

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6636	39	0.6
NZX 50	12798	-41	-0.3
DJIA Futures	30746	26	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3769	6	0.2
NASDAQ Futures	12814	12	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with mostly weak overnight international equities and commodities trade leads, while the US observed a public holiday, amid scant new economic reports.

Large corporate earnings reports will return to focus tonight, together with Covid-19 recovery fiscal support, as the US Treasury secretary nominee promotes significant, near-term stimulus to the US Senate finance committee.

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

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes a jobs and wages report for the week ending 2 January, 11.30am AEDT.

A December new home sales report is also anticipated this morning.

Regionally, no major data releases are due for release today.

In overnight commodities trade, Brent **crude** was reported modestly lower.

As with WTI crude, US **gold** futures trade was limited to some electronic trade, with no official settlement.

Qingdao **iron ore** (CFR 62% fines) was reported at \$US174.07, up US38c/t for the day.

LME **copper** and **nickel** turned to settle variously higher.

Aluminium extended Friday's fall.

The **\$A** rose to ~US76.85c after falling towards US76.70c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	30814	Public	Holiday
S&P 500	3768	Public	Holiday
NASDAQ	12999	Public	Holiday
FTSE 100	6721	-15	-0.2
DAX 30	13840	53	0.4
Shanghai Comp	3596	30	0.8

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and UK equities markets opened lower overnight, but despite marked choppy trade across several key indices, Germany's DAX 30 trended higher to settle near session highs.

US equities markets did not trade, due to a public holiday, two

Today's Stock Watch
amaysim Australia (AYS) / WAM Capital (WAM)

WAM has boosted its takeover offer for AYS, the three options now: one WAM share for 2.675 AYS shares, or A70c cash per AYS share, or a cash and scrip combination.

Previously the separate share and cash options were one-for-2.7, and A69.5c share.

AYS 19.19% major shareholder Langfrist has indicated support for the offer. The AYS board recommends the offer in the absence of a superior proposal.

AYS has traded at 70.5c– 74.5c over the past five sessions, and WAM at \$2.23 - \$2.29.

HUB24 Ltd (HUB)

\$31.29B FUA at 31 December, representing 95.2% growth for the year. The tally included \$21.97B worth of custodial platform FUA, representing a 38.7% increase.

December quarter net inflows rose \$360M for the quarter, to a record \$1.7B.

Australian Primary Hemp (APH) / Woolworths Ltd (WOW)

WOW will sell APH's Mt Elephant baking products range across Australia from March. APH anticipates \$2.31M in annual retail sales. APH trading halt called pre-trade yesterday.

APH added 18.75% Friday last week, settling at 38c.

Creso Pharma (CPH)

\$A247,826 anibidiol order from an existing partner, pushing the value of orders due for delivery 1H FY21 to ~\$A1.055M.

Resources
Rio Tinto (RIO)

WA Pilbara iron ore shipments rose 2% against the December quarter 2019 and 1% for 2020, tallying a respective 88.9Mt and 330.6Mt.

Production increased by a respective 3% and 2%, to 86.0Mt and 333.4Mt. 2020 IOC iron ore pellets and concentrate fell 1%, to 1.12Mt.

For 2020, aluminium output came in flat, at 3.18Mt, mined copper fell 9% to 527,900t and bauxite production rose 2%, to 56.1Mt.

Castillo Copper (CCZ)

Investigating the potential spin-off of the NSW Broken Hill BHA (Broken Hill Alliance) project, with a possible listing in Australia or the UK.

Alkane Resources (ALK)

Produced 15,919oz of gold during the December quarter, with a \$A1201/oz AISC. Sold 16,613oz for \$A38.2M revenue from \$A2302/oz. \$A82.3M cash, bullion and listed investments.

days out from the inauguration of the new president and amid heightened security.

Covid-19 figures out of France and Germany concerned and no major economic indicators or corporate earnings were reported.

Germany's central bank the Bundesbank published a monthly report however, warning the national economy was at risk of contracting, pending persistent Covid-19 outbreaks requiring restrictions.

The Bundesbank ventured December quarter GDP growth had not receded, but could come in little changed.

