

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.25am AEST)	5396	-18	-0.3
NZX 50	7548	-23	-0.3
DJIA Futures	18512	-2	-0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2184	-1	-0.0
NASDAQ Futures	4827	-2	-0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens again on mixed commodities and international equities leads.

Regionally today, **China** is due to release August trade statistics ~midday AEST. Foreign direct investment (FDI) is also anticipated.

Japan releases a final June quarter GDP **8.50am**.

Locally, July trade balance figures will be published 11.30am.

A swag of high-profile stocks trades **ex-dividend**, including **AIZ, ASX, CTD, FXL, IRE, MND, NHF, SHL, SKT** and **WOW**. Please see pp2-3 for a detailed list.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** settled higher and has rallied further in post-US trade. US **gold** futures pulled back. **Copper** swung higher. **Iron ore** continued its latest descent.

The **\$A** appreciated ~0.1c after approaching ~US76.65c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	18526	-12	-0.1
S&P 500	2186	-0.3	-0.0
NASDAQ	5284	8	0.2
FTSE 100	6847	21	0.3
DAX 30	10753	66	0.6
Shanghai Comp	3092	1	0.0

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets largely chopped and swung through overnight trade.

Germany's July industrial output disappointed early, dropping 1.5% for the month following forecasts of a 0.2% improvement on June's 1.1% rise.

Encouraging data releases continued in the **UK** however, July industrial output reported 2.2% higher year-on-year, after 1.4% for June and against expectations of 1.9%.

Bank of England governor Mark Carney assured the UK parliament, via a Treasury committee, that the central bank's package of stimulus moves last month came at the right time to support the UK economy through adjustment.

A **US** job openings report revealed a 3.9% increase in vacancies during July, to an almost 16-year high, in part due to jobseekers not having the skills required for the jobs available.

The Federal Reserve's region-by-region 'beige book' economic overview indicated general modest growth with similar near-term expectations.

Mortgage activity continued to increase, with the

China – trade figures expected **midday** AEST.

RBA – governor-designate Philip Lowe opened a conference organised by the Asian Development Bank, Institute of Global Finance and University of NSW, **8.55am** AEST.

Today's Stock Watch

Sigma Pharmaceuticals (SIP)

26.4% higher, \$23.9M interim NPAT. 28.1% higher, \$2.1B sales revenue. 2.5c interim dividend, up 25%. 41.7c NTA. 2.2c EPS. \$40.8M cash and equivalents. \$55.3M net debt. Anticipating 10% higher FY 2017 earnings.

Tower Ltd (TWR)

Canterbury earthquakes claims provisions raised, due to 800 new claims over the past six months.

Link Administration Holdings (LNK)

PEP and ICG Plc shareholders held a total respective ~89.1M and ~14.99M LNK shares due for escrow yesterday. PEP and ICG arranged with an investment bank to sell all these under a block trade agreement, and post-ASX trade yesterday, ~104.1M shares were sold, at \$8.38, across 17 transactions. LNK managers also held 24.73M shares escrowed until yesterday and employees 430,697. LNK traded at \$8.29 - \$8.42 yesterday.

NEXTDC Ltd (NXT)

Resuming from a trading halt having completed a \$50M institutional placement at \$4.06 per share, and a \$58M (97% take-up) institutional one-for-9.1 entitlement offer, at \$3.74 per share. A \$42M retail entitlement offer is scheduled for 12 - 26 September.

Praemium Ltd (PPS)

Proposing to acquire UK pension firm Wensley Mackay for £600,000 cash.

Resonance Health (RHT)

RHT's association with a Phase 3 clinical trial has been expanded and extended. RHT will now provide FerriScan and Cardiac T2 services beyond the Asian sites to a new site in Europe. In addition, RHT will supply a spleen volume measurement service to the trial.

Dexus Property Group (DXS)

DXS's 50%-held Dexus Office Partnership has settled the \$86.5M sale of a property in North Terrace, Adelaide.

Anatara Lifesciences (ANR)

A target animal safety study for ANR's Detach piglet diarrhoea treatment has been completed successful with 40 piglets. Details lodged this morning.

GPT Group (GPT)

Credit Suisse has re-rated GPT as neutral, from underperform, and lifted its price target 4.2% to \$5.21. GPT traded at \$5.00 - \$5.18 yesterday.

Resources

Orocobre Ltd (ORE)

Deutsche Bank is recommending ORE as a buy, cancelling hold advice.

Anova Metals (AWV)

AWV's \$2M, 13c-per-share SPP has been oversubscribed by ~\$1M. AWV traded at 17c - 18c yesterday.

past week's applications reported 0.9% higher.

Meanwhile, three Federal Reserve officials put their case for a rate rise, two of these to a parliamentary committee.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims are due, together with July consumer credit.

Across the Atlantic, the European Central Bank (**ECB**) convenes its first policy meeting since July.

Jindal Steel & Power is among companies due to report earnings today and tonight.

Overnight, **Apple** released the iPhone 7, featuring wireless headphones, plus a new watch.

Nintendo appreciated 27% with news (at the Apple event) that Super Mario Run would become available on the Apple operating system.

