

**Markets**

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEST)	6094	-34	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	11971	-22	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	28209	16	0.1
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	3446	3	0.1
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	11748	22	0.2

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market commences mid-week trade following mixed overnight international equities and commodities trade, with the US Republican convention pushing presidential election prospects forefront, among global trade and economic recovery considerations.

**Locally** today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases preliminary June quarter **construction work done** statistics, **11.30am** AEST.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **AGL, SUN** and **TLS**.  
*Please see p3 for details.*

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** was pushed higher for a second consecutive session.

US **gold** futures (December) picked up the pace of their current decline.

**Iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) continued slightly lower but remained above \$US122.30/t.

LME **copper** and other key base metals variously extended this week's gains.

The **SA** fell to ~US71.60c after approaching US71.70c early yesterday evening.

This morning, the SA has traded beyond US72.00c.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	28248	-60	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	3444	12	<b>0.4</b>
<b>NASDAQ</b>	11466	87	<b>0.8</b>
<b>FTSE 100</b>	6037	-68	<b>-1.1</b>
<b>DAX 30</b>	13062	-5	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3374	-12	<b>-0.4</b>

**Overseas Markets Commentary**

Major European and US equities markets opened higher overnight, most losing gains intra-session, but the NASDAQ and S&P 500 trending decisively higher in second half trade to settle almost at session highs, and at new record peak settlements.

Yesterday, the US administration revealed China's vice premier and the US treasury secretary had discussed this year's trade accord in a teleconference Monday evening. Talks also included IP rights, the US chief trade representative said.

**Today's Stock Watch**
**Worley Ltd (WOR)**

13% higher, \$171M full year NPAT.  
 89% higher, \$13.07B revenue. 25c final dividend.

**APA Group (APA)**

10.1% higher, \$317.11M full year NPAT. 5.6% higher, \$2.59B revenue. 27c, 3.6c-franked final distribution.

**Seven Group Holdings (SVW)**

42.4% lower \$115.8M full year NPAT. 11.7% higher, \$4.56B revenue. 21c fully franked final dividend.

**Macmahon Holdings (MAH)**

40.9% higher, \$64.9M full year NPAT.  
 25.1% higher, \$1.38B revenue.  
 0.35c, 0.105c-franked final dividend. 22.1c NTA, against 20.3c.

**Spark New Zealand (SPK)**

4.4% higher, \$NZ427M full year NPAT. 2.5% higher, \$NZ3.62B revenue. NZ12.5c, ~NZ4.86c-franked final dividend.

**Cleanaway Waste (CWY)**

6.6% lower \$112.6M full year NPAT.  
 2.1% higher, \$2.33B revenue. 2.1c fully franked final dividend.  
 13.5c NTA, against 10.4c.

**National Storage REIT (NSR)**

16% lower, \$121.78M full year NPAT. 12% higher, \$177.91M revenue. 3.4c final distribution. \$1.65 NTA, against \$1.63.

**Flexigroup Ltd (FXL)**

Trading halt called ahead of a \$140M, \$1.14-per-share entitlement offer. Webcast commencing **10.30am** AEST. FXL is also reporting 65% lower, \$21.4M full year NPAT. 5% lower, \$450.4M revenue. Nil final dividend against 3.85c a year ago.

**Lovisa Holdings (LOV)**

69.7% lower, \$A11.22M full year NPAT. 3.2% lower, \$242.18M revenue. Interim dividend franking cut to 50%; nil final.

**archTIS Ltd (AR9)**

Contract secured with an Australian government intelligence agency to run a proof-of-concept for big data dynamic access control.

**Resources**
**Perseus Mining (PRU)**

1250% higher, \$94.36M full year NPAT. 16% higher, \$591.24M revenue. 72c NTA, against 81c.

**Energy**
**Whitehaven Coal (WHC)**

94.3% lower, \$30.04M full year NPAT. 30.8% lower, \$1.72B revenue. 3.14c NTA, against 3.41c. \$787.5M net debt. Nil final dividend. 97% drop in full year dividends to 1.5c (interim).



China subsequently however accused the US of provocation when a surveillance aircraft allegedly entered a 'no-fly' zone.

Among overnight **data** releases, **Germany's** final June quarter GDP reading came in as a 9.7% drop for the three months and 11.3% lower than for the June quarter 2019, each figure not quite as dire as feared.

However, a recession was decidedly confirmed, following respective 2.0% and 2.2% falls recorded for the March quarter.

An IFO business confidence index in the meantime rose to 92.6 from 90.4, both the current conditions and expectations components improving.

In the **UK**, a CBI distributive trades index undershot expectations, tumbling to -6 from four, against expectations of 11.

In the **US**, July new home sales proved the opposite, rising 13.9% after jumping 15.1% in June, and against expectations of a 1% new gain.

