

Markets

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| SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST) | 7289 | 22 | 0.3 |
| NZX 50 | 12532 | -8.7 | -0.0 |
| DJIA Futures | 33804 | -1 | -0.0 |
| S&P 500 Futures | 4225 | 2.75 | 0.1 |
| NASDAQ Futures | 14185 | 19.7 | 0.1 |

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian dollar wilted 0.8% to near US\$75c overnight as the greenback blossomed on international markets to hit a two-month peak.

The ASX was set to rise on opening after Wall Street was relatively timid following the Federal Reserve's hawkish reaction to inflation issues, by flagging an earlier than expected rates hike.

US investors turned to technology, growth stocks and long-term bonds retreated.

ASIC found itself in the crosshairs as Labor senator Deborah O'Neill criticised the corporate regulator over its reluctance to investigate the disastrous Nuix IPO in 2020 that decimated almost \$3 billion in investor funds.

Shares in Seven West Media spiked 23% on Thursday after the media group revealed it was on course to exceed earnings on the back of strong advertising revenue.

Seven Group Holdings added a week to the offer period until June 30 in its takeover bid for Boral and revealed it has now acquired 24% of the company.

Australia's sluggish vaccination program is likely to be impacted after the Australian Technical Advisory Group of Immunisation changed its guidance to the federal government over use of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

ATAGI has now recommended that the age range for AstraZeneca be lifted to 60-years and over amid growing health concerns related to blood clots. This development is likely to result in a rush for the Pfizer vaccine, with demand reportedly outstripping supplies.

Overseas Markets

| INDEX | CLOSE | +/- | % |
|----------------------|-------|------|-------------|
| Dow Jones | 33823 | -210 | -0.6 |
| S&P 500 | 4221 | -1.8 | -0.0 |
| NASDAQ | 14161 | 121 | 0.8 |
| FTSE 100 | 7153 | -31 | -0.4 |
| DAX 30 | 15727 | 17 | 0.1 |
| Shanghai Comp | 3525 | 7.2 | 0.2 |

S&P/ASX indices - quarterly rebalance revealed this morning.
 Please see pp4-5 for details

Today's Stock Watch

BetMakers (BET)

Has acquired Sportech's Racing, tote and digital assets in the US, UK and Europe and "significantly expanded its global customer base" with a platform to target growth in the USA.

CSL Limited (CSL)

The biotech company fell in April on government recommendations that people under age 50 should not take the AstraZeneca vaccine. Government has now lifted the age range for the vaccine to 60-years and older.

Bubs Australia (BUB)

Has secure acceptance for the inaugural launch of its Aussie Bubs branded formula into the USA market on Walmart.com, tapping into a USA infant milk market worth \$5 billion annually.

Pre-Open Announcements

Sandfire (SFR) Has achieved a new shipping record from its 100% owned DeGrussa Operations in Western Australia with a 23,274 wet metric tonne shipment of copper concentrate destined for India.

Sydney Airport (SYD)

Says total traffic in May 2021 was 1,435 million passengers, down 59% on the corresponding period in 2019, and says numbers will remain subdued until government travel restrictions are eased

Resources

Apollo (AOP)

All nine holes at the Cleo Discovery, located 1.5km from the main Rebecca deposit, have intersected shallow gold mineralisation.

Renergen (REN)

Has intersected gas bearing structures with its inclined drilling program in South Africa, which will be sent to the laboratory for analysis.

Musgrave Minerals (MGV)

Drilling has identified thick oxide gold mineralisation at the Big Sky prospect along a new gold corridor south-west of Lena in Western Australia's Murchison district.

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

Gold lost much of its glow and the dollar climbed overnight after the Federal Reserve had flagged an earlier rates hike than expected to combat creeping inflation.

Gold suffered its biggest loss in 10 months, diving to \$1777 as futures slumped 4.5%, but the dollar saw its biggest one-day gain since March -- rising 0.3% to add to the 0.8% climb on Wednesday to about \$1.19 per euro.

Federal Chairman Jerome Powell said higher recent inflation clouds were seen as temporary, but could not be ignored.

