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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7378	-49	-0.7
NZX 50	12795	76	0.6
DJIA Futures	34868	-19	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4392	-3	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	14843	-6	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with another plethora of high-profile domestic stocks reporting earnings, and influential domestic data due late morning, following overnight falls across US equities markets.

Prices for key commodities also fell.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes July **workforce** statistics, including jobs, participation and the national unemployment rate, **11.30am** AEST.

At the same time, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) reports monthly foreign exchange transactions and official reserve assets.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **GPT**, **GUD**, **QBE** and **SDF**. *Please see p3 for a detailed ex-dividend list*.

Regionally today, monthly Tankan indices for **Japan** were scheduled for release pre-ASX trade.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** extended its current run of sessional declines to five.

US gold futures continued to settle slightly lower.

Iron ore (China CFR, 62% fines) tumbled.

LME copper and other key base metals dropped further.

The **\$A** fell to ~US72.35c after trading at ~US72.60c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34961	-383	-1.1
S&P 500	4400	-48	-1.1
NASDAQ	14526	-130	-0.9
FTSE 100	7169	-12	-0.2
DAX 30	15966	44	0.3
Shanghai Comp	3485	38	1.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets generally opened lower or were pushed so in early trade.

Inflation figures featured among data releases and the \$US traded at 4.5-month highs amid ongoing safe-haven buying.

US sentiment appeared the most steady, however, until the release of **Federal Reserve** policy meeting minutes which sparked a downward trend such that key indices settled at session lows.

Today's Stock Watch

Orora Ltd (ORA)

7.5c fully franked dividend from 5.5c a year ago. \$129.7M full year NPAT, from \$26.6M for FY20. 0.8% lower \$A3.54B continuing operations revenue. 37c NTA from 60c.

ASX Ltd (ASX)

\$1.112 fully franked final dividend from \$1.225 a year ago. 3.6% lower, \$480.9M full year NPAT.

7.2% lower, \$1.07B revenue. \$6.04 NTA against \$6.32.

Star Entertainment Group (SGR)

\$57.9M full year NPAT. 3.9% higher, \$1.55B revenue. \$1.85 NTA from \$1.71.

Treasury Wine Estates (TWE)

13c fully franked final dividend from 8c a year ago. 31% higher, \$309.6M full year NPAT. 0.2% higher, \$2.68B revenue.

NeuroScientific Biopharmaceuticals (NSB)

Heralding EmtinB study results in relation to Covid-19 immune response management.

Resources

Newcrest Mining (NCM)

NSW Cadia PC1-2 pre-feasibility approved, enabling DFS and early works to proceed. \$A1.3B capex.

 $\,$ US40c fully franked final dividend from US24.38c a year ago.

80% higher, \$US1.16B full year NPAT.

17% higher, \$US4.58B revenue.

\$US12.32 NTA from \$US10.50.

South32 Ltd (S32)

US3.5c fully franked final dividend from US1.37c a year ago. \$US195M full year net loss, following a \$US65M FY20 loss. 4% higher, \$US6.34B revenue.

\$US1.88 NTA against \$US1.92.

Evolution Mining (EVN)

5c fully franked final dividend against 9c a year ago. 14% higher, \$345.26M full year NPAT.

4% lower, \$1.86B revenue. \$1.51 NTA from \$1.47.

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Origin Energy (ORG)

7.5c final dividend following 10c a year ago. \$2.29B full year net loss against an \$83M FY20 net profit. 8% lower, \$12.097B revenue. \$2.86 NTA against \$3.86.

Senex Energy (SXY)

5c final dividend from no dividend a year ago. \$65.7M full year NPAT from a \$51.4M net loss a year ago. 102% higher, \$109.6M continuing operations revenue. \$1.51 NTA from 21c.



The Fed's 27 - 28 July monetary policy meeting minutes revealed mixed views on likely employment target and inflation growth timelines.

Some committee members voiced fears employment progress could be constrained and US economic recovery held back due to Covid-19 Delta spread.

