

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7338	7	0.1
NZX 50	12749	20	0.2
DJIA Futures	34948	-26	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4393	-19	-0.4
NASDAQ Futures	14903	-135	-0.9

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens Friday trade on the last trading day for July with material domestic data due late-morning, and a barrage of quarterly reports from pre-trade through this evening, ahead of a batch of influential data out of the euro zone and US tonight.

Locally today, the RBA reports monthly financial aggregates, including **private sector credit**, **11.30am** AEST.

At the same time, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases June quarter **producer prices**.

Post-ASX trade, the RBA publishes three reports – international reserves and foreign exchange liquidity, plus monthly and weekly liabilities and assets.

A deluge of **corporate reports** and updates is anticipated, being the last domestic trading session for July.

In addition, the national cabinet meets again today, to review **Covid-19** containment measures, and business and individual support. Meeting outcomes are anticipated initially from the PM.

Regionally **today**, **Japan** publishes June **industrial production** and **retail sales**, just prior to the ASX open.

China's NBS July **PMIs** are anticipated over the weekend.

Also over the weekend, **South Korea** is scheduled to release July **trade figures**.

In overnight commodities trade, both Brent and WTI **crude** rallied.

US **gold** futures were pushed decisively higher.

Iron ore prices declined, Qingdao (CFR China, 62% fines) iron ore falling \$US6.62/t to \$US196.06/t, and Nymex (CFR China, 62% fines) futures falling moderately to just above \$US213.5/t.

LME **copper** turned and rallied. **Nickel** and **aluminium** continued to do so.

The **\$A** slipped to US73.95c after trading at ~US74.00c early yesterday evening.

NB: A New South Wales bank holiday, impacting financial institutions in that State, is scheduled for Monday. Monday is not a public holiday for NSW, however.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	35085	154	0.4
S&P 500	4419	19	0.4
NASDAQ	14778	16	0.1

Today's Stock Watch
National Australia Bank (NAB)

Proposing to buy back up to \$2.5B worth of shares on-market, to support CET1 towards 10.75% - 11.25%.

Assessing additional capital return options.

AMP Ltd (AMP)

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) has commenced Federal court action against AMP, alleging breaches related to service fees.

AMP says it completed a remediation program November 2019 after self-reporting the issue to ASIC.

Janus Henderson Group (JHG)

6% AUM growth during the June quarter, to \$US427.6M.

\$225M June quarter operating income. 95.5% higher year-on-year, \$269.3M adjusted operating income. Diluted EPS fell 10% for the three months. US38c quarterly dividend.

Marley Spoon (MMM)

10% higher year-on-year, €80.6M June quarter net revenue.

36% 1H 2021 net revenue growth. €46.3M cash balance.

MMM hosted a teleconference yesterday evening.

Sezzle Inc (SZL)

122.6% higher year-on-year, \$A32.3M June quarter income.

Underlying merchant sales rose 118.7% to \$A550.4M.

The active consumers tally rose 95.5% to 2.9M, and active merchants by 150%, to 40,200.

Whispir Ltd (WSP)

Expecting 22% higher, \$47.7M FY21 revenue, with annualised recurring revenue 28.5% higher, at \$53.6M.

Resources
OceanaGold Corporation (OGC)

Produced 177,039oz of gold with a \$US1227/oz AISC during January through June, boosted by 93,848oz with a \$US1226/oz AISC during the June quarter. Sold 178,781oz of gold at \$US1843/oz for the half year. \$US142.3M liquidity.

OGC hosted a webcast teleconference at 7.30am.

Energy
Origin Energy (ORG)

Anticipating \$2.25B worth of FY21 post-tax impairments. \$450M - \$600M FY22 underlying EBITDA anticipated.

Produced 64.7PJ of gas during the June quarter, from 65.4PJ for the March quarter and 64.5PJ for the June quarter 2020.

June quarter sales rose 5% for the three months, and 6% year-on-year, to 63.6PJ. For the year-to-date, sales are down 2%.

Revenue is 35% lower year-to-date, June quarter revenue down 17% from a year ago, but rising 19% for the three months, to \$507.6M.



FTSE 100	7078	62	0.9
DAX 30	15640	70	0.5
Shanghai Comp	3412	50	1.5

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets opened and settled higher overnight, despite some marked chop across several indices, amid an onslaught of earnings reports from high-profile, large-cap companies and a spate of key data releases.

Yesterday, China appeared to implore international brokers and investors not to 'over-interpret' recent regulatory moves.

Meanwhile, the US Senate was due to commence the legislative process for the proposed \$US1 trillion national infrastructure spend.

Among overnight **data** releases, **Germany's** preliminary July **CPI** estimate represented 0.9% growth for the month and 3.8% on an annualised basis.

