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Markets			
SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7479	18	0.2
NZX 50	13300	20	0.2
DJIA Futures	35407	-17	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4534	-1	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	15597	-4	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences Friday trade with new material domestic data already in hand and due later this morning, and the \$A trading above US74.00c, ahead of material data and the commencement of a Monday public holiday weekend in the US tonight.

Overnight international equities trade produced ultimate slight-tomoderate gains.

Commodities trade proved mixed.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases additional information regarding July **retail sales** figures (initially published last month), **11.30am AEST**.

Pre-trade, AiG has published a decidedly contractionary **38.4 construction sector activity** index for August. This, from 48.7 for July.

Meanwhile, a National Cabinet meeting will continue to discuss Covid-19 management, with today's talks expected to include rapid antigen testing and vaccination requirements.

Large-cap stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **ALD**, **BEN** and **BVS**. *Please see pp3-4 for a detailed ex-dividend list*.

Regionally today, Caixin is scheduled to release its August **services PMI** for **China** at **11.45am** AEST.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** returned to rally mode.

US **gold** futures settled lower for a second consecutive session.

Iron ore (China port CFR, 62% fines) declined further, but at a much more moderate pace than for Wednesday.

LME copper, nickel and aluminium swung higher.

The **\$A** rose to ~US74.05c after trading beyond US73.85c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	35444	131	0.4
S&P 500	4537	13	0.3
NASDAQ	15331	22	0.1
FTSE 100	7164	14	0.2
DAX 30	15841	16	0.1
Shanghai Comp	3597	30	0.8

Friday, 3 September 2021

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* Mineral exploration listing – 11am AEST – BMR *

Today's Stock Watch

Technology One (TNE)

Outlaying an anticipated £12M for UK-headquartered higher education software specialist Scientia Resource Management.

ClearView Wealth (CVW)

Commencing a strategic review, supported by major shareholder Crescent Capital Partners.

Rubicon Water (RWL)

Water technology specialist completed a stellar ASX listing yesterday, following a \$42.6M IPO at \$1.00 per share.

Opened at \$1.45 and traded at \$1.43 - \$1.68 before settling at \$1.63. 2.48M shares changed hands across 1557 transactions. 171.885M quoted shares.

Hazer Group (HZR)

Experiencing some supply delays for the water recovery commercial demonstration project, southern Perth suburbs, WA.

Whitehawk Ltd (WHK)

WHK and Dun & Bradstreet have agreed to collaboratively seek marketing opportunities within government organisations.

Lendlease Group (LLC)

LLC has appointed CEO Anthony (Tony) Lombardo as MD, effective today.

Resources

Kirkland Lake Gold (KLA)

Detour Lake project measured and indicate resources have been boosted by 10.06Moz between 31 December 2020 and 30 June 2021, to 14.718Moz. The average grade is 0.8g/t Au. The inferred resource estimate is 48.3Mt @ 0.81g/t Au, for 1.115M oz.

Base Resources (BSE)

The Kenya Kwale project Bumamani preliminary feasibility study has supported proposed mining of higher-grade subsets from the Bumamani and Kwale North Dune deposits.

Mineral Resources (MIN) / Red Hill Iron (RHI)

MIN has completed the \$200M acquisition of a 40% participating interest in the WA Pilbara Red Hill iron ore JV from RHI, following MIN shareholder approval yesterday. MIN funded the acquisition out of existing cash reserves.

Castile Resources (CST)

Heralding Rover 1 metallurgical testing results. Statistics lodged pre-trade.

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy, swinging trade again featured across most major European, UK and US equities markets overnight, amid some better-than-anticipated data releases, but also ongoing weather disruptions in the US.

States of emergency had been declared for New York City and New Jersey due to severe and deadly rain and flooding from the system that was formerly Hurricane Ida.

1.5MMbbl of crude were released from US strategic petroleum reserve stocks to enable an Exxon Mobil refinery in Louisiana to bolster petrol and other fuel stocks while supply transport networks remained adversely impacted by the ex-hurricane.

In overnight data releases, euro zone July producer prices were reported 2.3% higher for the month, following a 1.4% June rise and forecasts for a similar new increase.