Among other considerations, a batch of influential data released by China yesterday included forecast-beating 6.5% year-on-year December quarter GDP growth.

Industrial production also rose by more than anticipated.

Tonight in the **US**, November Treasury capital figures are due.

The US president-elect nominee for Treasury secretary, immediate past US Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen, is scheduled to meet with the Senate finance committee.

Prepared remarks reveal Ms Yellen will promote a need to 'act big' with **fiscal support**, arguing 'the benefits will far outweigh the costs', despite national debt, and amid historically low US interest rates.

Elsewhere, a final CPI reading and economic sentiment index are due for Germany.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: Alstom, Bank of America, Charles Schwab, Goldman Sachs, Halliburton, Logitech, Netflix (post-US trade), Rio Tinto and UBS.

Premier Foods is expected to provide a trading update.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Feb)	1829.9	oz	Public	Holiday
Silver (NY) (Mar)	24.866	oz	Public	Holiday
Gold (LON) (15 Jan)	1839	oz		
Platinum	1080	oz	15	1.4
WTI Crude (NYMEX Feb)	52.36	bbl	Public	Holiday
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Mar)	54.87	bbl	-0.23	-0.4
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%) (15 Jan)	169.97	t		
Copper (LME Ind)	7963	t	15	0.2
Nickel	18070	t	63	0.4
Aluminium	1975	t	-17	-0.9
Lead	20004	t	5	0.2
Zinc	2685	t	-15	-0.6
Tin	21200	t	125	0.6

Commodities Commentary

Oil – China's better-than-anticipated GDP growth appeared outweighed overnight by demand concerns on Covid-19 reports, coupled with the \$US trading at a four-week peak.

No official settlement is recorded for limited overnight US electronic trade during the US public holiday, but prices fell modestly during this trade.

The International Energy Agency (**IEA**) is expected to publish its

Pre-Open Announcements

Chimeric Therapeutics (* CHM)

Cancer cell therapy-focused biotech company completed an enviable ASX listing yesterday, following a \$35M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 32c and traded at 28c – 37.5c before settling at 29.5c.

42.46M shares changed hands across 4814 transactions.

196.5M quoted shares.

Oncosil Medical (OSL)

Unaudited interim sales revenue tallied \$93,000.

~\$18M cash assets at 31 December.

Civmec Ltd (CVL)

New construction, manufacturing and maintenance contracts secured worth a combined ~\$A100M.

Details lodged this morning.

Resources

Oceana Gold Corporation (* OGC)

Produced (an unaudited) 301,675oz of gold during 2020, bolstered by 99,155oz in the December quarter.

Full year AISC came in at \$US1276/oz.

For 2019, OGC had produced a respective 470,600oz and 108,200oz, with a full year 1061/oz AISC.

\$US179M cash on hand.

Planning to lodge audited 2020 financial and operational results, together with multi-year guidance, post-TSX trade 18 February (19 February AEDT).

A webcast teleconference is scheduled to commence 8am AEDT 19 February.

Access details lodged post-trade yesterday.

OGC has traded flat or lower the past nine ASX sessions, settling at \$2.28 yesterday.

Musgrave Minerals (* MGV)

WA Murchison district Cue gold project regional air core drilling has returned further significant-width and/or high-grade near-surface intersections.

Assays lodged this morning.

Consolidated Zinc (* CZL)

CZL has secured a change to the Plomosas zinc concentrate supply contract with Penoles' Torreon, Mexico smelter, which will reduce transport and treatment costs, and hence boost net smelter returns.

Details lodged this morning.

In addition, CZL has appointed non-executive director Angela Pankhurst as an executive director.

Associated salary and fees changes also lodged this morning.

Lithium Australia (LIT)

International electric vehicle market growth and potential



monthly oil market report tonight.

Overnight, the IEA released a report revealing the reduction in oil and gas activity over last year meant the industry produced ~70Mt of methane, ~10% fewer tonnes than for 2019.

Gold – the ICE \$US index rose again overnight, pointing to the \$US remaining in greater favour than gold.

No official settlement is recorded for limited overnight US electronic trade during the US (Monday) public holiday.

Base metals – overnight LME trade was pushed and pulled by material data out of China, relative \$US strength, inventory tallies, and global economic recovery uncertainty in the face of continuing Covid-19 spread and hence activity restrictions.

