

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7463	31	0.4
NZX 50	12043	20	0.2
DJIA Futures	34023	200	0.6
S&P 500 Futures	4076	44	1.1
NASDAQ Futures	12107	234	2.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences the third last trading session for January on a Friday, with material domestic economic reports due late morning, following a wave of overnight international economic data releases.

US equities markets gained overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is due to publish December quarter **producer prices and export and import prices** at **11.30am AEDT**.

In addition, a multitude of December quarter reports is anticipated as the end of January approaches.

Regionally today, no major economic indicators are anticipated.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** prices were pushed higher, Brent crude trading beyond \$US87.0/bbl and WTI above \$US80/bbl.

US **gold** futures turned lower, settling at \$US1930/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) rose, approaching \$US122.5/t.

Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle) traded lower for a second consecutive session, falling below \$US355/t.

LME **copper** was reported to be trading 0.5% higher for the day at 1711 GMT. At the same time, **nickel** reportedly had gained 0.4%.

Aluminium, however, was reported to be trading 0.7% lower after four consecutive sessional gains.

Last night's LME final 3-mth evening price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected to become available via IRESS at 11.30am AEDT.

The **\$A** moved in a narrow range after trading at ~US71.15c yesterday evening.

China's markets will remain closed today and tomorrow.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	33949	206	0.6
S&P 500	4060	44	1.1
NASDAQ	11512	199	1.8
FTSE 100	7761	16	0.2
DAX 30	15133	51	0.3
Shanghai Comp	3265	Public	Holiday

Settlements – due to the Australia Day public holiday yesterday, **Wednesday's trades will settle Monday 30 January.**

Trades executed Tuesday settle today

Today's Stock Watch
ResMed Inc (RMD)

December quarter net income rose 11% year-on-year to \$US224.9M. 16% higher, \$US1.0337B revenue (20% higher constant currency basis).

Paying a US4.4c quarterly dividend. Six-month statistics also lodged.

In addition, RMD has appointed CEO Michael Farrell as chairman. Current RMD chair Peter Farrell is becoming chair emeritus.

Webcast scheduled for 1.30pm US Pacific Time.

Select Harvests (SHV)

Anticipating a \$26M 1H FY23 impairment.

Wet conditions have adversely impacted the almond harvest at a time of record low global almond prices.

Lark Distilling (LRK)

July – December net sales fell 7% year-on-year to \$9.6M.

December quarter net sales rose by 27% for the three months, however, to \$5.4M.

2.22M whisky under maturation.

Synlait Milk (SM1)

SM1 has appointed former Savencia Group director of marketing, APAC retail & food service Abby Ye as SM1 president China and foodservice director, effective 1 March.

SkyCity Entertainment Group (SKC)

Intending to appoint former Tabcorp Holdings (ASX: TAH) CEO and MD David Attenborough as a non-executive director, pending regulatory approvals.

Resources
Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

Shipped 49.4Mt of iron ore during the December quarter, 4% more than for a year earlier and also for the September quarter.

C1 costs fell 3% for the three months, but were 12% higher than for the December quarter 2021. \$US4.0B cash balance.

Energy
Origin Energy (ORG)

Anticipating \$600M - \$730M energy markets business FY23 underlying EBITDA, from previous \$500M - \$650M guidance. Integrate gas/APLNG 100% production guidance has been lowered, from 680PJ – 710PJ to 660PJ – 680PJ.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets opened higher overnight, marked chop featuring throughout European and UK trade, and vacillating sentiment evident in early US trade.

Considerations included a batch of mixed high-profile corporate earnings and outlooks and a stream of material economic data releases.

NASDAQ trade was supported in particular by record quarterly earnings reported by Tesla late Wednesday.

In geopolitical developments, Russia launched a fresh round of missile attacks across regions in Ukraine. The new attacks followed decisions by western nations, including Germany and the US, to provide Ukraine with the most capable tanks offered since Russia's attacks commenced almost a year ago.

Palestinian-Israeli tensions flared following a deadly military raid in the West Bank.

An initial December quarter GDP estimate for the US proved unsettling in relation to expectations for outcomes from next week's US Federal Reserve policy meeting. For the three months, GDP was calculated 2.9% higher, against forecasts for a 2.7% climb, and following the 3.2% recorded for September quarter growth.

Earlier yesterday, South Korea's initial December quarter GDP estimate represented a 0.4% decline for the three months. Forecasters had anticipated a 0.2% pullback following a 0.3% September quarter advance.

On an annualised basis, December quarter GDP growth came in at 1.6%.