Against July 2020, prices were 12.1% higher.

Meanwhile, a 10-year bond auction in France delivered a -0.05% yield from -0.23%. A similar offering in Spain produced 0.309% from 0.20%.

Yesterday, a 10-year bond auction in Japan had resulted in a 0.023% yield from 0.009%.

In the US, weekly new unemployment claims tallied 340,000, in line with expectations and against the previous week's 354,000.

An August job cuts report indicated 15,723 layoffs following 18,942 for July.

The July trade deficit came in at \$US70B from \$US73.2B for June.

July factory orders rose 0.4% for the month, against a 1.5% June increase and following expectations of a 0.2% - 0.3% rise.

Tonight in the US, August national employment figures are due, together with the ISM's influential services sector activity index.

Elsewhere the euro zone reports July retail sales.

In overnight corporate news, General Motors revealed it would suspend production at eight manufacturing facilities across North America, citing the international **chip shortage**.

For its part, Centrica warned international gas supply issues could curtail industrial production in Europe and the UK during the northern hemisphere winter, and push household costs higher.

Meanwhile, Netflix and Apple Inc were pushed to record stock price peaks, in part due to Apple easing App Store regulations for services such as Netflix and Spotify.

NB: US markets will be closed Monday due to a public holiday.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1811.5	oz	-4.5	-0.3
Silver (NY) (Dec)	24.22	oz	-0.3	-1.3
Gold (LON)	1812	oz		
Platinum	994	ΟZ	-2	-0.2
WTI Crude (NYMEX Oct)	69.99	bbl	1.40	2.0
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Nov)	73.03	bbl	1.44	2.0
Iron Ore (Qingdao) (CHN;62%f)	142.02	t	-1.41	-1.0
Iron Ore (Nymex)	140.54	t	-2.54	-1.8
Copper (LME Ind)	9396	t	59	0.6

Pre-Open Announcements

FINEOS Corporation Holdings (* FCL)

Conducting a \$A60M fully underwritten placement at \$4.30 per share, in support of working capital.

FCL is also planning an up to \$A5M SPP.

In addition, FCL founder and CEO Michael Kelly is planning to purchase, via Jacquel Investments, 49% of Carmen Investments from FCL chief technology officer Jonathan Boylan.

Carmen Investments' sole asset is its FCL holding, 49% of which comprises ~3.9M FCL CDIs.

Mr Kelly will fund his purchase with cash at hand and also by selling ~2.9M FCL CDIs (via Jacquel).

Hence, Mr Kelly will ultimately secure an additional 1M FCL CDIs.

Orbital Corporation (OEC)

OEC has delivered a second engine system to a major customer in Singapore, following a MoU secured in March 2020 covering the design and potential production of a multi-fuel unmanned aerial vehicle.

Opthea Ltd (OPT)

Presenting at three US-hosted investor conferences 9 - 21 September. Details lodged this morning.

TEK-Ocean Group (T3K)

Energy sector service provider completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$6.6M IPO at 50c per share.

Opened at 51.5c and traded as low as 47c before settling at 48c.

1.93M shares were traded across 438 transactions. 32.73M quoted shares.

HealthCo Healthcare and Wellness REIT (* HCW)

Commercial health and wellness real estate-focused trust scheduled to list on the ASX 11am AEST Monday, following a \$650M IPO at \$2.00 per unit.

~325.15M guoted units.

Resources

Ballymore Resources (* BMR)

Queensland-focused and headquartered explorer scheduled to list on the ASX 11am AEST, following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share.

71.48M guoted shares.

Three gold and copper-gold projects.

BMR non-executive chair Nick Jorss is Bowen Coking Coal (ASX: BCB) executive chair, and was also Stanmore Coal's (ASX: SMR) founding CEO.

Bardoc Gold (* BDC)

Heralding results from an optimisation study for the WA goldfields Bardoc gold project.

Statistics lodged this morning.

