

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6179	10	0.2
NZX 50	12483	21	0.2
DJIA Futures	28193	11	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	3434	2	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	11674	13	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade ahead of some key domestic economic indicator reports by late-morning, following marked vacillating overnight sentiment across international equities markets, amid the wait to hear of progress with US economic support package negotiations.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is due to release *preliminary* retail sales figures for September, **11.30am** AEDT.

Also today, Westpac and the Melbourne Institute publish their monthly **leading economic index** report, **10.30am** AEDT.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** turned higher.

US **gold** futures (August) continued to rise, but slightly.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) traded US2c/t lower.

LME **copper** and **nickel** rallied. **Aluminium** declined further.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US70.55c after trading at ~US70.35c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	28309	113	0.4
S&P 500	3443	16	0.5
NASDAQ	11516	38	0.3
FTSE 100	5889	5	0.1
DAX 30	12737	-118	-0.9
Shanghai Comp	3328	15	0.5

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European equities markets opened lower overnight, and US counterparts higher, but all key indices subsequently chopped and swung, amid a continuing myriad of considerations.

These include the US presidential campaign, Covid-19 developments, UK-EU negotiations, and US corporate quarterly reporting season, but have also been supplemented by a wait for China's response to plans for new joint naval exercises involving Australia, India, Japan and the US.

Moderna announced a possible US emergency use of the company's potential Covid-19 vaccine by December, pending ongoing trials.

Meanwhile, the US administration and key parliamentarians

Today's Stock Watch
The Reject Shop (TRS)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Buddy Technologies (BUD)

Luminous Wide is forgiving \$US10M worth of debt acquired by BUD in association with the March 2019 acquisition of LIFX. This represents ~42% of the outstanding debt.

In addition, Luminous has agreed to BUD cancelling 50 of the 100M options BUD issued to Luminous.

A settlement amount is set to be agreed in association with a refinancing with a third party. BUD expects the settlement to be refinanced into a new multi-year loan facility.

BUD promises updates associated with 31 October term sheet and 31 December settlement payment deadlines.

Clover Corporation (CLV)

Reporting reduced demand since 31 July (FY20 close). Consequently anticipating 1H FY21 revenue will be 15% - 25% lower than for 1H FY20. Update promised at the 20 November AGM. Trading ex-dividend (2.5c) Tuesday next week.

ResApp Health (RAP)

One-year marketing agreement secured with HealthEngine, whereby HealthEngine will integrate its booking service into RAP's mobile app SleepCheck.

Revenue-sharing details lodged this morning.

Identitii Ltd (ID8)

Under a master services agreement secured by ID8 with Mastercard in August, Mastercard will use ID8's Overlay+ across its account-to-account network.

Resources
Lynas Corporation (LYC)

September quarter invoiced sales revenue grew to \$A87M from \$A38M. Sold 4499t of REO for \$A72M worth of sales receipts.

Produced 1342t of NdPr during the quarter, following 775t for the June quarter. Total REO output came in at 4110t, against 2579t. \$A522M cash and short-term deposits.

Silver Lake Resources (SLR)

Produced 62,262oz of gold and 424t of copper during the September quarter. Sold 67,598oz of gold and 438t of copper, for \$A2454/oz and with \$A1420/oz ASIC.

\$303M cash and bullion. Nil debt.

Alkane Resources (ALK)

Produced 11,499t of gold during the September quarter, with \$A1575/oz AISC. Sold 11,945oz at \$A2261/oz, for \$A27.0M revenue. \$A92.0M cash, bullion and listed investments.



reportedly continued to negotiate new stimulus legislation with the aim of having this approved before the 3 November official presidential election polling day.

Across the Atlantic, both the UK and EU confirmed an ongoing impasse in person-to-person trade negotiations, despite another call overnight between the two key negotiators.

Late Monday, another televised debate between the two major party candidates in the US presidential election, scheduled for overnight Thursday in the US (late morning Friday AEDT), had been confirmed as going ahead with the US president's approval of the conditions.

Among overnight **data** releases, **Germany's** September producer prices rose 0.4% for the month, but were 1% lower than a year earlier. Forecasts were for a 0.2% monthly rise following a flat result for August.

In the **US**, September building permits jumped 5.2% for the month, following a 0.5% August decline and forecasts for a 1.8% improvement.