In overnight data releases outside the US, the UK CBI January distributive trades index plunged to -23 from 11. Economists had anticipated a tumble, but had opted for -16.

Earlier yesterday, UK December domestic vehicle production was reported 17.9% lower than for December 2021.

In the US, in addition to the December quarter GDP estimate, December durable goods orders were reported 5.6% higher for the month, far exceeding the forecast 2.2%. Orders had been reported to have fallen by 1.7% in November.

US December wholesale inventories grew by 0.1% against expectations for 0.4% following November's 0.9% rise.

The Chicago Fed December national activity index was estimated at -0.49 from -0.51 for November.

December new home sales surprised on the upside, rising 2.3% against forecasts for a 2.0% decline.

The Kansas City Fed January manufacturing index also defied expectations, improving to -4 from -6, in the face of predictions for a further drop to -14.

Meanwhile, weekly new unemployment claims tallied 186,000, following 192,000 the previous week. Forecasters had anticipated 202,000 new claims.

Among bond auctions yesterday and overnight, a 40-year government bond offer in Japan produced a 1.625 % yield from 1.580%.

Tonight in the US, December personal income and spending are keenly anticipated ahead of next week's Federal Reserve policy

Pre-Open Announcements

Tyro Payments (* TYR)

Offering due diligence to Potentia, following discussions which have taken place since Potentia's two indicative offers, September 2022 and December 2022, respectively.

Advanced Braking Technology (ABV)

December quarter operating sales rose 50.8% year-on-year to \$3.96M, pushing July – December sales 31.5% higher year-on-year, to \$6.99M.

\$328,000 December quarter NPAT.

\$773,000 July – December NPAT, up 478%.

NRW Holdings (NWH)

NWH subsidiary Primero Group has secured a \$62M construction works contract with Pilbara Minerals' (ASX: PLS) WA Pilgangoora lithium project P680 expansion.

Netlinkz Ltd (NET)

December quarter revenue rose 26% for the quarter and 12% year-on-year to \$5.8M.

~2.3M cash and equivalents.

Additional December quarter details and commentary lodged post-trade Wednesday.

Zip Co (ZIP)

In response to an ASX aware query, ZIP maintains select details contained within the company's December quarter report remained confidential until the release of the report just prior to Tuesday's ASX open.

ZIP appreciated 22.79% Monday, settling at 83.5c following ~38.98M transactions, before trading as high as 92.5c in early Tuesday trade.

Tuesday's 70.5c settlement, following the exchange of ~62.9M shares, represented a 15.57% drop for the session.

Mighty Craft (MCL)

MCL 10%-investee company Ballistic Beer has entered voluntary administration.

MCL's carrying value for the Ballistic holding is estimated at \$2.4M.

MCL promises additional details with the planned 27 February release of MCL interim results.

Resources

Strandline Resources (* STA)

A second WA Coburn mineral sands project heavy mineral concentrate shipment has been loaded.

The 8600t load is valued at ~\$A8M CIF.

American Rare Earths (ARR)

ARR company secretary and CFO Noel Whitcher has resigned, in favour of a position with another company.

ARR has appointed Mark Terry as interim CFO.



meeting.

December pending home sales are also due, together with a final January consumer sentiment reading from the University of Michigan.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include: American Express, Chevron Corp, Colgate-Palmolive, Hitachi Construction, LG Electronics, SSAB and Toho Gas.

In overnight corporate news, **Toyota** announced the group's CEO (a grandson of the company's founder) would become chairman 1 April, and hand over the CEO role to Toyota's Lexus president and chief branding officer.

Chevron revealed it was tripling its budget for share buy-back outlays.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Feb)	1930	oz	-12.6	-0.7
Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar)	24.02	oz	0.08	0.3
Platinum	1017	oz	-21	-2.0
WTI Crude (NYMEX Mar)	81.01	bbl	0.86	1.1
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Mar)	87.47	bbl	1.35	1.6
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	122.49	t	0.56	0.5
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (25Jan)	9314	t	-0.25	-0.0
Nickel	29170	t	398	1.4
Aluminium	2657	t	8	0.3
Lead	2160	t	34	1.6
Zinc	3452	t	21	0.6
Tin	30855	t	880	2.9
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	354.6	t	-5.6	-1.6
Wheat (CBT Mar; IRESS)	752.25	t	11	1.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight trade was reportedly mostly buoyed by select economic data releases, including the first estimate (of three) for US December quarter GDP growth, and further commentary supporting views of increase demand out of China this year.

