

**Markets**

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| <b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEST) | 7930  | -87 | <b>1.1</b> |
| <b>NZX 50</b>                        | 12267 | -63 | <b>0.5</b> |
| <b>DJIA Futures</b>                  | 40996 | 38  | 0.1        |
| <b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>           | 5605  | 10  | 0.2        |
| <b>NASDAQ Futures</b>                | 19963 | 64  | 0.3        |

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market opens Friday trade with material regional economic data in hand, and further performance updates from high-profile domestic stocks, amid fluid geopolitical expectations.

US equities markets settled between 0.8% and 1.3% lower overnight.

**Locally** today, June quarter reports and major reporting season guidance updates remain in focus.

Regionally, **Japan** has reported June CPI inflation pre-trade, this representing 0.3% growth for the month and 2.8% for the past 12 months.

May inflation growth had been recorded as 0.5% and 2.8% respectively.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** closed essentially flat.

US **gold** (Comex) futures posted a second consecutive but slight fall, remaining above \$US2450/oz.

**Iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) also continued slightly lower, remaining below \$US109/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper**, **nickel** and **aluminium** were pushed yet lower, copper by ~2.5%.

The **\$A** dropped beneath US67.10c after trading at ~US67.30c early yesterday evening.

**Overseas Markets**

| INDEX                     | CLOSE | +/-  | %           |
|---------------------------|-------|------|-------------|
| <b>Dow Jones</b>          | 40665 | -533 | <b>-1.3</b> |
| <b>S&amp;P 500</b>        | 5545  | -44  | <b>-0.8</b> |
| <b>NASDAQ</b>             | 17871 | -126 | <b>-0.7</b> |
| <b>FTSE 100</b>           | 8205  | 17   | <b>0.2</b>  |
| <b>DAX 30</b>             | 18352 | -85  | <b>-0.5</b> |
| <b>Shanghai Composite</b> | 2977  | 14   | <b>0.5</b>  |

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

Early trade varied across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight, but most key indices settled near, or at, session lows.

In the US, the tech sector sell-off spread to general sector trade, as qualms persisted regarding potential US-China-Taiwan select trade moves, but also grew regarding economic outlooks and potential geopolitical scenarios.

**\* Mineral exploration listing – 11am AEST – ORD \***
**Today's Stock Watch**
**Michael Hill International (MHJ)**

Anticipating \$14M - \$16M FY24 comparable EBIT.

Sales (unaudited) grew by 3.8%, and for 4.9% year-on-year during 2H FY24.

Inventory levels at 30 June came in better than expected. In addition, MHJ has boosted an existing debt facility by \$40M for four months from 15 September.

Segment breakdown figures also lodged post-trade yesterday.

**CTI Logistics (CLX)**

Anticipating \$23M Y24 pre-tax profit. 2H profit is expected to be 25% higher than for 2H FY23 and 'marginally' higher than for 1H FY24.

CLX settled at \$1.56 yesterday after closing out last week at \$1.365.

**Lifestyle Communities (LIC)**

Anticipating \$52.4M - \$53.4M FY24 operating profit after tax, against \$71.1M for FY23. Withdrawing guidance.

**Adore Beauty (ABY)**

(Unaudited) 7.4% higher, \$195.7M FY24 revenue. 2.2% - 2.5% EBITDA margin.

**Australian Ethical Investment (AEF)**

\$10.44B FUM at 30 June, up 13% from 30 June 2023.

**Energy**
**Beach Energy (BPT)**

Produced 18.2MMboe during FY24.

\$1.8B sales revenue. \$583M net debt.

**Whitehaven Coal (WHC)**

Teleconference scheduled for **10.30am** AEST. Produced coal sales rose 26% during FY24, to 16.4Mt. \$A1.3B net debt.

**Yancoal Australia (YAL)**

Audio webcast scheduled for **11am** AEST.

Produced 8.2Mt of attributable saleable coal during the June quarter, down 7% for the three months and 4% year-on-year.

Sold 8.6Mt (attributable), up 4% and 1% respectively.

Attributable saleable output and sales were each up 18% year-on-year for the six months to 30 June.

\$A181/t average overall realised price, up 2% for thermal coal and down 5% for metallurgical price than for the March quarter.