September housing starts rose 1.9% after a 6.7% August drop.

Tonight in the **US**, the Federal Reserve's district-by-district economic roundup report known as the beige book is due, together with weekly mortgage applications.

Elsewhere, the UK reports September CPI.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: Abbott Labs, Akzo Nobel, Canon Electronics, CSX, Ericsson, Fujitsu General, LG Display, Samsung C&T, Tesla and Verizon Communications.

Antofagasta and Nestlé are among stocks listed to provide trading updates.

In overnight corporate news, **Snap** appreciated almost 20% after reporting better-than-anticipated quarterly user growth and revenue.

Netflix reported post-US trade overnight, subscriber numbers coming in below expectations, the stock subsequently falling ~6% during post-settlement trade.

This could impact select sector sentiment during tonight's trade.

As previously flagged, US legal action against **Alphabet's** Google, alleging anti-competitive behaviour commenced, with court filings from the Department of Justice and 11 US States.

US shale industry activity continued, **Pioneer Natural Resources** revealing a \$US4.5B deal to purchase competitor **Parsley Energy**.

Commodities				
COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1915.4	oz	3.7	0.2
Silver (NY) (Dec)	24.98	oz	0.28	1.1
Gold (LON) (19 Oct)	1906	oz		
Platinum	868	oz	16	1.9
WTI Crude (NYMEX Nov)	41.46	bbbl	0.63	1.5
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	43.16	bbbl	0.54	1.3
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	121.51	t	-0.02	-0.0
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	6913	t	132	2.0
Nickel	16055	t	395	2.5
Aluminium	1839	t	-7	-0.4
Lead	1775	t	17	1.0

Pre-Open Announcements

Clean Seas Seafood (* CSS)

CSS has appointed former Ruralco Holdings CEO and MD Travis Dillon as non-executive chairman, effective immediately.

Mr Dillon is also chairman of Terragen Holdings (ASX: TGH).

Bapcor Ltd (* BAP)

56.74% vote against adopting BAP's remuneration report at yesterday's AGM.

Mainstream Group Holdings (* MAI)

FUA grew \$14.3B net during the September quarter, to \$210.9B.

Breakdown statistics lodged pre-trade.

Genesis Energy (* GNE)

September quarter retail electricity sales volumes grew 3.4% year-on-year.

Additional statistics lodged this morning.

McPhersons Ltd (* MCP)

September quarter sales revenue grew 4% to \$49.7M.

\$5.7M hand sanitiser write-down provision.

Anticipating 1H FY21 underlying pre-tax profit to come in 20% - 30% higher than FY20.

MyDeal.com.au Ltd (* MYD)

Home, office and giftware e-commerce site scheduled to list on the ASX at 11am AEDT **tomorrow** following a \$40M placement plus sale/transfer at \$1.00 per share.

258.83M quoted shares.

Founder and MD Sean Senvirtne holds 47.326%.

Collaborate Corporation (CL8)

Planning a one-for-25 issued capital consolidation.

Also proposing to change the company's name to Carly Holdings.

Will seek shareholder approval for each potential action at the 19 November AGM.

Resources

Gascoyne Resources (* GCY) / NRW Holdings (NWH)

GCY has completed a restructure and recapitalisation and will consequently be reinstated to official quotation on ASX open this morning.

Business strategy lodged post-trade yesterday.

NWH holds 14.72% of GCY.

GCY last traded at ~59.33c.

Tempus Resources (TMR)

TMR has appointed Vancouver, Canada-based former Peregrine Diamonds president and CEO Tom Peregoodoff as a non-executive director, effective 1 November.



Zinc	2541	t	55	2.2
Tin	18680	t	65	0.4

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices swung overnight, but ultimately gained, WTI in particular benefiting from a media survey which pointed to an ~2MMbbl draw on US crude stocks last week, and all trade supported by a weaker \$US and hopes for potential agreement on a new US economic support package.

Post-US overnight trade however, a US petroleum industry report indicated crude stocks could have grown by 580,000bbl.

Market watcher concerns have also remained for growing production in Libya however, and the adverse demand impacts of renewed Covid-19 – associated restrictions in Europe and the UK.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report from government agency the EIA is due tonight.

The WTI November contract expired on overnight settlement. The December contract rose 1.6% (64c) for the session, closing at \$US41.70/bbl.

