

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6045	25	0.4
NZX 50	12091	75	0.6
DJIA Futures	28204	26	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3410	3	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	11487	17	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade amid ongoing assessments of the likely impacts of this week's domestic national budget, with new data in hand from China, and following strong gains across US equities markets.

In addition, the US presidential election features during ASX trade, with the president's Dr declaring the president free of Covid-19 symptoms, and a public debate between the **US** vice-presidential candidates scheduled to commence **midday** AEDT.

Locally today, no major data releases are due during ASX trade.

Post-trade, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) is scheduled to publish monthly reserve assets.

Also post-trade, **Western Australia** is due to reveal the new State **budget** ~5pm AEDT (2pm local time).

ARB and **GNG** are among stocks trading **ex-dividend** today. Please see p4 for details.

Regionally today, **Bank of Japan** governor Haruhiko Kuroda is due to speak publicly from midday.

Post-ASX trade yesterday, **China** reported \$US3.143 trillion worth of September **foreign reserves**, against \$US3.165 trillion for August.

China's markets remain closed, but are scheduled to resume trade tomorrow.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** turned lower.

US **gold** futures (December) continued so.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) traded US7c/t higher, surpassing \$US121.91/t.

LME **copper** rallied. **Nickel** and **aluminium** turned variously higher.

The **\$A** traded at ~US71.45c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	28303	531	1.9
S&P 500	3419	58	1.7
NASDAQ	11365	210	1.9
FTSE 100	5946	-4	-0.1
DAX 30	12929	23	0.2
Shanghai Comp	3218	Public	Holiday

Today's Stock Watch
CSL Ltd (CSL)

CSL subsidiary Seqirus has finalised an agreement to supply 51M doses of the University of Queensland – CSL potential vaccine to the Australian Government, should trials prove successful.

ELMO Software (ELO)

ELO is acquiring UK-headquartered small business self-service HR specialist Breathe for an initial £18.0M worth of cash and shares.

A cash earn-out, anticipated at £4M, will also be payable, pending financial achievements.

Presentation lodged post-trade yesterday. ELO scheduled a webcast teleconference to commence **9.30am** AEDT.

Ampol Ltd (ALD)

Commencing a Lytton refinery and supply chains review, with outcomes anticipated by 30 June 2021.

Lytton's January – September loss estimated at \$141M, with an \$82M September quarter RCOP EBIT loss.

Anticipating 1.3BL December quarter production and 3.4BL for 2020, against 5.8BL for FY 2019.

Split Payments (SPT)

Total merchants grew 117% year-on-year to 1400.

Merchant sales volume increased by 214% to \$US70.9M.

Total shoppers rose 97% to 362,000.

Johns Lyng Group (JLG)

Three-year contract secured with Chubb Insurance Australia to provide insurance building and restoration services.

Sezzle Inc (SZL)

Active consumers grew 21.5% during the September quarter.

The active merchants tally rose by 29.7%, to 20,890.

Additional operational statistics lodged pre-trade.

SZL has closed higher the past three sessions, settling at \$8.00 yesterday.

Elsight Ltd (ELS)

Repeat order agreement secured with a cash-in-transit and security company, following an initial \$US54,000 test order in June, resulting in a first repeat order valued at \$US133,000.

Village Roadshow (VRL)

According to correspondence received by substantial shareholder Mittleman Investment Management, Mittleman is intending to vote against both of the schemes of arrangement between VRL and an entity owned by funds managed by BGH Capital. VRL intends to progress the schemes, however.

The Federal Court is scheduled to decide on orders for VRL shareholder meetings tomorrow.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy trade featured across major European equities markets overnight, amid Covid-19 containment concerns.

Key US indices jumped on opening and never looked headed, however.

The US president had hinted, late Tuesday, at some select pre-election economic support, including direct payments to households and payroll support for US airlines.

This, after earlier calling off negotiations regarding a potential new economic support plan to be put to Congress.

Meanwhile, investors were also anticipating the evening (US time; midday today AEDT) public debate between the two candidates to be US vice president following this year's election.