July unemployment declined by 0.2% to 5.7%.

Meanwhile, June producer prices in France and Italy were reported 1.1% and 1.4% higher for the month respectively, and 7.5% and 9.1% higher year-on-year.

In Italy, a 10-year bond auction delivered a 0.66% yield, from 0.81%.

The **euro zone's** July economic sentiment index rose 1.1 to 119, industrial sentiment increasing 1.8 to 14.6 and services sentiment by 1.4 to 19.3.

Consumer inflation expectations rose 2.1 to 30.

In the **UK**, June net lending to individuals rose to £18.2B from £7.2B.

June domestic vehicle production was calculated 22.1% higher than for June 2020.

In the **US**, the initial June quarter **GDP** reading was estimated at 6.5% growth for the three months, soundly undershooting forecasts of 8.5, but pulling the GDP beyond pre - Covid-19 levels.

June quarter personal consumption expenditure (PCE) prices were reported 6.4% higher for the three months, against an expected 4.2% increase.

Weekly initial jobless claims tallied 400,000, following 424,000 the previous week and predictions of 370,000 new claims.

June pending home sales fell 1.9% after an 8.3% May jump and following forecasts of a new 0.7% rise.

Against June 2020, pending sales were also 1.9% lower.

Tonight in the US, June personal income and spending, June personal consumption expenditure (PCE), the July Chicago PMI, June quarter employment cost index, and final July consumer confidence reading from the University of Michigan are due.

Elsewhere, the euro zone releases an initial June quarter GDP reading and a preliminary July CPI estimate.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: BNP Paribas, Caterpillar, Chevron, Colgate-Palmolive, ENI, Exxon Mobil, Hermes International, Hitachi, Komatsu, Linde, NEC, Petrobras, Procter & Gamble, Takeda Pharmaceutical and Toyota Industries.

Berkshire Hathaway is scheduled to report over the weekend.

Pre-Open Announcements

8common Ltd (* 8CO)

Resuming from suspended trade with subsidiary Expense8 chosen as a travel and expense management service provider to Australian Government entities.

Starpharma Holdings (SPL)

Non-executive director Peter Turvey has resigned for health reasons.

Mr Turvey had been an SPL board member for nine years, part of that as deputy chair.

Synlait Milk (SM1)

Refinancing terms for maturing facilities agreed with banking syndicates.

Details lodged pre-trade.

Boart Longyear (* BLY)

BLY reiterated the reasons for the proposed company recapitalisation and move to Canada in late trade yesterday. BLY settled 20% higher for the day yesterday, at 20c, following a positive half-year trading update lodged pre-trade.

East 33 (* ETT)

Sydney rock oyster producer and supplier completed a successful ASX listing yesterday, following a \$32M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 24.5c and traded at 20.5c – 25c before settling back at 24.5c.

2.72M shares changed hands across 201 transactions.

~222M quoted shares.

Resources

Nelson Resources (* NES)

Heralding Woodline project Socrates RC drilling results, WA Fraser Range region.

Assays and observations lodged post-trade yesterday.

June quarter activities report lodged this morning.

VRX Silica (VRX)

Resuming from a trading halt called pre-trade yesterday following publication of a media feature, noting that, despite tightening international silica supply, VRX cannot yet commence production while awaiting Arrowsmith North environmental approval.

VRX anticipated commencing production, however, prior to year's end.

VRX appreciated 10% Wednesday, settling at 26.5c after trading as high as 27c.

Kingsgate Consolidated (KCN)

June quarter activities report lodged in late trade yesterday.

\$A9.98M cash.

M3 Mining (M3M)

Gold and base metals explorer completed its ASX yesterday,



In overnight corporate news, **Amazon** has reported post-US trade, with \$US100B worth of June quarter sales falling short of market forecasts. This will influence some of tonight's sentiment.

Atlassian's June quarter headline figures exceeded expectations.

Commodities				
COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1831.2	oz	31.7	1.8
Silver (NY) (Sep)	24.88	oz	0.92	3.6
Gold (LON)	1796.6	oz		
Platinum	1055	oz	-5	-0.5
WTI Crude (NYMEX Sep)	73.62	bbl	1.23	1.7
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Sep)	76.05	bbl	1.31	1.8
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	213.52	t	-0.92	-0.4
Copper (LME Ind)	9824	t	138	1.4
Nickel	19900	t	356	1.8
Aluminium	2596	t	57	2.2
Lead	2374	t	28	1.2
Zinc	2990	t	10	0.3
Tin	34890	t	300	0.9

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight trade appeared to be most influenced by demand outstripping supply views.

A Genscape report estimated US crude stocks at the Cushing hub fell 360,917bbl in five days, after declining over the previous six weeks.