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Nickel	19405	t	76	0.4
Aluminium	2695	t	6	0.2
Lead	2306	t	34	1.5
Zinc	2983	t	0	0.0
Tin	33650	t	115	0.3

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight prices were reportedly largely buoyed by Wednesday's US petroleum inventories report and the OPEC+ decision to not alter the staged easing of production curbs, together with US Gulf onshore and offshore output disruptions. A weekly US petroleum rig report is due tonight.

Gold - some positioning was noted overnight ahead of tonight's monthly US jobs figures at the commencement of a US Monday public holiday weekend.

Base metals – LME aluminium traded overnight at prices not seen since May 2011, as China continued to impose energy use related production curbs.

Industrial action was reported in the meantime to be ending at the Andina copper operation, Chile, following workforce contract agreements.

Caixin releases its August services sector activity index for China today.

This could influence some of tonight's trade, together with some expected positioning ahead of the US public holiday on Monday.

Exchange Rates

LAST	+/-	%
0.7401 1.1872	0.0021 0.0029	0.29 0.24
	0.7401	0.7401 0.0021

Australian Data Today

AiG	PCI	Aug
ABS	Retail sales (final & additional info)	Jul

US Data Tonight

ISM non-manufacturing	Aug
Workforce (incl jobs created, wages, unemployment)	Aug
Markit services PMI (final)	Aug

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Caixin services PMI	China
Japan	Services PMI (final)	Aug
UK	Services PMI (final)	Aug
Germany	Services PMI (final)	Aug
Euro zone	Retail sales	Jul
Euro zone	Services PMI (final)	Aug

Catalyst Metals (CYL) / St Barbara (SBM)

All assays in hand for the reconnaissance air core drilling within the Victoria Drummartin exploration licence.

In addition, regional gravity surveying analysis has identified 13 drilling targets.

Variscan Mines (VAR)

Northern Spain San Jose phase two underground diamond drilling underway.

Bulletin Resources (BNR)

New WA nickel-cobalt-gold-PGE - prospective exploration tenement granted.

The 176sg km tenement will be known as the Duketon North project.

Thor Mining (THR)

Executive chair Mick Billing has resigned, effective immediately.

Energy

Red Sky Energy (ROG)

\$5.1M better off following the recent placement and SPP, each at 0.8c, in support of the Killanoola oil project. ROG has traded at 0.8c - 0.9c for the week to date.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Mont Royal Resources	MRZ	3 Sep
Mosaic Brands	MOZ	3 Sep
Ultima United	UUL	3 Sep
Bellevue Gold	BGL	6 Sep
Diatreme Resources	DRX	6 Sep
Houston We Have	HWH	6 Sep
Kaiser Reef	KAU	6 Sep
Kleos Space	KSS	6 Sep
Pan Asia Metals	PAM	6 Sep
MaxiTRANS Industries	MXIDA	7 Sep

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
AIC Mines	A1M	25 Aug
AXP Energy	AXP	16 Aug
Environmental Clean Technologies	ECT	30 Aug
Superior Lake Resources	SUP	16 Aug
Troy Resources	TRY	1 Sep
Weebit Nano	WBT	2 Sep

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ALD	Today	52	100	1.69

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BEN	Today	26.5	100	2.78
BVS	Today	6	0	2.65
СҮС	Today	0.5	0	0.60
ECL	Today	2	100	2.40
EGH	Today	0.59	0	0.94
МСР	Today	1.5	100	9.55
PCG	Today	8	100	4.39
PFG	Today	0.4	100	3.93
PPE	Today	6	100	2.18
PTL	Today	1.6	100	5.75
RMC	Today	4	100	0.97
SDI	Today	1.65	100	1.91
AFG	Mon	7.4	100	3.53
ALU	Mon	21	15	1.22
ASX	Mon	111.2	100	2.71
EAI	Mon	3	100	4.31
EGN	Mon	1.5	100	4.35
EQT	Mon	47	100	2.96
FMG	Mon	211	100	7.10
MAD	Mon	1.5	100	2.65
NST	Mon	9.5	100	1.95
ORA	Mon	7.5	0	3.54
RHC	Mon	103	100	0.70
SFR	Mon	26	100	3.22
SNZ	Mon	8.04	0	0.37
VEA	Mon	4.1	100	0.00
VEE	Mon	0.45	0	0.47