

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6794	-3	-0.0
NZX 50	10913	19	0.2
DJIA Futures	27953	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	3118	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	8319	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new week's trade ahead of a public address by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) governor middle of the day, with a US-South Korea military drills postponement in favour of improving North Korea relations, following positive US-China trade talks sentiment during international equities trade overnight Friday.

Regionally, violent protests are continuing in **Hong Kong**, where GDP growth was reported late Friday as 3.2% lower for the September quarter.

Following a 0.4% June quarter decline, this placed Hong Kong technically in recession.

Against 30 September 2018, Hong Kong's GDP dropped 2.9%.

Locally today, **RBA** governor Philip Lowe is scheduled to speak at a Trans-Tasman Business Circle briefing from **midday** AEDT, at the Australian Stock Exchange, Sydney.

Stocks trading ex-dividend today include **AST** and **ELD**. Please see p4 for a detailed ex-dividend list.

In overnight Friday commodities trade, **oil** settled with a strong gain.

US **gold** futures (December) traded modestly lower.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) recorded a small rise, reaching \$US82.80/t.

LME **copper** settled slightly higher. **Nickel** and **aluminium** continued to fall.

The **\$A** was propelled to ~US68.20c, after trading below US67.85c early Friday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	28005	223	0.8
S&P 500	3120	24	0.8
NASDAQ	8541	62	0.7
FTSE 100	7303	10	0.1
DAX 30	13242	62	0.5
Shanghai Comp	2891	-19	-0.6

Overseas Markets Commentary

Vacillating sentiment across major European equities markets overnight Friday did not extend through to US trade, with key indices opening higher and closing at record sessional peaks.

Australia – RBA governor Philip Lowe is scheduled to speak at a Trans-Tasman Business Circle briefing Australian Stock Exchange, Sydney, from **midday** AEDT.

Today's Stock Watch

Appen Ltd (APX)

Anticipating \$96M - \$99M full year underlying EBITDA, against previous guidance of \$85M - \$90M.

HT & E Ltd (HT1)

Trading update lodged for the former APN News & Media this morning, including a fall in November-December business.

Smartgroup Corporation (SIQ)

Anticipating \$81M FY 2019 NPATA.

In addition, MD and CEO Deven Billimoria is planning to retire at the end of February 2020.

SIQ CFO Tim Looi has been appointed to take over from Mr Billimoria, who will advise SIQ for up to a year.

Mr Billimoria has been with SIQ for 19 years, and was appointed CEO in 2002.

SIQ plans to report full year results 19 February 2020.

Monash IVF Group (MVF)

Anticipating \$18M - \$19M (pre – non-regular items) FY 2020 NPAT.

Sky New Zealand (SKT)

Anticipating \$NZ750M - \$NZ770M FY 20 revenue and \$NZ170M - \$NZ190M EBITDA.

Resources

South32 Ltd (S32)

S32 has appointed consultant and former Newmont Mining executive VP discovery and development Guy Lansdown as an independent non-executive director, effective 2 December.

Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

Appealing a Full Federal Court decision regarding exclusive possession of native title rights and interests in association with FMG's WA Pilbara Solomon Hub land holdings and the Yindjibarndi people.

First Graphene (FGR)

Resuming from a trading halt with a successful review of ongoing workplace trials of safety boots manufactured by Steel Blue and using FGR's PureGRAPH powder.

Steel Blue and FGR will jointly present their project at a two-day Polymers in Footwear conference and exhibition tomorrow through Wednesday in Berlin.

The presentation will be delivered later tomorrow.

A 200B yuan (~\$US28.6B) funds injection late-Thursday through Friday by the People's Bank of China, via medium-term lending, at a steady 3.25% for one-year lending, supported views banking system liquidity would remain supported, ahead of an anticipated 0.5% cut in the loan prime rate this week.

In addition, the chief economic advisor to the US administration described US-China phase one trade accord negotiations as 'very constructive' late-Thursday, and on Friday, the commerce secretary spoke of progress that was now 'down to the very last details'.

Further, a spokesperson for China's administrators referred to talks with the US as 'in-depth'.

Meanwhile, US agricultural sales and exports data encouraged, indicating ongoing buying from companies in China.

Among overnight Friday **data** releases, **euro zone** September trade figures included an €18.7B surplus, against €14.7B at the end of August.