In the meantime, Iran accused the US of delaying talks regarding the 2015 international nuclear agreement and subsequent sanctions against Iran.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig count is due tonight.

Gold – a \$US fall attributed to the absence of a timeline for the US Fed Reserve to commence reducing asset purchases favoured overnight gold trade.

Comex futures traded at two-year peaks, well above \$US1800.0/oz.

Base metals – overnight sentiment benefited from a \$US decline, the ICE \$US index trading at one-month lows, plus supportive signs from China's regulators, the prospect of sooner-rather-than later legislated infrastructure spending in the US, and some positive data releases.

In specific industry news, the potential for industrial action at the Escondida *copper* operation in Chile strengthened.

Meanwhile, China was reported to have released an additional combined 170,000t of aluminium, copper and zinc from reserves, as part of the republic's attempt to constrain prices.

Some end-of-month positioning would normally be anticipated in tonight's trade, but caution ahead of China's release of official July PMIs over the weekend is considered likely to prevail.

Exchange Rates			
CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7403	0.0020	0.27

following a \$4.6M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 18c, its day one low, and traded as high as 20c before settling there.

945,398 shares were traded across 71 transactions. 27.96M quoted shares.

Almonty Industries (* All)

Tungsten exploration and mining company scheduled to list on the ASX 1.30pm AEST **Monday**, following an ~\$15.25M IPO at \$1.00 per share.

~15.25M quoted shares/CDIs.

Energy

Buru Energy (BRU)

Produced 70,500bbl of onshore WA Canning Basin oil during the June quarter.

\$2.5M sales revenue from BRU's 50% share of 70,000bbl sales.

\$3.2M revenue earned in July.

\$35.2M cash.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Allegiance Coal	AHQ	30 Jul
Conico Ltd	CNJ	30 Jul
Melbana Energy	MAY	30 Jul
Rhythm Biosciences	RHY	30 Jul
Tasman Resources	TAS	30 Jul
Zenith Minerals	ZNC	30 Jul
Alderan Resources	AL8	2 Aug
Alligator Energy	AGE	2 Aug
Anteris Technologies	AVR	2 Aug
Canyon Resources	CAY	2 Aug
Cipherpoint Ltd	CPT	2 Aug
Epsilon Healthcare	EPN	2 Aug
Linus Technologies	LNU	2 Aug
Pearl Global	PG1	2 Aug
Poseidon Nickel	POS	2 Aug
Sensera Ltd	SE1	2 Aug
Torian Resources	TNR	2 Aug
PointsBet Holdings	PBH	4 Aug

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
BPM Minerals	BPM	29 Jul
Crater Gold Mining	CGN	9 Jul
Fargo Enterprises	FGO	26 Jul
Jatcorp Ltd	JAT	29 Jul
Jayex Technology	JTL	28 Jul
Magnis Energy Technologies	MNS	29 Jul
Pilbara Minerals	PLS	29 Jul
Salt Lake Potash	SO4	29 Jul



EUR – USD 1.1894 0.0038 0.32

Australian Data Today

RBA	Financial aggregates (incl private sector credit)	Jul
ABS	Producer prices	JunQ
RBA	International reserves & foreign currency liquidity	Jul
RBA	Liabilities & assets	Jul

US Data Tonight

Personal income and spending	Jun
PCE	Jun
Chicago PMI	Jul
Employment cost index	Jun Q
Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (final)	Jul

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Industrial production (preliminary)	Jun
Japan	Retail sales	Jun
Germany	GDP (initial)	Jun Q
Euro zone	GDP (initial)	Jun Q
Euro zone	CPI (preliminary)	Jul
Euro zone	Unemployment	Jun

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Scorpion Minerals	SCN	27 Jul
Theta Gold Mines	TGM	28 Jul
Victory Mines	VIC	29 Jul

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
MOT	Today	0.84	0	6.54
MXT	Today	0.59	0	4.42
PGG	Today	0.68	0	4.72
NBI	Mon	0.8	0	5.14
CVC	Tue	5	100	1.43
AMH	Wed	4.5	100	1.98
DJW	Thu	5.75	100	3.41
DJWN	Thu	2.88	100	0.00
BKI	Fri (6 Aug)	3	100	2.62
OZG	Fri	0.35	100	2.35
WIC	Fri	3	100	4.92

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	FFG	AGM
	ICI	AGM
	OGC	Jun Q
	ORG	Jun Q
Wed	BWP	Full year (audio w/cast 11am)
	GMA	Interim
	GUD	Full year
Thur	PNI	Full year
	RMD	Jun Q
Fri (6 Aug)	GXY	AGM
	JHX	AGM (Dublin)
	REA	Full year