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Market Opener

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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	5809	-1	-0.0
NZX 50	8809	30	0.4
DJIA Futures	25441	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2740	15	0.6
NASDAQ Futures	6950	-30	-0.4

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade on Melbourne Cup day, with the Reserve Bank of Australia holding a policy meeting and announcing outcomes this afternoon.

International geopolitical commentary is expected to continue through today's trade, ahead of the US mid-term elections tonight, and with China hosting a major trade expo.

Overnight wavering international trade produced mixed settlements across equities and commodities markets.

In overnight commodities trade, WTI crude settled lower again but by a few cents only, whereas Brent ultimately swung moderately higher.

US (December) gold futures recorded a further, but slight, slip.

Iron ore (China port, 62% Fe) swung higher and rallied. BHP announced it had suspended WA Pilbara iron ore rail movements following an incident which forced the major international exporter to deliberately derail a train.

LME copper and nickel turned and fell. **Aluminium** pulled back slightly.

The **\$A** was pushed to US72.10c after trading at US72.05c early yesterday evening.

The Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) policy meeting outcomes statement will be published **2.30pm** AEDT.

Locally today also, a weekly consumer sentiment reading is due pre-trade.

Singapore's markets are closed today, due to a public holiday.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	25462	191	0.8
S&P 500	2738	15	0.6
NASDAQ	7329	-28	-0.4
FTSE 100	7104	10	0.1
DAX 30	11495	-24	-0.2
Shanghai Comp	2665	-11	-0.4

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets opened higher and mostly ultimately added to gains, despite vacillating trade.

NASDAQ and proved The Germany's DAX exceptions, however.

Apple and Amazon each suffered from third-party announcements, and the \$US was pushed lower, ahead of tonight's mid-term elections.

RBA – policy meeting outcomes statement **2.30pm** AEDT

Melbourne Cup Day - public holiday in Melbourne and most of Victoria

Today's Stock Watch

Transurban Group (TCL)

Heralding a \$C650M 10-year secured notes offer which is expected to settle 13 November (Toronto time).

Link Administration **Holdings** (LNK) Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)

A consortium comprising LNK, CBA and Morgan Stanley Infrastructure has secured 50% of PEXA following a \$1.6B offer launched 8 October.

LNK is confirming it will not need to raise additional funds to complete the acquisition.

For its part, CBA expects to increases its PEXA holding from 13.1% (pre-offer) to 16%.

CBA's AGM is scheduled for tomorrow.

Fonterra Shareholders' Fund (FSF)

Confirming a \$NZ100M Fonterra Co-op seven-year bond offer, flagged yesterday, is opening today, and will continue through Thursday, pending a bookbuild and demand. 1.35%pa indicative margin. FSF will accept up to \$NZ50M in over-subscriptions. There is no general public offer.

Elixinol Global (ELX)

Now holds 50.5% in a hemp-derived cannabidiol, hemp foods and skincare recently restructured business, to be re-named Elixinol Japan. ELX outlaid \$A2.2M from existing cash to invest in the business.

Windlab Ltd (WND)

The equity investor due to finance the 106MW Lakeland wind farm project, far north Queensland, has withdrawn from the project, citing several risks.

WND says it is talking with alternative potential equity partners, now that the InfraRed Capital Partners exclusive deal has been terminated.

Treasury Wine Estates (TWE)

Macquarie has re-rated TWE as outperform, from neutral.

Resources

Celsius Resources (CLA)

A scoping study for CLA's Namibia Opuwo cobalt-copper-zinc project has produced positive indications, sufficient for CLA to commence discussions with potential off-take partners and to move to pre-feasibility.

A project resource update is anticipated by year's end. CLA holds 95% of Opuwo.

CLA resumes from suspended trade, having last traded at 10.5c.

West African Resources (WAF)

Burkina Faso Sanbrado gold project EPCM contract awarded, to Lycopodium. In addition, Outotec will provide the mill. Initial gold anticipated by the end of 2020.

\$35.4M cash. Nil debt.

Galaxy Resources (GXY)

Morgan Stanley has re-rated GXY as overweight, from equalweight.



Among other investor considerations, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo asserted US sanctions against **Iran** had reduced that nation's oil revenue by \$US2.5B since May, and Iran proclaimed US moves, including sanctions imposed earlier this year, amounted to 'economic war'.

Yesterday, **China**'s president Xi Jinping promised further import tax reductions, claiming his nation opposed protectionism.

European Central Bank (ECB) vice president Luis de Guindos noted that the late-Friday release of bank stress tests indicated banks responsible for 40% of euro zone banking sector assets could need to lift capital.

This prompted speculation the ECB could raise the minimum required CET1 from the 5.5% test cut-off.

In overnight data releases, the ISM's **US** October services sector activity index fell 2.7 points to 62.5, still considered strong, and influential.

Markit's final October services PMI rose 1.3 to 54.8.

In the **euro zone**, Sentix's November investor confidence index was reported 2.6 points lower, at 8.8.

Across the channel, the **UK** October services PMI fell 1.7 to 52.2.

In addition to mid-term elections **tonight**, US job opportunities and economic optimism reports are due.