A final October CPI reading came in at 0.7% growth for the month and 1.1% compared with October 2018.

In the **US**, October retail sales heartened, rising 0.3% for the month, after falling at this rate in September, although this was partly attributed to higher petrol prices.

Against October 2018, sales improved 3.1%.

October industrial production fell 0.8% for the month, and 1.1% year-on-year.

September business inventories were reported flat for the month after a revised 0.1% August decline.

A New York region business activity index dropped to 2.9 from 4.0.

October import and export prices fell 0.5% and 0.1% respectively for the month, and 3% and 2.2% year-on-year.

Tonight in the **US**, an industry-calculated housing market index is due.

NB: US markets are commencing their last full week of November trade, due to Thanksgiving next week.

Commodities				
COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1468.5	oz	-4.9	-0.3
Silver (NY) (Dec)	16.948	oz	-0.08	-0.5
Gold (LON)	1467	oz		
Platinum	888	oz	8	0.9
WTI Crude (Dec)	57.72	bbl	0.95	1.7
Brent Crude (Jan)	63.30	bbl	1.02	1.6
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	82.80	t	0.3	0.3
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	5838	t	29	0.1
Nickel	15000	t	-115	-0.8
Aluminium	1741	t	-6	-0.3
Lead	2006	t	-19	-0.9
Zinc	2385	t	-4	-0.2
Tin	16250	t	-45	-0.3

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight Friday, the International Energy Agency (IEA) non-OPEC crude production would jump from 1.8MMbbl/d this

Pre-Open Announcements

MMA Offshore (* MRM)

Heralding \$38M worth of new contracts and contract extensions with AGR Australia, Esso Australia and an undisclosed major Australian gas producer. Details lodged post-trade Friday.

Mastermyne Group (* MYE)

MYE has secured a three-year renewal for its design, supply, installation and development services contract with Anglo American Metallurgical Coal, in the central Queensland Moranbah region.

MYE anticipates revenue from this contract to reach \$250M - \$300M.

AFT Pharmaceuticals (* AFP)

Heralding Maxigesic pain relief product licensing agreements which AFP estimates are worth a total \$US1B.

Details lodged this morning.

Spark Infrastructure (SPK)

2020 5G rollout plans lodged this morning.

Suncorp Group (SUN)

The margin for SUN's capital notes 3 offer has been set at 3.00% and \$300M worth of notes allocated under the broker firm offer and institutional offer.

Reinvestment and securityholder offers will determine the ultimate size of the offer.

Conference presentation lodged this morning.

Breville Group (BRG) AP Eagers (APE) / Inghams Group (ING) / Regis Healthcare (REG) / Viva Energy (VEA)

Conference presentations lodged pre-trade.

APE settled at \$10.30 Friday, after closing out the previous week at \$12.43.

Altium Ltd (ALU)

Non-executive director Wendy Stops is resigning due to other commitments outside of the US.

Prospa Group (* PGL)

Anticipating \$143.8M calendar 2019 revenue, against the prospectus forecast of \$156.3M.

EBITDA is expected to come in at \$4.0M, following a \$10.6M forecast.

Additional revisions lodged this morning.

Ingenia Communities Group (INA)

Non-executive director Valerie Lyons has resigned from the INA board, effective 30 November.

Evolve Education Group (EVO)

EVO CFO Stephen Davies has resigned.

EVO executive director and former G8 Education (ASX: GEM) CFO Chris Sacre has been appointed interim EVO CFO, effective immediately.



year, to 2.3MMbbl/d during 2020, against a fall OPEC crude demand to 28.9MMbbl. Currently, OPEC producers total output is estimated at 29.9MMbbl/d.

The IEA noted international economic growth and associated oil demand was expected to improve significantly should the US and China decide to remove some or all import tariffs from each other's goods.

The report proved just one influence pushing and pulling prices overnight Friday, with US-China trade commentary also plentiful, following positive comments from representatives and officials of both nations.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig count, also published overnight, Friday included 10 fewer operational oil rigs.

Brent crude closed the week with a 1.3% overall gain. WTI added 0.8%.

Gold – US-China trade talks commentary dented gold interest overnight Friday.

Reports out of ongoing negotiations are expected to continue to move gold prices this week, together with the minutes from the US Federal Reserve's latest policy meeting.