China GDP, industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales updates, reported yesterday, included 6.5% year-on-year December quarter GDP growth, following expectations of 5.9%.

For the quarter, GDP rose 2.6%, against 3.0% for the September quarter and also forecasts of new 3.0% growth.

Industrial production rose 7.3% year-on-year, following a 7.0% November increase and expectations of a new 7.1% rise.

Retail sales grew 4.6% following 5% for November and forecasts of a 5.1% December increase.

2020 fixed asset investment came in 2.9% higher than for 2019, following expectations of a 3.2% rise.

In addition, China reported 2020 *aluminium* production, this tallying a record 37.08Mt, smelters racing to take advantage of higher prices.

Also yesterday, **Japan** reported final November industrial production, which represented a 0.5% decline for the month, against expectations of a flat result and following a 4% October increase. Against November 2019, industrial output was 3.9% lower.

The headline January Tankan index for Japan however, came in at -1 from -9 for December and forecasts of -8.

NB: *China's lunar new year holiday season is scheduled for 11 (NYE) – 17 February.*

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7679	-0.0002	-0.03
EUR – USD	1.2077	-0.0001	-0.00

Australian Data Today

ANZ/Roy Morgan	Consumer sentiment	17 Jan
HIA	New home sales	Dec
ABS	Jobs and wages	2 Jan

US Data Tonight

Treasury net capital flows	Nov
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Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Germany	ZEW economic sentiment	Jan
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value promoted in a new comprehensive pre-trade release.

Altech Chemicals (ATC)

Pleading ignorance in response to an ASX price and volume query.

ATC traded as high as 5.2c yesterday before settling 26.8% higher for the session, at 5.2c.

ATC closed out 2020 at 3.6c.

EcoGraf Ltd (EGR)

Pleading ignorance in response to an ASX price and volume query.

EGR settled at a session-high 24.5c yesterday, adding 36.1% for the session during relatively high-volume trade.

Trade volumes Thursday and Friday had jumped significantly, but more than doubled from Friday's yesterday.

Australian Gold and Copper (* AGC)

Minerals exploration and project development company scheduled to list on the ASX 10.30am AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$10M IPO at 20c per share.

~67.71M quoted shares.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Lindian Resources	LIN	19 Jan
Australian Primary Hemp	APH	20 Jan
Delecta Ltd	DLC	20 Jan
European Lithium	EUR	20 Jan
Norwest Energy	NWE	20 Jan
Pensana Rare Earths	PM8	20 Jan
Red Mountain Mining	RMX	20 Jan
Red Sky Energy	ROG	20 Jan
TAO Commodities	TAO	20 Jan
Theta Gold Mines	TGM	20 Jan
Venture Minerals	VMS	20 Jan

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Cipherpoint Ltd	CPT	14 Jan
Contrarian Value Fund	CVF	14 Jan
Whitebark Energy	WBE	15 Jan

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
AIQ	Today	0.31	0	0.00
KAT	Today	0.5	100	1.85
KPG	Thu	0.33	100	2.35
MIR	Fri	3.5	100	3.05
OZG	1 Feb	0.3	100	2.55



Germany	CPI (final)	Dec
Euro zone	ZEW expectations	Jan
Euro zone	New car registrations	Dec

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WIC	1 Feb	3	100	4.71
SAR	2 Feb	3.8	100	0.00

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ALK	Dec Q
	HUB	Dec Q
	RIO	Dec Q; 2020
Tomorrow	AFI	Interim
	API	AGM
	BHP	Dec Q; Jul-Dec 2020
Thu	CGS	Business update; Dec Q cash flow
	GCY	Dec Q (teleconf 1pm)
	NST	Dec Q (w/cast tele midday)
	STO	Dec Q
	SAR	Dec Q (w/cast tele 11am)
	WPL	Dec Q
28 Jan	LBY	Dec Q
	RMD	Dec Q (w/cast 8.30am 29 Jan)
		(NB: o'night AEDT)
29 Jan	BFC	AGM
	BUD	AGM
	FNP	AGM
	ORG	Dec Q
	PBH	Dec Q
	SZL	Dec Q