Against the June quarter 2023, prices were down 17% and 21% respectively. For the six months to 30 June, prices dropped 37% and 16% respectively year-on-year.

\$318M cash balance.

Webcast access lodged post-trade yesterday.



Sector considerations broadened, in part, due to a batch of relatively weak corporate results and forecasts.

In the meantime, the European Central Bank (ECB) convened a monetary policy meeting at which policy makers retained, as expected, key interest rates at last month's (0.25%) reduced levels.

Following the meeting, ECB president Christine Lagarde reiterated domestic prices remained elevated and were expected to do so in 2025, and that the next ECB interest rate move remained 'wide open'.

Earlier yesterday, Japan's June international trade figures included a 5.4% year-on-year rise in exports and 3.2% for imports, following expectations for 6.4% and 9.3% respectively.

Among overnight **economic data** releases, the **UK** reported a 32,300 increase in unemployment claims for June, against expectations for 23,400 following May's 51,900.

Average weekly earnings (excluding bonuses) for the three months to 31 May were calculated 5.7% higher than for the three months to 30 April.

In the **euro zone**, June new car registrations were reported 4.3% higher than for June 2023, following a 3.0% year-on-year decline in May.

In the **US**, weekly new unemployment claims rose by more than anticipated, calculated at 243,000 from 223,000 the previous week, against consensus for 230,000.

The Conference Board's June economic leading index came in at -0.2% against expectations for -0.3% from (a revised) -0.4%.

The Philadelphia Fed July manufacturing index jumped to a three-month high of 13.9 from 1.3 for June.

Among the component indices, shipments and new orders improved the most, but growth expectations also rose substantially.

**Tonight** in the US, four Federal Reserve officials are scheduled to speak publicly.

Elsewhere, the UK reports June retail sales, and Germany June producer prices.

Companies listed to report earnings or provide trading updates later today or tonight include: American Express, Electrolux, Evolution Gaming, Halliburton, Reliance Industries, SAAB, Sandvik, Schlumberger, The Travelers Companies and Wipro.

In overnight corporate news, Netflix has reported post-US trade, accompanying this with a warning, and will perhaps influence some of tonight's trade.

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co delivered better-than-expected June quarter results and a positive outlook.

### Commodities

| COMMODITY                              | CLOSE  | \$US/ | +/-   | %    |
|--|--------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Gold</b> (COMEX 100 Aug)            | 2456.4 | oz    | -3.5  | -0.1 |
| <b>Silver</b> (COMEX 5000 Sep)         | 30.22  | oz    | -0.15 | -0.5 |
| <b>Platinum</b>                        | 968    | oz    | -27   | -2.8 |
| <b>WTI Crude</b> (NYMEX Aug)           | 82.82  | bbbl  | -0.03 | -0.0 |
| <b>Brent Crude</b> (ICE EUR Sep)       | 85.11  | bbbl  | 0.03  | 0.0  |
| <b>Iron Ore</b> (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe) | 108.73 | t     | -0.21 | -0.2 |
| <b>Copper</b> (LME 3mth Evening)       | 9388   | t     | -249  | -2.6 |

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Bank of Queensland (BOQ)

Redeeming \$A350M worth of capital notes, those trading under the ASX ticker BOQPE.

### Elders Ltd (ELD)

ELD has appointed DMAW lawyers co-founder and principal, and iTech Minerals (ASX: ITM) chair Glenn Davis as a non-executive director, effective no later than 1 November.

### Regal Partners (\* RPL)

Outlaying \$12M for 40% of water entitlement portfolio manager Argyle Group.

Additional details lodged this morning.

### Integral Diagnostics (\* IDX) / Capitol Health (\* CAJ)

IDX hosted a teleconference yesterday evening (AEST).

IDX and CAJ have finalised a conditional merger deal flagged last month.

Conditions include shareholder and court approvals.

CAJ CEO and MD Justin Walter will be chief integration officer for the proposed merged entity.

IDX presentation also lodged post-trade yesterday.

CAJ has traded at 29c – 30.5c to date this week and IDX at \$2.46 - \$2.53.

## Resources

### Argosy Minerals (\* AGY)

20Mt 99.5% Rincon project lithium carbonate spot sales contract secured with a chemical company in Korea.