Gold – prices swung overnight, but the ICE \$US index weakened a further 0.4%, further benefiting gold interest, in addition to global economic concerns linked to the recent swing higher in Covid-19 diagnoses across Europe, the UK and some US regions.

A move beyond \$US1900/oz again for Comex futures also supported sentiment.

US bond yields (10-year +0.03% to 0.79%) also rose however, constraining gold's climb.

Base metals – a further \$US decline supported overnight LME trade, coupled with early renewed hopes for progress in negotiations towards new US economic support for individuals and businesses suffering Covid-19 impacts.

Meanwhile, the US announced an investigation into *aluminium* foil imports from five nations.

Yesterday, the People's Bank of China retained one-year and five-year loan prime rates at 3.85% and 4.65% respectively for another month.

September residential property prices were reported 4.6% higher year-on-year, following expectations of a 4.7% increase. August prices had been recorded 4.8% higher year-on-year.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7049	0.0001	0.01
EUR – USD	1.1826	0.0004	0.03

Australian Data Today

Wstpc/MInst	Leading index	Sep
ABS	Retail sales (preliminary)	Sep

US Data Tonight

Fed beige book	Oct
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Kogi Iron (KFE)

Non-executive chair Greg Boulton is planning to retire from the KFE board at the 15 December AGM.

In addition, MD David Turvey is also planning to retire from KFE at the conclusion of the AGM.

Pending shareholder approval, KFE deputy chair Craig Hart will take over as chairman.

Mr Turvey will consult to KFE when requested until a new MD has been appointed.

KFE also plans to appoint two additional directors.

Peter Huljich remains a KFE director.

Energy

FAR Ltd (FAR)

September quarter report lodged post-trade yesterday.

\$US60M cash.

ASX trade remains suspended, in association with the Senegal sale proposal and the company auditor's concern at price and timing uncertainties.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Antara Lifesciences	ANR	21 Oct
Marenica Energy	MEY	21 Oct
Peak Resources	PEK	21 Oct
Valor Resources	VAL	21 Oct
YPB Group	YPB	21 Oct
8Common Ltd	8CO	22 Oct
dorsaVi Ltd	DVL	22 Oct
Dreadnought Resources	DRE	22 Oct
IMEXHS Ltd	IME	22 Oct
MinRex Resources	MRR	22 Oct
PYC Therapeutics	PYC	22 Oct
Roto-Gro International	RGI	22 Oct
Vortiv Ltd	VOR	22 Oct
Euro Manganese	EMN	23 Oct
Jayride Group	JAY	23 Oct
TNT Mines	TIN	23 Oct
Lefroy Exploration	LEX	26 Oct
Piedmont Lithium	PLL	26 Oct

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
The Agency Group Australia	AU1	5 Oct
Australia United Mining	AYM	14 Oct
Consolidated Financial Holdings	CWL	16 Oct
Cyclone Metals	CLE	19 Oct
Funtastic Ltd	FUN	5 Oct
New Energy Minerals	NXE	15 Oct
Quantum Graphite	QGL	2 Oct



MBA mortgage applications

16 Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

UK	CPI	Sep
UK	Public sector finances	Sep

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Vault Intelligence VLT 9 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ACF	Today	1.05	100	2.70
SNC	Today	2.5	100	9.27
PBP	Tomorrow	3	100	2.22
PPC	Fri	1	100	0.47
CLV	27 Oct	2.5	100	0.86
RFT	29 Oct	0.1	100	0.00

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ALK	Sep Q
	GED	AGM
	GNE	Sep Q
	LYC	Sep Q
	MYS	AGM
	ORA	AGM
	SLR	Sep Q
	SYR	Sep Q
	TRS	AGM
Tomorrow	AMP	Sep Q
	APA	AGM
	AIA	AGM
	API	Full year
	BKL	AGM
	CLW	AGM
	CWN	AGM
	HLS	AGM
	MFG	AGM
	MGR	Sep Q
	OZL	Sep Q
	QAN	Sep Q
	STO	Sep Q
	SAR	Sep Q (w/cast tele 11am)
	SCG	AGM
	SGR	AGM
	SUN	AGM
WEB	AGM	
WHC	AGM	
WPL	Sep Q	
Fri	DXS	AGM
	EVT	AGM
	GOR	Sep Q (tele 12.30pm)
	IAG	AGM



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