Sony launched a new game console version (of PlayStation 4), featuring significant graphics improvements.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1350	oz	-4	-0.3
Silver (NY) (Dec)	19.9	oz	-0.3	-1.3
Gold (LON)	1348	oz	11	0.8
Platinum	1087	oz	-10	-0.9
WTI Crude (Oct)	45.5	bbl	0.7	1.5
Iron Ore (Tianjin)	58.3	t	-0.3	-0.5
Copper (LME)	4650	t	30	0.7
Nickel	10210	t	100	1.0
Aluminium	1593	t	4	0.3
Lead	1919	t	-28	-1.4
Zinc	2323	t	2	0.1
Tin	19550	t	100	0.5
CBT Wheat (Sep)	3.75	bshl	0.04	1.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – fluctuating prices were largely put down to the extra day's wait for US output and storage figures, a stronger \$US, and a reported refinery outage in Canada which supported petrol prices.

API figures were expected post-US trade and when they came in, pushed prices up to ~3% higher, as they included an estimated 12.1MMbbl crude draw down for last week, the most in almost 31.5 years.

Official US (EIA) weekly petroleum inventories are due tonight.

Gold – lower overnight prices were attributed mostly to profit-taking ahead of key data out of Japan and China today, and an ECB policy meeting tonight. Some \$US strength also detracted from sentiment. \$US1357.60/oz was achieved in early trade however.

Base metals – copper notably traded at two-week highs overnight while industry analysts issued cautions.

China's August trade figures, due today, will likely influence tonight's trade. CPI and PPI are expected tomorrow.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7669	-0.0004	-0.05
EUR – USD	1.1239	0.0000	0.00

Pre-Open Announcements

Weebit Nano (WBT)

Collaboration agreement secured with French microelectronics research institute Leti. Details lodged this morning.

Kyckr Ltd (KYK)

Data management specialist completed its ASX listing yesterday following a \$5.19M IPO at 20c per share. Opened at 20c and slipped to 17.5c before settling at 19.5c. 417,476 shares were traded across 29 transactions.

Resources

Explaurum Ltd (EXU)

EXU's WA wheatbelt Tampia gold project scoping study has delivered sufficiently positive outcomes for EXU to plan near-term infill and extension drilling, plus further exploration drilling.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Gulf Manganese Corporation	GMC	8 Sep
HJB Corporation	HJB	8 Sep
Krakatoa Resources	KTA	8 Sep
Latitude Consolidated	LCD	8 Sep
KBL Mining	KBL	9 Sep
Troy Resources	TRY	9 Sep
A-Cap Resources	ACB	12 Sep
Avanco Resources	AVB	12 Sep

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
ATC Alloys	ATA	2 Sep
Aura Energy	AEE	7 Sep
Australia China Holdings	AAK	25 Aug
Diploma Group	DGX	1 Sep
Excalibur Mining Corporation	EXM	15 Aug
India Resources	IRL	19 Aug

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
AEF	Today	180	100	3.51
AIZ	Today	~33.58	0	8.04
ARA	Today	1	0	2.56
ASX	Today	99	30	3.92
AVJ	Today	3.5	30	7.25
BGL	Today	1.3	100	1.50
BPT	Today	0.5	100	0.91
CLT	Today	1.25	100	5.10
CTD	Today	15	100	1.32
FXL	Today	7.25	100	6.04
GRR	Today	0.5	100	4.17
HIT	Today	2	100	3.39
ILU	Today	3	100	3.56
IRE	Today	16	60	3.56
KME	Today	1	0	4.55
LBL	Today	0.2	100	3.64
LIC	Today	1.5	100	0.77

**US Data Tonight**

Initial jobless claims	3 Sep
Consumer credit	Jul

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Trade balance	Aug
China	Foreign direct investment (FDI)	Aug
Japan	Trade balance	Jul
Japan	GDP (final)	Jun Q
Japan	Bank lending	Aug
Japan	Exports, imports (1 st 20 days)	Aug
Japan	Eco watchers survey	Aug
Japan	Bankruptcies	Aug
Japan	Current account	Jul
UK	RICS house price balance	Aug
Euro zone	ECB policy statement	Sep

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MEQ	Today	~3.26	0	0.00
MLB	Today	2	100	3.11
MND	Today	32	100	6.79
NHF	Today	9	100	3.26
OZL	Today	6	0	3.18
PME	Today	1.5	0	0.50
RCG	Today	3	100	3.18
SDI	Today	1.2	100	2.38
SHL	Today	44	30	3.30
SKT	Today	~14.39	0	5.85
TCN	Today	0.35	0	5.56
TGG	Today	4.5	55.55	3.69
TGR	Today	7.5	100	3.67
TME	Today	~8.51	0	2.71
WOW	Today	33	100	3.19
BSL	Tomorrow	3	100	0.69
EPW	Tomorrow	6	0	11.71
FLK	Tomorrow	2.5	100	2.59
HHL	Tomorrow	14.6	100	6.34
INM	Tomorrow	~45.38	0	1.78
IRI	Tomorrow	3.5	60	2.75
PTL	Tomorrow	1.95	100	4.72
RFG	Tomorrow	14.5	100	3.92
SFR	Tomorrow	9	100	2.06
SHJ	Tomorrow	2.5	0	1.95
VII	Tomorrow	3	0	15.38
WDE	Tomorrow	2	100	3.90
ABA	Mon	16	100	5.71
CIM	Mon	48	100	3.35
GC1	Mon	3	100	3.71
OPG	Mon	2	100	5.56
ORA	Mon	5	30	3.03
PEP	Mon	3	100	2.31
QMS	Mon	1.5	100	1.29
QUB	Mon	2.8	100	2.24
SDF	Mon	3.6	100	2.56