Companies scheduled to reveal earnings or provide updates later today or tonight include: Archer-Daniels-Midland, Associated British Foods, CVS Health, Eli Lilly, Emerson Electric, Hugo Boss, Imperial Brands, Kirin Holdings, Mitsubishi Motors, Morrisons, Ralph Lauren, Regeneron, Sky Plc and Toyota Motor.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1232	oz	-1	-0.1
Silver (NY) (Dec)	14.6	oz	-0.1	-0.8
Gold (LON)	1232	oz		
Platinum	864	OZ	-3	-0.4
WTI Crude (Dec)	63.1	bbl	-0.04	-0.1
Brent Crude (Jan)	73.2	bbl	-0.3	0.5
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	75.7	t	1.7	2.4
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	6191	t	-92	-1.5
Nickel	11750	t	-180	-1.5
Aluminium	1975	t	2	0.1
Lead	1935	t	-55	-2.8
Zinc	2520	t	-32	-1.3
Tin	19075	t	-25	-0.1
CBT Wheat (Dec)	5.07	bshl	-0.02	-0.3

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices turned higher overnight as US petroleum sector and associated finance sanctions against Iran came into effect.

The eight nations securing 180-day penalty waivers from the US were confirmed as China, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Turkey.

Meanwhile, data analysis company Kayrros estimated little change in Iran's October crude output, compared with September production.

Gold – prices swung overnight, amid hesitancy ahead of the US mid-term elections tonight, a

Pre-Open Announcements

Raiz Invest (RZI)

FUM fell 3.3% to \$252.91M during October, despite a 7.4% rise in superannuation funds.

Resources

Mincor Resources (MCR)

WA goldfields Ken/McMahon nickel project resource extension drilling is underway.

Buxton Resources (* BUX) / New World Cobalt (NWC)

BUX is proposing to acquire NWC's far northern WA West Kimberley project.

Scrip consideration details lodged this morning.

Moreton Resources (MRV)

MRV company secretary John Haley has been appointed CEO.

Mr Haley has also been appointed as an MRV non-executive director until no later than 1 March 2019.

Former MRV CEO finished with MRV Friday last week (2 November).

Long-term MRV shareholder and more recent director Tony Feitelson has also resigned.

In addition, Kalman Salgo has been appointed as MRV Metals Pty Ltd.

AngloGold Ashanti (AGG)

September quarter update lodged post-trade yesterday.

Moho Resources (* MOH)

Explorer scheduled to list 1pm AEDT tomorrow following a \$5.3M IPO at 20c per share.

32.28M quoted securities.

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

	(Selected Scheduled)		
When	Company	Report/Event	
Tomorrow	CBA NWS (Overnight Wed AEDT) VAH	AGM Sep Q AGM	
Thu	BHP GMG JHX NWS PDL REA SGM TME	AGM Q1 Q2 Sep Q teleconf Full year Q1 AGM AGM	
Fri	NAN SFH	AGM AGM	
12 Nov	ELD	Full year	
13 Nov	BRG CQR NXT IPL	AGM AGM AGM Full year	



weaker \$US, a Federal Reserve policy meeting, and the keenly anticipated subsequent policy statement during US Thursday trade (early Friday AEDT).

Base metals – Caixin's October services PMI for **China**, reported yesterday, fell 2.3 points to 50.8.

Japan's services sector activity index came in 2.2 points higher for the month, at 52.4.

China's October trade and inflation figures are scheduled for release Thursday and Friday respectively.

Meanwhile, China continued to publicly bemoan the US's trade stance.

Overnight, Russia's major aluminium producer Rusal reported 42% higher September quarter net profit for the three months, on 2.2% higher year-on-year London prices, an 8.1% sales increase and 1% higher aluminium production.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7211	-0.0003	-0.05
EUR – USD	1.1408	-0.0002	-0.01

Australian Data Today

RBA	Policy statement	Nov
ANZ/RoyMgn	Consumer sentiment	4 Nov

US Data Tonight

JOLTS job openings	Sep
IBD/TIPP economic optimism	Nov

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Household spending (10.30am)	Sep
Germany	Services PMI (final)	Oct
Germany	Factory orders	Sep
Euro zone	PPI	Sep
Euro zone	Services PMI (final)	Oct

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14 Nov	AST	Interim
	BIN	AGM
	CPU	AGM
	MPL	AGM
	MGX	AGM
	NSR	AGM
	NCM	AGM
	NEC	AGM
	PGH	AGM
	RHC	AGM
	SWM	AGM
15 Nov	ABP	AGM
	CHC	AGM
	CGC	AGM
	EHL	AGM
	FXL	AGM
	FMG	AGM
	GMG	AGM
	ISD	AGM
	NVT	AGM
	NST	AGM
	PTM	AGM
	SXY	AGM
	SRS	AGM
	WES	AGM

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Australian Whisky Holdings	AWY	6 Nov
Strandline Resources	STA	6 Nov
Alt Resources	ARS	7 Nov
Jadar Lithium	JDR	7 Nov
Kin Mining	KIN	7 Nov
Lake Resources	LKE	7 Nov
Sunstone Metals	STM	7 Nov
Troy Resources	TRY	7 Nov
Tychean Resources	TYK	7 Nov
Webjet Ltd	WEB	7 Nov

Suspensions (select)

Code	Since
AMG	5 Nov
GMC	19 Oct
IMS	26 Oct
LIN	5 Nov
MXC	5 Nov
MRQ	31 Oct
NXE	1 Nov
OIL	2 Nov
PEL	31 Oct
UPD	9 Oct
	AMG GMC IMS LIN MXC MRQ NXE OIL PEL

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
BIS	Today	4	100	4.44
BKW	Tomorrow	36	100	3.21
PBP	Tomorrow	5	100	5.13
RMD	Tomorrow	3.66	0	0.93



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API	Thu	4	100	4.75
NAB	Thu	99	100	7.80
WAT	Thu	3	100	2.38
CSR	Fri	13	100	8.26
JHG	Fri	50.49	0	5.71
ANZ	12 Nov	80	100	6.20
MQG	12 Nov	215	45	4.40
ORI	12 Nov	31.5	0	2.89