The Richmond Fed manufacturing index also pleased, rising to 18 from 10, following forecasts of a drop to just one.

The Conference Board August consumer confidence reading declined however, coming in at 84.8 from 91.7.

Two June house price indices differed, Case-Shiller's rising 0.2% for the month but an industry estimate indicating a 0.9% rise. Case-Shiller's index was 3.5% higher than for June 2019.

**Tonight** in the **US**, July durable goods orders are due, together with weekly mortgage applications.

The US Republican national convention continues from 9.30am AEST today with the president again expected to speak.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include China Petroleum & Chemical Corp (PetroChina), Ramsay Générale de Santé, Splunk and Tiffany & Co.

Commodities				
COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY)</b> (Dec)	<b>1923.1</b>	oz	-16.1	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>Silver (NY)</b> (Sep)	<b>26.273</b>	oz	-0.33	<b>-1.3</b>
<b>Gold (LON)</b> (24 Aug)	<b>1944</b>	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>922</b>	oz	13	<b>1.4</b>
<b>WTI Crude</b> (NYMEX Oct)	<b>43.35</b>	bbbl	0.73	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Brent Crude</b> (ICE EUR Oct)	<b>45.86</b>	bbbl	0.73	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Iron Ore</b> (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	<b>122.34</b>	t	-0.23	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Copper</b> (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	<b>6530</b>	t	10	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	<b>15010</b>	t	85	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Aluminium</b>	<b>1779</b>	t	8	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Lead</b>	<b>1990</b>	t	6	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	<b>2481</b>	t	26	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Tin</b>	<b>17370</b>	t	60	<b>0.4</b>

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Jumbo Interactive (\*\* JIN) / Tabcorp Holdings (\*\* TAH)

JIN and TAH have progressed a 28 June binding term sheet into a formal 10-year extension of a 15-year lottery reseller agreement.

The agreement does not include the selling of TAH lottery products in Western Australia.

JIN full year results, including 9.1% higher revenue, also lodged this morning.

### Metcash Ltd (\* MTS)

This morning's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

### CIMIC Group (\* CIM)

Confirming a shareholder class action has been commenced against CIM in the Federal Court, Victoria.

CIM contends the claim has no basis and will defend its position.

### Adbri Ltd (\* ABC)

\$A29.1M interim NPAT. 7% lower, \$700.7M revenue. 4.75c interim dividend. \$1.40 NTA, against \$1.30.

### Steadfast Group (\* SDF)

6c fully franked final dividend, against 5.3c a year ago.

\$56.18M full year net loss, following a \$103.845M FY19 net profit. 21% higher, \$697.14M revenue. 13c NTA, against 1c.

### Fleetwood Corporation (\* FWD)

5c final and 7c special dividends, each fully franked.

\$2.82M full year net loss, against a \$6.24M FY net loss.

\$1.82M full year continuing operations net loss, against a \$14.01M net profit a year ago.

3% higher, \$324.87M revenue.

### Bigtincan Holdings (\* BTH)

\$12.21M full year net loss, against a \$4.085M FY net loss.

56% higher, \$31.0M revenue.

13.43c NTA, against 6.87c.

## Resources

### Medusa Mining (\* MML)

An employee has died while inspecting submersible pumps at the Philippines Co-O mine underground main pump station.

Mining operations have continued.

### Canyon Resources (CAY)

Minim Martap bauxite metallurgical test results lodged post-trade yesterday.

### Prodigy Gold (PRX)

30 June resources update lodged post-trade yesterday.



## Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – prices reached five-month peaks overnight.

Warnings intensified for a **hurricane** approaching the Louisiana-Texas US coastline, following a storm which crossed the Louisiana coast Monday. 84% (~1.6MMbbl) of Gulf of Mexico offshore crude production was estimated to be shut in following the evacuation of more than 300 operations.

Meanwhile, a research report calculated global crude **demand** had averaged 13MMbbl/d growth over the past four months, but that for the March quarter 2021, demand would come in at 92MMbbl/d – 95MMbbl/d, 92% - 95% of pre - Covid-19 levels.

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

An industry report, released overnight, but post-US trade, included a 4.5MMbbl draw on crude stocks last week.

**Gold** – prices swung overnight, in part impacted by some better-than-anticipated data releases, but also early by confirmation high-level officials in US and China had discussed trade during a Monday evening (US eastern time).

In addition, US treasury **bond yields** were pushed from 0.64% to 0.69% overnight, detracting from gold interest.

**US Federal Reserve** chair Jerome Powell's (webcast) speech scheduled for Thursday (tomorrow night), as the annual two-day Kansas City Fed-hosted economic forum begins, will focus on a policy review which commenced two years ago, and is expected to produce some caution during tonight's trade.

**Base metals** – overnight trade vacillated on global economic demand concerns, a lower \$US and inventories commentary.