Base metals – positive comments out of US and China regarding trade discussions, plus further liquidity support from the People's Bank of China ahead of a rates decision expected mid-week, combined with relatively low LME and Shanghai Futures-associated copper stockpiles overnight Friday to support copper prices.

Data from Indonesia in the meantime revealed Indonesia's nickel ore exports for October rose 0.7% for the month to 8.85Mt, and that January-October exports were down 4% year-on-year, at 73.2Mt.

Among Friday (afternoon, AEDT) data releases, China's October house prices were reported 7.8% higher year-on-year, following an 8.4% September gain.

Also Friday afternoon, Japan reported a 1.7% rise in September industrial production, following a 1.2% August drop. Year-on-year, output came in 1.3% higher.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6816	0.0002	0.02
EUR – USD	1.1052	0.0000	0.00

US Data Tonight

NAHB housing market index	Nov
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Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	FDI (anytime from this evening AEDT)	Oct
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Resources

Rio Tinto (* RIO) / Alderan Resources (AL8)

RIO company Kennecott Exploration has agreed to an earn-in and JV deal with AL8 covering the AL8 Frisco copper project, Utah, US.

Kennecott will hold options to earn up to 70% of the project following expenditure of up to \$US30M.

Resolute Mining (* RSG)

Anticipating the Mali Syama gold project roaster repairs to be completed in time for sulphide circuit operations to be fully restored by mid-December.

Galaxy Resources (* GXY)

Strategy update lodged this morning.

Renascor Resources (* RNU)

Positive purification test results lodged this morning.

Zimplats Holdings (ZIM)

ZIM has appointed Patricia Zvandasara as chief finance officer (CFO) and as an executive director.

Former CFO and ZIM director Stewart Mangoma has been appointed strategy and business development director of the Zimplats Group.

Energy

Senex Energy (* SXY)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Coronado Global Resources (CRN)

Anticipating full year (ending 31 December) EBITDA to fall below previous guidance of \$687M - \$737M.

Costs have increased and revenue has fallen.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Austar Gold	AUL	18 Nov
Tietto Minerals	TIE	18 Nov
Volt Power Group	VPR	18 Nov
Accelerate Resources	AX8	19 Nov
CropLogic Ltd	CLI	19 Nov
Dampier Gold	DAU	19 Nov
Golden Mile Resources	G88	19 Nov
Highfield Resources	HFR	19 Nov
Nzuri Copper	NZC	19 Nov

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Alexium International Group	AJX	31 Oct
CFOAM Ltd	CFO	12 Nov
Creso Pharma	CPH	5 Nov



Invigor Group	IVO	30 Oct
Micro-X Ltd	MX1	6 Nov
OBJ Ltd	OBJ	5 Nov
UltraCharge Ltd	UTR	21 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ALF	Today	2.5	50	2.03
AST	Today	5.1	50	5.28
ELD	Today	9	100	2.69
GDF	Today	1.5	0	6.23
IAP	Thu	3.2	0	0.00
ZEL	Thu	15.31	0	8.15
CAZ	Fri	0.5	0	0.00

Reports & Events

(select)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	LIC	AGM
	NAN	AGM
	NML	AGM
	SXY	AGM
	VG1	AGM
	VGL	Investor day
Tomorrow	A2M	AGM
	IDX	AGM
	KGN	AGM
	MGR	AGM
	MND	AGM
	NHC	AGM
	PPS	AGM
	QAN	Investor day
	REA	AGM
	SAR	AGM
	SEA	Sep Q
	SHL	AGM
	WTC	AGM
WPL	Investor day	
Wed	ALQ	Interim
	AMA	AGM
	GMG	AGM
	IMF	AGM
	IGO	AGM
	IRI	AGM
	LLC	AGM
	MIN	AGM
	NMT	AGM
OCC	AGM	



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	SVW	AGM
	TWR	Full year
	VRT	AGM
	WEB	AGM
Thu	A2M	AGM
	AFT	Interim
	BSL	AGM
	CCX	AGM
	IPH	AGM
	NWS	AGM
	OPT	AGM
	QHL	AGM
	QUB	AGM
	REX	AGM
	SGQ	AGM
	SPX	AGM
Fri	KMD	AGM
	MEI	AGM
	ORE	AGM
	RMD	AGM
	SLR	AGM
	WHS	AGM