In overnight data releases, the UK's July CPI remained flat following a 0.5% June increase.

Year-on-year inflation was up 2.0%.

A finalised **euro zone** July CPI reading confirmed 0.1% **deflation** for the month, following a 0.3% June rise.

Against July 2020, the CPI was 2.2% higher.

In **Germany**, a 30-year bond auction produced a -0.04% yield from 0.03%.

In the **US**, July housing starts tumbled 7% for the month, following a 3.5% June rise.

Building permits rose 2.6% after dropping 5.3% in June.

Weekly mortgage applications fell by 3.9%.

The mean average mortgage rate was reported at 3.06% from 2.9%.

A 20-year government bond auction delivered a 1.850% yield from 1.89%.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims, the August Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index and Conference Board July leading economic index are due.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: Antofagasta, Applied Materials, Estee Lauder, Kohl's, Macy's and Ross Stores.

In overnight corporate news, **Lowe's** reported buoyant business from both amateur and professional home builders.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1784.4	OZ	-3.4	-0.2
Silver (NY) (Sep)	23.42	OZ	-0.24	-1.0
Gold (LON)	1789	OZ		
Platinum	992	OZ	2	0.2
WTI Crude (NYMEX Sep)	65.46	bbl	-1.13	-1.7
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Oct)	68.23	bbl	-0.80	-1.2
Iron Ore (Qingdao) (CHN;62%f)	153.39	t	-7.36	-4.8
Iron Ore (Nymex)	159.59	t	-7.75	-4.6
Copper (LME Ind)	9045	t	-203	-2.2
Nickel	18880	t	-313	-1.6
Aluminium	2564	t	-35	-1.4
Lead	2285	t	-38	-1.7
Zinc	2983	t	-32	-1.1
Tin	35485	t	-313	-0.9

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices fell further overnight, amid \$US strength and ongoing caution regarding near-term international demand.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report, published overnight by government agency the EIA, included a 3.234MMbbl draw on

Pre-Open Announcements

PointsBet Holdings (* PBH)

Sportsbook operator approval in hand from the US National Football League.

Perpetual Ltd (* PPT)

96c fully franked final dividend from 50c a year ago.

9% lower, \$74.87M full year NPAT.

33% higher, \$650.23M revenue (exc structured investments).

\$A98.3B AUM. 22c NTA from \$3.95.

Redbubble Ltd (* RBL)

\$31.2M full year NPAT from an \$8.8M FY20 net loss.

57.9% higher, \$657.3M revenue.

Accent Group (* AX1)

3.25c fully franked final dividend following 4c a year ago.

38.6% higher, \$76.92M full year NPAT.

19.6% higher, \$992.75M revenue.

10.38c NTA from 8.02c.

Auckland International Airport (* AIA)

Planning to establish a fashion outlet centre.

Details lodged pre-trade.

139.4% higher, \$NZ464.2M full year NPAT.

50.4% higher, \$NZ281.1M revenue.

IRESS Ltd (* IRE)

16c, 80%-franked interim dividend, from 16c, 35%-franked a year ago.

55% higher, \$40.92M interim NPAT.

7.2% higher, \$290.21M revenue.

Integrated Research (* IRI)

No final dividend, following 3.75c fully franked a year ago.

67% lower, \$7.94M full year NPAT.

29% lower, \$78.49M revenue.

31c NTA against 31.11c.

Codan Ltd (* CDA)

16.5 fully franked final dividend from no dividend a year ago.

\$90.2M full year NPAT from \$64.0M for FY20.

\$437M revenue from \$348M.

Airtasker Ltd (* ART)

\$9.71M full year net loss following a \$10.25M FY20 net loss.

38% higher, \$26.57M revenue.

Resources

Strike Resources (SRK)

As foreshadowed, the initial 35,000t Apurimac lump iron ore shipment is on its way from Peru to a customer in China.



stored crude, but 696,000bbl rise in petrol stocks.

Petrol output increased by a daily 39,000bbl to 9.5MMbbl/d, reportedly 1% lower than during 2019.