**Nickel** traded at three-month peaks following speculation regarding sufficient supply to China's stainless steel industry.

China port nickel stocks were reported to be trending lower, but with stainless steel margins rising, demand is expected to increase.

Among material data releases yet to come this week, **China's** July industrial profits are anticipated tomorrow, and **US** durable goods orders and a GDP update tonight and tomorrow night respectively.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7201	0.0007	0.10
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1837	0.0003	0.02

### Australian Data Today

ABS	Construction work done (prelim)	Jun Q
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### US Data Tonight

Durable goods orders	Jul
MBA mortgage applications	21 Aug

## Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Anova Metals	AWV	26 Aug
Astro Resources	ARO	26 Aug
Australian Mines	AUZ	26 Aug
Broo Ltd	BEE	26 Aug
Cycliq Group	CYQ	26 Aug
Hastings Technology Metals	HAS	26 Aug
Lake Resources	LKE	26 Aug
Minotaur Exploration	MEP	26 Aug
TasFoods Ltd	TFL	26 Aug
Wellness & Beauty Solutions	WNB	26 Aug
Empire Energy Group	EEG	27 Aug
Minbos Resources	MNB	27 Aug
Cohiba Minerals	CHK	28 Aug
Exopharm Ltd	EX1	28 Aug
Triangle Energy	TEG	28 Aug
Canyon Resources	CAY	31 Aug

## Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Altura Mining	AJM	12 Aug
DomaCom Ltd	DCL	21 Aug
Lithium Australia	LIT	24 Aug
Ragnar Metals	RAG	7 Aug
thedocyard Ltd	TDY	18 Aug

## Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
<b>AGL</b>	Today	<b>51</b>	80	3.02
<b>CEN</b>	Today	<b>20.18</b>	0	6.03
<b>PAI</b>	Today	<b>3</b>	100	3.46
<b>QVE</b>	Today	<b>2.2</b>	100	5.03
<b>SUN</b>	Today	<b>10</b>	100	2.70
<b>TLS</b>	Today	<b>8</b>	100	3.27
BBN	Tomorrow	6.4	100	2.09
CDA	Tomorrow	11	100	1.11
COL	Tomorrow	27.5	100	2.87
JBH	Tomorrow	90	100	1.89
PGH	Tomorrow	3	65	0.00
REA	Tomorrow	55	100	0.99
AEG	Fri	2.6	100	3.91
ARG	Fri	14	100	2.02
BAP	Fri	9.5	100	2.49
BPT	Fri	1	100	1.31
FID	Fri	11.5	100	3.94
GCI	Fri	0.72	0	4.67
HIT	Fri	4	100	5.00

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

<b>Japan</b>	Leading economic index (final, 3pm AEST)	Jun
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IFM	Fri	2.15	70	1.28
QRI	Fri	0.85	0	6.77
SNZ	Fri	4.66	0	1.46
VEA	Fri	0.8	100	2.68

**Reports & Events**

(selected)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>ABC</b>	Interim
	<b>APA</b>	Full year
	<b>APE</b>	Interim
	<b>AX1</b>	Full year (post-trade; tele 9am Thu)
	<b>CDD</b>	Full year
	<b>CWY</b>	Full year
	<b>IFL</b>	Full year
	<b>JHC</b>	Full year
	<b>LOV</b>	Full year (tele 10.30am)
	<b>MTS</b>	AGM (2.30pm)
	<b>MEL</b>	Full year
	<b>NSE</b>	Full year
	<b>PRU</b>	Full year (tele 9am)
	<b>PTM</b>	Full year
	<b>REH</b>	Full year
	<b>RRL</b>	Full year (tele 11am AEST)
	<b>RIC</b>	Full year
	<b>SVW</b>	Full year
	<b>SDF</b>	Full year (w/cast tele 10am AEST)
<b>SPK</b>	Full year (tele 8am AEST)	
<b>WHC</b>	Full year	
<b>WOR</b>	Full year	
<b>Tomorrow</b>	APT	Full year
	AGI	Full year (post-ASX trade)
	AIZ	Interim
	APX	Full year
	ALG	Full year (w/cast 10am)
	ALX	Full year
	CKF	AGM (9.30am AEST)
	FLT	Full year (w/cast 9am)
	IGO	Full year (w/cast 10am AEST)
	LNK	Full year
	MAD	Full year
	MMM	Interim (tele 6pm AEST)
	NEC	Full year
	PRT	Full year (tele 9am)
	RHC	Full year
	SES	Full year
	WOW	Full year
	Z1P	Full year (tele 11am AEST)



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<b>Fri</b>	BLD	Full year
	CIA	AGM (8am AEST)
	CGC	Interim (tele 10am)
	HVN	Full year
	KSC	Full year
	POT	Full year
	VRL	Full year