

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5448	51	0.9
NZX 50	6875	20	0.3
DJIA Futures	19210	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2204	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	4781	42	0.9

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens on mostly positive international equities and commodities leads.

Locally today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) holds its final policy meeting of the year and will release a statement **2.30pm** AEDST.

Pre-trade, a weekly consumer sentiment reading is due. The ABS reports September quarter current account statistics 11.30am.

In overnight commodities trade, US **gold** futures turned settled slightly lower. **Oil** closed a little higher. **Copper** traded sharply higher. **Iron ore** turned positive again.

The **\$A** was pushed to ~US74.70c after falling below ~US74.35c yesterday evening.

Meanwhile, China and Russia have voted down a UN proposal for a seven-day truce in Aleppo, **Syria**.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	19216	46	0.2
S&P 500	2205	13	0.6
NASDAQ	5309	53	1.0
FTSE 100	6747	16	0.2
DAX 30	10685	171	1.6
Shanghai Comp	3205	-39	-1.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets each traded higher overnight on encouraging economic data amid plenty else to consider.

The \$US dropped, oil price gains moderated further, and a new, possibly anti-euro zone government was contemplated in Italy, after a 'no' vote on a referendum that would have enabled reforms in line with European Union requirements.

In the UK Supreme Court, the government's appeal hearing commenced, regarding the court decision to secure a parliamentary vote before implementing UK-European separation plans.

In the US in particular, the financial sector returned to favour.

In **US** data releases, ISM's non-manufacturing index measured 57.2, representing a 2.4 point gain within a month.

Euro zone October retail sales jumped 2.4% year-on-year, following forecasts of a 1.7% improvement. A services PMI dipped 0.3, but to a nonetheless comparatively robust 53.8.

Across in the **UK**, the services sector activity index rose 0.7 to 55.2 against expectations of a 0.5 pullback.

RBA - policy statement 2.30pm AEDST.

* Minerals sector listing **midday** AEDST - **WGX** *

* IT listing **1.45pm** AEDST - **HMO** *

Today's Stock Watch

Vocus Communications (VOC)

Agreement secured with Alcatel Submarine Networks, for Alcatel to commence construction of the 4600km Australia - Singapore cable system designed to link Singapore, Indonesia and Asia. August 2018 targeted completion.

Sky City Entertainment (SKC)

SKC interim CEO John Mortensen has been appointed COO, a newly-created position within SKC. Mr Mortensen was formerly SKC's COO for New Zealand. He will remain interim CEO until Sun International CEO Graeme Stephens commences as SKC CEO 1 May 2017.

NRW Holdings (NWH)

Offering \$60M worth of notes and will accept \$10M in over-subscriptions. Details lodged this morning.

Viva Energy REIT (VVR) / SAI Global (SAI)

VVR will be added to the S&P/ASX 200 after close-of-trade Monday next week (12 December), due to the removal of SAI which is being acquired by Baring Asia. The December quarter changes to S&P/ASX indices become effective post-trade 16 December.

Bapcor Ltd (BAP)

Morgans has placed BAP on its 'add' list, cancelling hold advice.

HearMeOut Ltd (* HMO)

Social network app scheduled to list **1.45pm** AEDST following a \$6.5M IPO at 20c per share.

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare (FPH)

Trading ex-dividend (~7.84c) today. FPH lost 16c yesterday.

Resources

Westgold Resources (* WGX)

Gold-miner scheduled to list **midday** AEDST. No funds were raised for the listing. ~304.67M shares. HSBC Custody Nominees, JP Morgan Nominees, Jinchuan Group and National Nominees make up the top four shareholders with a total ~55%.

Energy

BHP Billiton (BHP)

Awarded, in partnership with Petr6leos Mexicanos, Gulf of Mexico deep-water Trion oil field blocks AE-0092/93. BHP 60% and operator. BHP is paying \$US63.4M cash upfront and has committed to a minimum work program costed at up to \$US320M.

Origin Energy (** ORG)

Planning to spin off the company's upstream assets in Australia and New Zealand and to list these on the ASX during 2017. ORG is essentially chasing reduced debt. Details lodged this morning.

Austin Exploration (AKK)

Colorado Pathfinder gas sales MoU secured with Lionheart Refining & Recycling.

Bank of England governor Mark Carney warned of the growing gap between the haves and have-nots and its threat to the benefits of open international trade.

Tonight in the US, trade balance, factory orders and an economic optimism report are due.

Overnight in corporate news, **Ford** revealed plans for \$US2B worth of debt finance.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Feb)	1177	oz	-1	-0.1
Silver (NY) (Dec)	16.8	oz	-0.0	-0.1
Gold (LON)	1162	oz	-11	-1.0
Platinum	935	oz	7	0.8
WTI Crude (Jan)	51.8	bbl	0.1	0.2
Brent Crude (Feb)	54.9	bbl	0.5	0.8
Iron Ore (Tianjin)	78.4	t	0.4	0.5
Copper (LME)	5950	t	190	3.3
Nickel	11640	t	185	1.6
Aluminium	1735	t	20	1.2
Lead	2321	t	49	2.2
Zinc	2766	t	98	3.7
Tin	21175	t	150	0.7
CBT Wheat (Dec)	3.89	bshl	0.02	0.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – shale expectations in the US reportedly constrained WTI gains more than for Brent. ICE long positions were reported at four-week highs.

