

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6112	-69	-1.1
NZX 50	12472	39	0.3
DJIA Futures	28150	16	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3433	0.25	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	11697	6	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade with a myriad of high-profile domestic stocks hosting AGMs, providing updates and reporting for the September quarter, a couple of key economic reports and further Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) public commentary.

Overnight international equities trade vacillated and commodities sentiment proved mixed.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases a Covid-19 business impacts report **11.30am** AEDT.

National Australia Bank's September quarter **business expectations and conditions** report is also anticipated at the same time.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** was pushed lower.

US **gold** futures (August) settled higher for a third consecutive session.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) again closed essentially flat, up US5c/t.

LME **copper** continued to rally. **Nickel** swung lower and **aluminium** higher.

The **\$A** appreciated beyond US71.15c after trading at ~US70.85c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	28211	-98	-0.4
S&P 500	3436	-8	-0.2
NASDAQ	11485	-32	-0.3
FTSE 100	5777	-113	-1.9
DAX 30	12558	-179	-1.4
Shanghai Comp	3325	-3	-0.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy, swinging trade again featured across major European and US equities markets overnight, as Covid-19 cases and containment measures, in particular across Europe, the UK and US, aggravated global economic recovery angst.

In the **US**, the **Federal Reserve's** district-by-district economic roundup report known as the beige book concluded the US economy appeared to be largely recovering at a slight – modest

Reserve Bank of Australia deputy governor Guy Debelle was scheduled to speak on *The Future of Global Code* at a forex event -9.30am AEDT

* e-commerce listing **11am** AEDT – **MYD** *

* Minerals exploration listing **11.30am** AEDT – **M2R** *

Friday (tomorrow) – public holiday in Victoria

Today's Stock Watch
Westpac Banking Corporation (WBC) / Zip Co (Z1P)

WBC has sold its 10.7% Z1P holding via a fully underwritten institutional book-build at \$6.65 per share.

WBC expects the sale to boost CET1 by ~0.08%.

WBC is investigating collaborative opportunities with Z1P, including integrating Z1P's BNPL with WBC's mobile banking apps.

Z1P has traded at \$6.86 - \$7.57 the past five trading sessions.

Crown Resorts (CWN)

CWN is terminating a 1 July 2016 services agreement with 36.81% CWN shareholder Consolidated Press Holdings (CPH), which has enabled CWN to request services from key CPH executives at pre-agreed hourly rates.

In addition, CWN is terminating a 31 October 2018 'controlling shareholder protocol' enabling the sharing of confidential CWN information to CPH and CPH owner James Packer.

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Qantas Airways (QAN)

Trading update anticipated today.

Australian Pharmaceutical Industries (API)

\$7.94M full year net loss. 0.2% higher, \$4.019B revenue.

2c fully franked final dividend.

Resources
OZ Minerals (OZL)

Produced 66,746oz of gold and 23,873t of copper during the September quarter. US40.9c/lb AISC. \$18M net cash.

Energy
Woodside Petroleum (WPL)

Produced 25.3MMboe during the September quarter, up 2% year-on-year. 26.7MMboe sales volumes, and \$699M sales revenue, represented a respective 10% increase and 42% decrease from the September quarter 2019.

Investor briefing scheduled for 11 November.

Santos Ltd (STO)

Produced a record 25.1MMboe during the September quarter, up 22% for the three months. Sales revenue rose 2% to \$US797M.



pace from September through early October, with different sectors reporting varying progress and outlooks.

The Fed noted ‘a considerable degree of uncertainty’ coming through in outlook statements, in an environment featuring 68% of US States reporting growing Covid-19 diagnoses through the past two weeks, just weeks from the US presidential election polling day.

This, as the US administration and Democrat House (of Representatives) speaker continued to work towards potential agreement on a minimum \$US1 trillion **aid package**, encouraging comments from both sides pushing the ICE \$US index ~0.5% lower.

In the meantime, the top negotiators for the **UK** and **European Union** (EU) maintained daily video calls, each admonishing willingness to compromise to enable in-person negotiations to continue – from as early as later today.

The news helped push the British pound higher against the \$US.