Also overnight, **US Federal Reserve** 15 – 16 September policy meeting minutes revealed policy committee members held mixed views regarding the revised approach to setting rates as outlined from the August meeting, and how to communicate this.

Ten-year bond auctions in Germany and the US delivered -0.51% and 0.765% yields respectively, from -0.50% and 0.704%.

In overnight data releases, **Germany's** August industrial production fell 0.2% for the month, following a 1.4% July improvement and against expectations of a 1.8% new increase.

In the US, consumer credit was estimated to have fallen \$US7.22B during August, against expectations of a \$US13.5B increase and following a \$US12.25B July rise.

Weekly mortgage applications grew 4.6% after dropping 4.8% the previous week.

Mean 30-year mortgage rates fell to 3.01% from 3.05%.

Tonight in the **US**, weekly new unemployment claims are due.

The US is also due to host a 30-year bond auction.

Elsewhere, the **European Central Bank** (ECB) is scheduled to release 10 September policy meeting minutes.

Germany is expected to report August trade figures.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1890.8	oz	-18	-0.9
Silver (NY) (Dec)	23.896	oz	-0.02	-0.1
Gold (LON) (6 Oct)	1913	oz		
Platinum	859	oz	14	1.7
WTI Crude (NYMEX Nov)	39.95	bbbl	-0.72	-1.8
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	41.99	bbbl	-0.66	-1.6
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	121.91	t	0.07	0.1
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	6660	t	127	1.9
Nickel	14565	t	40	0.3
Aluminium	1785	t	13	0.7
Lead	1795	t	14	0.8
Zinc	2365	t	2	0.1
Tin	18110	t	10	0.1

Commodities Commentary

Pre-Open Announcements

Bigtincan Holdings (* BTH)

Planning to outlay an initial \$A3.3M for Denmark-headquartered life sciences sector digital sales specialist Agnitio.

Pending revenue achievements over the six months from 1 October, BTH may pay an additional \$A1.65M.

BTH will fund the acquisition from existing cash.

Bingo Industries (BIN)

Q1 FY21 update lodged this morning ahead of a conference presentation today.

In addition, BIN has refinanced a \$500M debt facility which had been due to mature 31 August 2021.

New Energy Solar (NEW)

NEW has sold the 15M US Solar Fund shares together with Walsh & Company Investments 7.6M shares in a block trade at 90c per share.

NEW will use the proceeds to pay down debt and for working capital.

Resources

St Barbara (* SBM)

Produced 72,990oz of gold during the September quarter, against 108,612oz for the June quarter.

Dreadnought Resources (* DRE)

High-grade gold intersections returned from Metzke's Find RC drilling within the Illaara gold-VMS-iron ore project.

Pan Asia Metals (* PAM)

Lithium and tungsten explorer and project developer scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEDT following a \$4.281M IPO at 20c per share. ~48.81M quoted shares.

Siren Gold (* SNG)

Gold explorer and project developer completed a stellar ASX listing yesterday following a \$10M IPO at 25c per share.

Opened at 35.5c and traded at 34.5c – 47c before settling at 45c.

12.19M shares changed hands across 1025 trades.

58.71M quoted units.

GWR Group (* GWR)

GWR has placed 18.3M shares at 18c each, raising \$3.3M before costs.

Funds are earmarked for the C4 DSO iron ore project.

Earlier yesterday, GWR announced RC drilling had confirmed high-grade hematite mineralisation for the project and that project development was underway.

GWR traded at 17.5c – 22c yesterday, settling 19.4% higher for the session, at 21.5c.

Terrain Minerals (TMX)

Heralding Smokebush gold project rock chip sampling results



Oil – US Gulf of Mexico operations were estimated to have cut 1.5MMbbl/d of oil production and 1.3Bcuft of natural gas output by overnight, ahead of the approach of hurricane Delta, while onshore processing facilities were also prepared against damage. Also in the US, a petroleum inventories report, published by government agency the EIA, included a 501,000bbl rise in stored crude and 1.435MMbbl fall in petrol stocks.