On Wall St the S&P 500 declined for three successive sessions, dragged down by materials and finance companies, and closed 1.8 points down at 4221. The Dow Jones fell for four straight sessions and shed 210 points to 33823 and the Nasdaq, stimulated by technology shares, rose 121 points to 14161.

Unemployment claims rose unexpectedly in the United States for the week ending June 12, the Labor Department revealed. The first increase in claims since late April saw claims under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program climbing to 118,025. Overall, an additional 412,000 workers filed for first-time benefits.

In Germany disappointing COVID vaccine trial results sent biotech company CureVac into freefall. CureVac's shares fell 45% in afternoon trading after interim trial results had revealed its experimental vaccine was only 47% effective. The company only went public last year and has received backing from Bill and Melinda Gates.

Commodities fell sharply in reaction to China regulators stepping up to cool rising prices. Palladium and platinum futures fell 11% and 7%, corn declined by 6% and copper 4.8%. This followed Wednesday's announcement from Beijing that it would release reserves of key metals, including copper and aluminium.

Commodities

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | \$US/ | +/- | % |
|-------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Gold (NY) | 1772 | oz | -38 | -2.1 |
| Silver (NY) | 25.88 | oz | -1.1 | -3.9 |

Trading Halts

| Company | Code | Resuming |
|----------------------------|------|----------|
| BSP Financial Group | BFL | 18 Jun |
| Emperor Energy | EMP | 18 Jun |
| Creso Pharmacy | CPH | 18 Jun |
| Pentanet | 5GG | 18 Jun |
| OreCorp | ORR | 18 Jun |
| BetMakers | BET | 21 Jun |
| Gold Mountain | GMN | 21 Jun |
| Resource Development Group | RDG | 21 Jun |
| Po Valley | PVE | 21 Jun |
| Variscan Mines | VAR | 21 Jun |
| Coda Minerals | COD | 21 Jun |
| Immutep | IMM | 21 Jun |

Suspensions *(select)*

| Company | Code | Since |
|--------------|------|--------|
| Immuron Ltd | IMC | 31 May |
| Metro Mining | MMI | 27 May |

Ex-Dividends

| Code | Ex-Div | Div (c) | Franking (%) | Yield (%) |
|------|--------|---------|--------------|-----------|
| BEN | 6 Sep | 0.67 | 100 | 2.67 |
| CQR | 29 Jun | 0.13 | 0 | 1.00 |
| CBA | 6 Sep | 0.49 | 100 | 2.75 |
| AMP | 7 Sep | 0.79 | 100 | 4.50 |
| NAB | 8 Sep | 0.62 | 100 | 2.46 |
| ARF | 29 Jun | 0.03 | 0 | 1.5 |
| SUN | 2 Sep | 0.53 | 100 | 3.0 |
| AQR | 29 Jun | 0.05 | 0 | 2.5 |
| MQG | 6 Sep | 0.86 | 40 | 4.0 |

Reports & Events*(selected)*

| When | Company | Report/Event |
|------|---------|------------------------|
| Fri | WOW | Demerge meeting (11am) |



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|-------------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Gold (LON) | 1858 | oz | -5.7 | -0.3 |
| Platinum | 1062 | oz | -79 | -6.9 |
| WTI Crude | 71.06 | bbl | -1.0 | -1.5 |
| Brent Crude | 73 | bbl | -1.4 | -1.8 |
| Iron Ore | 217 | t | -5 | -2.2 |
| Copper | 9272 | t | -366 | -3.8 |
| Nickel | 17180 | t | -439 | -2.5 |
| Aluminium | 2427 | t | -45 | -1.8 |
| Lead | 2145 | t | -40 | -1.8 |
| Zinc | 2961 | t | -51 | -1.7 |
| Tin | 32000 | t | -660 | -2.0 |

Commodities Commentary

Oil – Big Oil's supermajors are poised to declare robust quarterly earnings next month compared to 12 months ago on the back of surging crude oil prices. Brent Crude averaged \$65 in April and \$68 in May, coming off lows of \$18 a barrel in April 2020.

Exchange Rates

| CURRENCIES | LAST | +/- | % |
|------------|--------|---------|-------|
| AUD – USD | 0.7559 | -0.0072 | -0.94 |
| EUR – USD | 1.1914 | -0.0085 | -0.71 |

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