Net crude imports fell by 813,000bbl/d.

Post-US trade Tuesday, the American Petroleum Institute released a report which included an estimated 1.163MMbbl fall for national crude stocks last week.

Gold – overnight sentiment was again impacted by \$US strength. US Federal Reserve policy minutes, released post Comex settlement, supported a move higher, however.

Base metals – \$US strength and low risk sentiment kept overnight prices constrained.

New data released by China confirmed July *aluminium* imports rose 6.1% for the month.

In project news, China's Yunnan Chihong Zinc & Germanium revealed a zinc subsidiary had suspended output after three workers died in a gas leak.

New Escondida *copper* project workers' contracts were reported to be attracting interest from unions representing workers at other major operations in Chile and Peru.

Meanwhile, a community protest reportedly blocked some access to the Las Bambas copper operation, Peru.

Among data releases, **Japan** reported July trade figures yesterday, including a ¥441B trade surplus from ¥384B for June.

Imports and exports each undershot year-on-year expectations.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7237	-0.0022	-0.31
EUR – USD	1.1714	-0.0002	-0.02

Australian Data Today

ABS	Workforce	Jul
RBA	Foreign exchange transactions; reserve assets	Jul

US Data Tonight

Philadelphia manufacturing index	Aug
Conference Board leading index	Jul
Initial jobless claims	14 Aug

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Tankan indices	Aug

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Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Globe Metals & Mining	GBE	19 Aug
Jadar Resources	JDR	19 Aug
Pancontinental Oil & Gas	PCL	19 Aug
Paterson Resources	PSL	19 Aug
Tempus Resources	TMR	19 Aug
Pental Ltd	PTL	20 Aug
Zimi Ltd	ZMM	20 Aug

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
AXP Energy	AXP	16 Aug
Fargo Enterprises	FGO	26 Jul
Salt Lake Potash	SO4	29 Jul
Superior Lake Resources	SUP	16 Aug

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
GPT	Today	13.3	0	2.70
GUD	Today	32	100	2.22
KOV	Today	20	100	4.22
QBE	Today	11	10	0.32
SDF	Today	7	100	2.08
ZIM	Today	107.34	0	4.44
LLC	Tomorrow	12	0	1.58
STO	Tomorrow	7.5	100	1.49
TWD	Tomorrow	13	100	2.83
AZJ	Mon	14.4	70	6.97
BTI	Mon	1.4	100	0.00
DHG	Mon	4	100	0.00
KPG	Mon	0.36	100	1.82
MFG	Mon	114.1	75	2.14
CL1	Tue	2.5	100	2.91
RKN	Tue	3	100	4.52

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ART	Full year (w/cast 10.30am)
	ASX	Full year
	AIA	Full year
	BLX	Full year (tele 11am)
	CHC	Full year
	CDA	Full year
	DCG	Full year



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	EVN	Full year
	HT1	Full year
	HUM	Full year
	IPH	Full year
	IRI	Interim (tele 10.30am)
	IRE	Interim (tele & Q&A 9.30am)
	NCM	Full year
	NWH	Full year (tele 10am)
	ORA	Full year
	ORG	Full year
	PPT	Full year
	RBL	Full year (w/cast 10am)
	SXY	Full year
	S32	Full year
	SGR	Full year
	TWE	Full year
	WEB	AGM
Tomorrow	ADH	Full year
	CAT	AGM
	CWY	Interim
	сон	Full year
	ING	Full year
	IPH	Full year
	MYS	Full year (tele 11.30am)
	OBL	Full year
	SGP	Full year
	SYD	Interim
	TGA	AGM (11.30am)
	TPG	Interim
Mon	ALU	Full year (tele 9.30am)
	ALD	Interim
	COE	Full year (w/cast 9am)
	CNU	Full year (tele 8am)
	EVT	Full year
	GEM	Interim
	NHF	Full year (w/cast 10am)
	RWC	Full year (w/cast tele 9am)
	SHL	Full year