Meanwhile, a Russian corporation surmised the nation's promised production cutback could commence in March 2017, following reports of record November output.

Gold – traded at 10-month lows (\$US1158.6/oz) before recovering most of the session's early fall on relative \$US weakness.

Base metals – services sector PMIs, reported yesterday, pleased in both China and Japan. Those published in the US and UK overnight, also exceeded expectations and/or the previous month's readings.

In the US (Comex), *copper* traded at 18-month peaks.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7475	0.0003	0.04
EUR – USD	1.0763	-0.0001	-0.01

Australian Data Today

ANZ/RoyMgn	Consumer sentiment	Nov
RBA	Policy statement	Dec
ABS	Current account	SepQ
Dun&BradSt	Business expectations	Nov

US Data Tonight

IBD/TIPP economic optimism	Nov
Trade balance	Oct
Factory orders	Oct

Pre-Open Announcements

Tamawood Ltd (TWD)

Year-to-date FY2017 NPAT has been estimated at 10% more than the previous guidance, in part due to favourable weather conditions.

SurfStitch Group (* SRF)

Quiksilver Europe chairman and founder Harry Hodge joins the SRF board as a non-executive director today. Mr Hodge is also a former executive director of the NYSE-listed parent Quiksilver and current deputy chair of Surfing New South Wales. In addition, executive directors Lex Pedersen (SRF co-founder) and Justin Stone (Surfdome founder) will retire as directors by the end of the month in favour of concentrating on their SRF executive roles. Further, Stephen Goddard and Jane Huxley are standing down from the SRF board, effective 31 December.

1-Page Ltd (1PG)

Peter Kent has been appointed COO and CFO. Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Watermark Market Neutral Fund (WMK)

Preliminary calculations indicate the fund's gross value may have slipped 0.96% (pre-tax and pre-fees) during November.

Codan Ltd (CDA)

Investor presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

Thred Ltd (THD)

Resuming from suspension with a \$3.1M fully-underwritten one-for-five rights issue at 2c per share. THD last traded at 2.4c.

Dreamscape Networks (* DN8)

Domain name and services specialist scheduled to list 2.30pm AEDST tomorrow following a \$25M IPO at 25c per share.

Resources

Greenpower Energy (* GPP)

Applying for eight Northern Territory exploration licences confirmed to host potassium and sulphate of potash. The applications cover 6250sq km within the MacArthur Basin. GPP is planning to test for lithium also. Resuming from a trading halt having last traded at 2.9c.

Energy

Berkeley Energia (BKY)

500ha worth of Salamanca project land acquisitions completed in Spain.

TTE Petroleum (TTE)

JT Reese #21 has been drilled to 4300ft total depth. Wireline logging and coring underway. TTE 30% working interest; Viceroy Petroleum 70% and working interest. TTE has traded at 0.2c – 0.5c over the past week.

Sino Gas & Energy Holdings (SEH)

\$US50M debt facility extension documentation finalised. Details lodged this morning.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Emmerson Resources	ERM	6 Dec
Lion Energy	LIO	6 Dec
Avalon Minerals	AVI	7 Dec
Castillo Copper	CCZ	7 Dec
Dubber Corporation	DUB	7 Dec

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

Japan	Employment (provisional)	Oct
Japan	Imported vehicle sales	Nov
UK	BRC retail sales	Nov
Germany	Factory orders	Nov
Euro zone	GDP (final)	SepQ

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GTN Ltd	GTN	7 Dec
IVE Group	IGL	7 Dec
Orthocell Ltd	OCC	7 Dec
Overland Resources	OVR	7 Dec
Terrain Minerals	TMX	7 Dec
Triangle Energy (Global)	TEG	8 Dec

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Ashley Services Group	ASH	10 Nov
CMI Ltd	CMI	18 Nov
Dacian Gold	DCN	5 Dec
Horseshoe Metals	HOR	22 Nov
Kollakorn Corporation	KKL	28 Nov
Mission NewEnergy	MBT	28 Nov
MOD Resources	MOD	2 Dec
Nyota Minerals	NYO	15 Nov
Pegasus Metals	PUN	22 Nov
Wangle Technologies	WGL	18 Nov

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
DDR	Today	3.85	100	6.79
FPH	Today	~7.84	0	2.18
CKF	Tomorrow	8	100	2.66
MSG	Tomorrow	~0.32	0	10.39
BTT	Thu	24	35	3.92
GTK	Thu	~7.32	0	3.35

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Tomorrow	TPM	AGM
Thu	IAG	Investor Day
	TEN	AGM
Fri	SOL	AGM
	WBC	AGM
12 Dec	EHL	AGM
14 Dec	DLX	AGM
15 Dec	ORI	AGM
16 Dec	ANZ	AGM
	BTT	AGM
	ELD	AGM
	IPL	AGM
	NAB	AGM