Tonight, a US weekly petroleum rig report is due.

Gold – some overnight profit-taking was reported after prices were propelled beyond \$US1940/oz overnight Wednesday.

Resilient US economic indicators released overnight, including the initial US December quarter GDP estimate, supported a \$US move higher, this constraining gold purchases.

Base metals – production reports and currency moves reportedly proved the major factors influencing overnight base metals trade.

Among the producers, Cochilco ventured the *copper* market would be in surplus for both 2023 (160,000t) and 2024 (360,000t), at the same time lifting its predicted 2023 price to ~\$US8490/t (\$US3.85/lb).

Late Wednesday, FreeportMcMoRan revealed worker shortages were constraining the group's copper output.

China's markets remain closed today but resume Monday.

Sunstone Metals (STM)

\$A11.2M cash and saleable shares at 31 December 2022.

December quarter activities report lodged post-trade Wednesday.

Hastings Technology Metals (HAS)

HAS has completed its \$A9M acquisition of Cadence Minerals' 30% of the Yangibana rare earth JV, delivering HAS 100% of the project.

The \$9M consideration was paid by the issued of ~2.45M HAS shares.

Horseshoe Metals (HOR)

Pleading ignorance in response to an ASX price query.

HOR closed out last week at 2.4c, but traded as high as 3.5c Wednesday before settling at 3.3c.

Settlement prices and trading volumes rose Monday through Wednesday, 10.34M shares changing hands across a notable 120 transactions on Wednesday.

Last week HOR had closed lower four of the five sessions.

Alliance Nickel (AXN)

The former GME Resources is trading as Alliance Nickel under the ASX code AXN from today's open.

Energy

Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) / Rio Tinto (RIO)

ERA December quarter operational review and business update, highlighting Northern Territory Range project rehabilitation, lodged post-trade Wednesday.

Cashflow report also lodged, highlighting \$74.86M cash and equivalents at 31 December.

Contact Energy (CEN)

December operating report lodged this morning.

Australis Oil & Gas (ATS)

December quarter revenue (including hedge losses) tallied \$US6.6M.

Sales fell 7% for the quarter to 83,000bbl of oil.

The realised price fell 11% to \$US85/bbl.

\$US7.8M cash.

Okapi Resources (OKR)

One-hour Ubaryon investment-focused webinar scheduled to commence 11am AEDT Tuesday (31 January).

OKR traded as high as 22.5c Wednesday, before settling at 20.5c, 24.24% for the session after announcing a \$A3.1M investment in uranium enrichment technology R&D firm Ubaryon, which will deliver OKR 19.9% of Ubaryon.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Cipherpoint Ltd	CPT	27 Jan
k-TIG Ltd	KTG	27 Jan
Native Mineral Resources Holdings	NMR	27 Jan

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7114	-0.0007	-0.10
EUR – USD	1.0888	-0.0026	-0.24

Australian Data Today

ABS	Producer prices	Dec Q
ABS	Export & import prices	Dec Q

US Data Tonight

Personal income & spending	Dec
Pending home sales	Dec
Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (final)	Jan

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Germany	Import prices	Dec
Euro zone	Loans to households & businesses	Dec

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Creso Pharma		CPH	30 Jan	
Ex-Dividends				
Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
DJW	Mon	7.25	100	4.61
GCI	Mon	1.28	0	5.93
PCI	Mon	0.56	0	5.52
TCF	Mon	3.5	0	6.58
CVC	Tue	4	100	4.50
KKC	Tue	1.09	0	6.98
MOT	Tue	1.62	0	7.14
MXT	Tue	1.44	0	5.84
AMH	Wed	1	100	3.40
EZL	Wed	2.5	100	9.95
NBI	Wed	0.71	0	6.35
AFI	Thu	11	100	3.14
RMD	8 Feb	US4.4	0	tbc
VUK	9 Feb	13.36	0	1.89
BKI	10 Feb	4.2	100	3.81

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	CEN	Dec
	FMG	Dec Q
	LRK	Dec Q (webinar 11.30am)
	RMD	Dec Q
Mon	ALC	Dec Q (w/cast & Q&A 11am)
	LYC	Dec Q (w/cast 11am)
	MMM	Dec Q (tele 5.30pm)
Tue	GOR	Dec Q (w/cast tele 11.30am)
	NIC	Dec Q (w/cast tele 11am)
	PAC	31 Dec FUM
	PBH	Dec Q & update (tele 9am)
Wed	NUF	AGM
Thu	PNI	Interim (tele 9am)