The UK’s transition period for its separation from the EU ends 31 December and the two sides are wanting to progress agreements that would cover trade and security arrangements thereafter.

Among several central bankers appearing publicly overnight, **European Central Bank** (ECB) president Christine Lagarde and chief economist Philip Lane commenced a community ‘listening tour’ as part of the bank’s strategy review.

In overnight **data** releases, the **UK**’s September CPI rose 0.4% for the month and 0.5% against September 2019.

0.4% deflation had been calculated on a monthly basis for August.

Public sector finances included borrowing tallying £36.1B during September, following £30.1B in August, UK debt estimated at 103.55 of GDP.

Weekly mortgage applications declined 0.6% following a 0.7% fall the previous week. Mean 30-year mortgage rates came in at 3.02% from 3%.

Tonight in the **US**, weekly new unemployment claims are due, together with September existing home sales, the Conference Board’s September leading index and the Kansas City Fed manufacturing index.

Among overnight events, the FDA is scheduled to convene a meeting to consider potential Covid-19 vaccines.

In addition, a second televised debate between the two major party candidates in the US presidential election, scheduled for post – US trade tonight (late morning tomorrow AEDT), is keenly anticipated.

Elsewhere, the **Bank of England** governor and chief economist are each scheduled to speak publicly.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: AstraZeneca, AT&T, Coca-Cola, Dassault Systemes, Dow Inc, Equinor, Freeport-McMoRan, Hermes International, Hyundai Motor, Intel, L’Oréal, Kimberly-Clark, Mattel, Nokia, Northrop Grumman, Pernod Ricard, Samsung Engineering, Softbank Technology, Unilever and Vale.

In overnight corporate news, **Tesla** reported, in post-US trade, quarterly sales and profit that surpassed expectations.

Pre-Open Announcements

MyDeal.com.au Ltd (** MYD)

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

258.83M quoted shares.

Founder and MD Sean Senvirtne holds 47.326%.

AMP Ltd (** AMP)

September quarter Australian wealth management AUM rose 0.3% to \$A121.4B. Mean AUM grew 2% to \$A122.1B

AMP Capital AUM fell 0.4% to \$A189.2B.

Bendigo & Adelaide Bank (** BEN)

Offering an assurance of the bank’s liquidity, while working to satisfy APRA’s rectification and review conditions, following the identification of liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) and net stable funding ratio (NSFR) errors.

Oncosil Medical (* OSL)

First commercial revenue achieved. Details lodged pre-trade.

LiveTiles Ltd (* LVT)

LVT is settling legal proceedings with no admission of liability and with an \$A8.445M payment to plaintiffs.

In addition, LVT co-founders Karl Redenbach and Peter Nguyen-Brown are transferring a total ~16.28M LVT shares to a plaintiffs’ nominee. ~11.93M of the shares will be subject to escrow.

Redbubble Ltd (RBL)

MD and CEO Martin Hosking has sold 6M RBL shares, in part to support Melbourne’s tertiary education sector, and to also pay personal and tax debt.

Mr Hosking retains ~16.36% of RBL and his position as the company’s largest shareholder.

Mr Hosking is not planning to sell additional RBL shares in the near term.

Hotel Property Investments (HPI)

Providing 19.2c per security FY21 distribution guidance.

Resources

Miramar Resources (* M2R)

Minerals explorer scheduled to list on the ASX at **11.30am** AEDT following an \$8M placement at 20c per share.

42.23M quoted shares.

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

GCY was reinstated to official quotation on the ASX yesterday, after completing a restructure and recapitalisation.

GCY had previously last traded at ~59.33c.

Yesterday, GCY opened at 64c and traded at 52c – 67.5c before settling at 53c.

9.91M shares changed hands across 1058 transactions.

NWH held 14.72% of GCY on reinstatement.

**Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1929.5	oz	14.1	0.7
Silver (NY) (Dec)	25.241	oz	0.26	1.0
Gold (LON) (20 Oct)	1898	oz		
Platinum	879	oz	11	1.3
WTI Crude (NYMEX Dec)	40.03	bbbl	-1.67	-4.0
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	41.73	bbbl	-1.43	-3.3
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	121.56	t	0.05	0.0
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	6995	t	87	1.3
Nickel	15905	t	-150	-0.9
Aluminium	1847	t	11	0.6
Lead	1798	t	24	1.3
Zinc	2565	t	24	0.9
Tin	18720	t	40	0.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – demand and economic recovery considerations combined to push prices lower overnight.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report, published overnight by government agency the EIA, included a 1MMbbl draw on crude stocks but a 975,000bbl increase at the key Cushing storage hub.

Petrol inventories rose by 1.895MMbbl but stored distillates continued to decrease, last week by 3.83MMbbl.

Net crude imports fell by 1.069MMbbl/d.

Meanwhile, further Covid-19 – related containment measures continued to diminish optimism for near-term global economic growth.

Gold – overnight gains were mostly attributed to a yet weaker \$US (ICE \$US index ~-0.5%) and safe-haven demand flowing from a cocktail of uncertainty.

Comex futures settled prior to the release of the US Federal Reserve's beige book district-by-district economic surveying summary.

Base metals – LME copper notably traded above \$US7000/oz overnight, supported by supply and demand commentary, early remaining hopes for agreement on a new economic support package in the US, the \$US trading at its least in seven weeks and the yuan trading at the strongest since July 2018.

Speculation grew China would decide on stockpiling strategic metals when formulating its five-year plan at the plenary session due to commence next week.

Commentary also continued regarding industrial action at one, and contract negotiations for several, copper operations in Chile.

In addition, Codelco employees protested publicly regarding workforce cutbacks.

Producer Antofagasta in the meantime revealed 2020 copper output would likely be close to the lower end of initial 725,000t – 7555,000t 2020 guidance.

In other supply- demand scenarios, the International *Lead* and *Zinc* Study Group predicted a 2021 surplus for both lead and zinc.

NWH recouped 3.88% yesterday, settling at \$2.14.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
8Common Ltd	8CO	22 Oct
dorsaVi Ltd	DVL	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
Accelerate Resources	AX8	23 Oct
Encounter Resources	ENR	23 Oct
Euro Manganese	EMN	23 Oct
King Island Scheelite	KIS	23 Oct
Predictive Discovery	PDI	23 Oct
Proteomics International Laboratories	PIQ	23 Oct
Techniche Ltd	TCN	23 Oct
TNT Mines	TIN	23 Oct
Trek Metals	TKM	23 Oct
Lefroy Exploration	LEX	26 Oct
Piedmont Lithium	PLL	26 Oct
HGL Ltd	HNG	27 Oct
Urbanise.com Ltd	UBN	27 Oct

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
The Agency Group Australia	AU1	5 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
Valor Resources	VAL	21 Oct
Vault Intelligence	VLT	9 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
PBP	Today	3	100	2.22
PPC	Tomorrow	1	100	0.49
KAT	Mon	0.5	100	2.07
CLV	Tue	2.5	100	1.00
RFT	Thu (29 Oct)	0.1	100	0.00
BIS	3 Nov	5	100	2.91
BOQ	4 Nov	12	100	4.60
WAT	6 Nov	3	100	1.73

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7117	-0.0001	-0.01
EUR – USD	1.1863	0.0000	0.00

Australian Data Today

NAB	Business survey	Sep Q
ABS	Covid-19 business impacts	Oct

US Data Tonight

Existing home sales	Sep
Initial jobless claims	17 Oct
Conference Board leading index	Sep
Kansas City Fed manufacturing index	Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

UK	CBI industrial trends orders	Oct
UK	CBI business optimism	Dec Q
Germany	GfK consumer confidence	Nov
Euro zone	Consumer confidence	Oct

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Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AMP	Sep Q
	APA	AGM
	AIA	AGM
	API	Full year
	BKL	AGM
	CLW	AGM
	CWN	AGM
	HLS	AGM
	IMM	Sep Q
	MFG	AGM
	MCR	Sep Q
	MGR	Sep Q
	OZL	Sep Q
	QAN	Sep Q
	RED 5	Sep Q
	RSG	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	
Tomorrow	DXS	AGM
	EVT	AGM
	GOR	Sep Q (tele 12.30pm)
	IAG	AGM
	QAN	AGM
	WOR	AGM