium**, and also precious metals and critical minerals.

Tamboran Resources (TBN)

Investor presentation lodged post-trade Friday.

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

| When | Company | Report/Event |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Today | AIA | Jun |
| | BIO | Jun Q |
| | DEG | Jun Q |
| | IKE | Jun Q |
| | NVX | Jun Q (webcast 8.30am) |
| Tomorrow | RIO | Jun Q |
| Wed | AEF | Jun Q |
| | BHP | Jun Q |
| Thu | EVN | Jun Q (audio w/cast tele 10.30am) |
| | MIR | Full year (webinar 10.30am) |
| | STO | Jun Q |
| Fri | WDS | Jun Q |

Trading Halts

| Company | Code | Resuming |
|------------------------|------|----------|
| Althea Group Holdings | AGH | 16 Jul |
| Argent BioPharma | RGT | 16 Jul |
| Augustus Minerals | AUG | 16 Jul |
| Cygnus Metals | CY5 | 15 Jul |
| Freehill Mining | FHS | 16 Jul |
| Investigator Resources | IVR | 16 Jul |
| Norwest Minerals | NWM | 16 Jul |

Suspensions (selected)

| Company | Code | Since |
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this week, following further public comments from the **US Federal Reserve** chair tonight, in addition to comments out of **China** during key economic deliberations this week.

Among economic data releases, **CPI updates** for the UK, Japan and Canada will also be on watch this week, following influential data out of China today.

Base metals – overnight Friday sentiment was influenced by China's June trade figures; caution ahead of a swag of additional influential China data due today, as a multi-day annual Communist Party economically-focused summit (plenary session) commences; and a \$US decline.

China's June trade statistics included an 8.6% year-on-year increase for exports, against expectations for an 8.0% rise, following a 7.6% annualised May climb.

Imports however, fell by 2.3% year-on-year, against consensus for a 2.8% rise following May's 1.8% increase.

Unwrought copper and copper products imports were reported 15% lower than for May and 3% lower than for June 2023, at 436,000t, the least in 14 months.

This was mostly attributed to relatively high inventories in China and elevated prices.

For January – June, such imports rose 6.8% year-on-year to 2.76Mt.

June copper concentrate imports rose by 8.7% year-on-year, to 2.31Mt.

For January – June these were calculated at 13.9Mt, up 3.7% year-on-year.

Iron ore imports rose 2.2% year-on-year, but fell 4.4% for the month, to 97.61Mt.

June steel exports were reported 16.5% higher than for June 2023, at 8.75Mt.

January – June steel exports were reported 24% higher year-on-year, at 53.4Mt.

January – June iron ore imports were calculated 6.2% higher year-on-year, to 611.18Mt.

In individual producer news, Nornickel revealed plans to restart one of two furnaces early next month at a Norilsk smelter impacted by a significant repairs outage.

Lundin Mining was reported in the meantime, to be hosting preliminary talks with BHP regarding a potential joint bid for copper producer Filo Corp.

China is due to report June quarter GDP, plus June fixed asset investment, industrial production, retail sales and property prices today.

Exchange Rates

| CURRENCIES | LAST | +/- | % |
|------------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| AUD – USD | 0.6769 | -0.0014 | -0.21 |
| EUR – USD | 1.0884 | -0.0022 | -0.20 |

US Data Tonight

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| NY Fed (Empire State) manufacturing | Jul |
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| Beston Global Food Company | BFC | 3 Jul |
| Calidus Resources | CAI | 1 Jul |
| Calima Energy | CE1 | 3 Jul |
| Indiana Resources | IDA | 4 Jul |
| Linus Technologies | LNU | 8 Jul |
| Magellan Global Fund | MGF | 12 Jul |
| NSX Ltd | NSX | 27 Jun |
| OZZ Resources | OZZ | 20 Jun |

Ex-Dividends

| Code | Ex-Div | Div (c) | Franking (%) | Yield (%) |
|------|----------|---------|--------------|-----------|
| MTS | Tomorrow | 8.5 | 100 | 5.98 |
| GVF | Wed | 1 | 100 | 5.24 |
| TRA | Wed | 6.87 | 85 | 3.73 |

**Other Overseas Data Today and Tonight**

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|------------------|------------------------|---------|
| China | GDP | Jun Q |
| China | Fixed asset investment | Jan-Jun |
| China | Industrial production | Jun |
| China | House price index | Jun |
| China | Retail sales | Jun |
| Euro zone | Industrial production | May |

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