### Flynn Gold (\* FG1)

Rock chip sampling has delivered a new high-grade gold vein within the Golden Ridge project, north east Tasmania.

Assays lodged this morning.

Diamond drilling underway.

### Ordell Minerals (\* ORD) / Genesis Minerals (GMD) / Duketon Mining (DKM)

WA-focused mineral exploration company ORD is scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEST, following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share.

~35.8M quoted shares.

GMD holds 7.99%. DKM holds 3.60%.

## Energy

### NewPeak Metals (\* NPM)

Proposing to outlay \$350,000 worth of NPM shares (~23.33M) at 1.5c each for the Treuer Range uranium-vanadium project, Northern Territory.



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| <b>Nickel</b>    | 16424 | t | -35   | -0.2 |
| <b>Aluminium</b> | 2385  | t | -18   | -0.7 |
| <b>Lead</b>      | 2158  | t | -34   | -1.5 |
| <b>Zinc</b>      | 2809  | t | -39   | -1.4 |
| <b>Tin</b>       | 31604 | t | -1351 | -4.1 |

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – overnight prices swung, appearing pushed and pulled mostly by general economic growth and international concerns and interest rate speculation.

China’s administrators ended a key economic and policy forum with no new definitive stimulus moves.

Meanwhile, a media report citing un-named sources, suggested no change in OPEC+ policy was likely at an early August ministerial meeting.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report is due tonight from Baker Hughes.

**Gold** – prices settled only slightly changed following relatively quiet overnight trade, amid currency swings, mixed corporate outlooks and economic indicators and geopolitical uncertainty.

**Base metals** – China economic and demand concerns in particular appeared to impact general overnight sentiment..

China’s policy makers concluded a major economic and policy forum, announcing no major stimulus initiatives.

### Exchange Rates

| CURRENCIES       | LAST   | +/-     | %     |
|------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| <b>AUD – USD</b> | 0.6704 | -0.0034 | -0.50 |
| <b>EUR – USD</b> | 1.0900 | -0.0037 | -0.34 |

### Overseas Data Today and Tonight

|                  |                                     |     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Japan</b>     | CPI inflation                       | Jun |
| <b>UK</b>        | Retail sales                        | Jun |
| UK               | GfK consumer sentiment (~9am AEST)  | Jul |
| UK               | Public sector borrowing             | Jun |
| <b>Germany</b>   | Producer prices                     | Jun |
| <b>Euro zone</b> | ECB professional forecasters survey | Jul |

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## Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

| When         | Company    | Report/Event              |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Today</b> | <b>BPT</b> | Jun Q                     |
|              | <b>GNE</b> | Jun Q                     |
|              | <b>WHC</b> | Jun Q                     |
|              | <b>YAL</b> | Jun Q (audio w/cast 11am) |
| <b>Mon</b>   | S32        | Jun Q                     |
| <b>Tue</b>   | ALX        | Jun Q                     |
|              | LYC        | Jun Q (w/cast 10am)       |
|              | MAC        | Jun Q (w/cast tele 9am)   |
|              | WDS        | Jun Q                     |

### Trading Halts

| Company                 | Code | Resuming |
|-------------------------|------|----------|
| Alvo Minerals           | ALV  | 19 Jul   |
| AMA Group               | AMA  | 22 Jul   |
| AuKing Mining           | AKN  | 22 Jul   |
| Cyclone Metals          | CLE  | 19 Jul   |
| Imricor Medical Systems | IMR  | 19 Jul   |
| M3 Mining               | M3M  | 19 Jul   |
| Warriedar Resources     | WA8  | 19 Jul   |

### Suspensions (selected)

| Company                    | Code | Since  |
|----------------------------|------|--------|
| 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 Jul |
| Pacific Nickel Mines       | PNM  | 18 Jul |

### Ex-Dividends

| Code       | Ex-Div | Div (c)     | Franking (%) | Yield (%) |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>PL8</b> | Today  | <b>0.55</b> | 100          | 5.28      |
| SEC        | Tue    | 3.4         | 100          | 5.14      |
| MIR        | 30 Jul | 9.0         | 100          | 3.10      |



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