Net crude imports came in at 1.463MMbbl/d.

In Norway, Equinor revealed it may have to shut down Johann Sverdrup production, estimated at up to 470,000bbl/d, should industry industrial action not end by 14 October (Wednesday next week).

Gold – \$US moves, in part in response to views regarding the likelihood of any additional pre-election economic support in the US, toyed with overnight gold prices.

US Federal Reserve September policy meeting minutes, published post-gold settlement, during electronic trade, appeared to have little impact on gold prices.

Base metals – overnight prices were pushed and pulled by inventories, international economic recovery commentary and US presidential election campaign developments.

China's markets remain closed for 'Golden Week' but are scheduled to reopen tomorrow.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7140	0.0038	0.54
EUR – USD	1.1769	0.0035	0.30

Australian Data Today

RBA	Official reserve assets (4.30pm AEDT)	Sep
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US Data Tonight

Initial jobless claims	3 Oct
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Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Eco watchers survey (4pm AEDT)	Sep
Germany	Trade balance	Aug
Euro zone	ECB monetary policy minutes	Sep

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and field observations.

Lucapa Diamond Company (LOM)

Lesotho Mothae diamond JV mining and treatment operations are recommencing.

Covid-19 containment measures mean 75% of nameplate capacity is anticipated.

DevEx Resources (DEV)

Basin Creek gold project and June copper-gold project drilling update lodged post-trade yesterday.

DEV has traded higher the past three sessions, settling at 31.5c yesterday after closing out last week at 27c.

Infinity Lithium Corporation (INF)

INF has appointed Jon Starink as an executive director and chief technical officer.

Mr Starink is CEO and MD of Oryx Management and MD of Mining Management Services.

Energy

Strike Energy (* STX) / Warrego Energy (* WGX)

Onshore WA Perth Basin EP469 West Erregulla gas field JV development binding heads of agreement in hand.

Initial phase gas processing capacity has been lifted to 80Tj/d delivered. STX and WGX are targeting FID by 31 March 2021.

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

ERA September quarter uranium oxide output tallied 386t, pushing January – September production to 1184t.

ERA is retaining 1200t – 1600t production guidance for 2020.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Dreadnought Resources	DRE	8 Oct
Twenty Seven Co	TSC	8 Oct
Diatreme Resources	DRX	9 Oct
Liontown Resources	LTR	9 Oct
Myanmar Metals	MYL	9 Oct
DGR Global	DGR	12 Oct
Frontier Digital Ventures	FDV	12 Oct
AD1 Holdings	AD1	13 Oct
Element 25	E25	13 Oct
Magnum Mining & Exploration	MGU	14 Oct

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
The Agency Group Australia	AU1	5 Oct
East Energy Resources	EER	18 Sep
Estrella Resources	ESR	7 Oct
FAR Ltd	FAR	14 Sep
Fatfish Group	FFG	2 Oct
Funtastic Ltd	FUN	5 Oct

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Kaiser Reef	KAU	17 Sep
Lincoln Minerals	LML	21 Sep
Metalicity Ltd	MCT	2 Oct
Phoslock Environmental Technologies	PET	21 Sep
Quantum Graphite	QGL	2 Oct
Riedel Resources	RIE	22 Sep

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ARB	Today	39.5	100	0.00
CAM	Today	1.13	100	4.39
GNG	Today	4	0	3.36
PIA	Today	2.5	100	5.04
DGH	Tomorrow	2.25	0	4.20
HVN	Tomorrow	18	100	4.43
MFF	Tomorrow	3	100	1.71
TRA	Tomorrow	3.64	85	6.54
FGG	Mon	2	100	1.12
WAX	Mon	4.9	100	3.20
WMI	Mon	6	100	1.82
GOW	Tue	3	100	6.60
BKW	Wed	39	100	2.90
MAH	Wed	0.35	30	3.00
PPK	Wed	1	100	0.54

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AMH	AGM
	BXB	AGM
	DJW	AGM
	TCL	AGM
Tue	CBA	AGM
	SKT	AGM
	ST1	AGM
	TLS	AGM