

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.25am AEST)	5483	-5	-0.1
NZX 50	7347	-2	-0.0
DJIA Futures	18443	-9	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	2172	-1	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	4779	-3	-0.1

Local Markets Commentary

Australian market trade commences on uninspiring international equities leads.

Commodities leads are mixed. **Oil** continued lower and **gold** higher. **Copper** turned and rallied. **Iron ore** pulled back after no change the previous session.

The **\$A** slipped to ~US77.10c after trading above US77.20c yesterday evening.

Locally today, domestic corporate reporting season continues, with results from **TLS** and **GMG**. **RIO** also trades ex-dividend.

The Melbourne Institute publishes a monthly consumer inflationary expectations report 11am AEST.

Singapore Telecommunications (includes Optus) will also report this morning.

Earlier this morning, the **Reserve Bank of New Zealand** cut rates 0.25% to 2.00%, citing international economic uncertainty. The reduction is the sixth in 14 months and another is considered likely in November.

Japan's markets will remain **closed today** due to a public holiday.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	18496	-37	-0.2
S&P 500	2175	-6	-0.3
NASDAQ	5205	-21	-0.4
FTSE 100	6866	15	0.2
DAX 30	10651	-42	-0.4
Shanghai Comp	3019	-7	-0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Trade across major European equities markets varied overnight, largely due to select corporate financial reports. US indices fell sharply a couple of hours into trade, on discouraging petroleum inventories.

A **US** June job opportunities report showed a 0.1% increase for the month. Layoffs were estimated at 1.6M, against 1.7M in May.

Weekly mortgage applications rose 7% due to lower rates following the surprise June quarter GDP estimate Friday week ago.

The national July deficit came in at \$US113B, 24% lower for the year, and in line with expectations.

In the **UK**, returns on some government bonds (gilts) turned negative after the Bank of England found (Tuesday) there were insufficient sellers for the amount it proposed to spend on such purchases.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment

Today's Stock Watch

Telstra Corporation (TLS)

36.5% higher, \$5.78B full-year NPAT. 11.5% higher, \$29.67B income. 15.5c fully-franked final dividend. 54.3c NTA. 47.3c EPS. \$3.55B cash and equivalents.

In addition, TLS is proposing to *buy back* \$1.25B worth of shares off-market and \$250M on-market, during 1H FY 2017.

Planning to *spend* \$3B over three years to expand and improve networks and services.

Further, TLS is *appointing* former Accenture Asia-Pacific MD Jane Hemstritch as a non-executive director, effective tomorrow. Ms Hemstritch is also a director of LendLease (ASX:LLC), Tabcorp Holdings (TAH) and several private and NFP groups.

Goodman Group (GMG)

5.5% higher, \$1.27B full-year NPAT. 24.9% higher, \$2.94B revenue and other income. 12.1c final dividend and distribution, up 1c. \$4.098 NTA. 69.8c EPS. \$1.3B cash.

Magellan Financial Group (MFG)

38c fully-franked final dividend. 3% higher, \$187.3M full-year NPAT. 17% higher, \$333.8M revenue. \$2.07 NTA. \$1.155 EPS. Teleconference scheduled for 2pm. Access details lodged this morning.

JB Hi-Fi (JBH)

The ACCC will not oppose JBH's potential acquisition of The Good Guys. No agreement has been reached nor is considered a done deal. JBH says it understands The Good Guys is considering an IPO among options other than the traditional sales process.

DuluxGroup Ltd (DLX)

Acquiring the UK-headquartered Craig & Rose paints business. Craig & Rose is described as a small, domestic niche manufacturer offering a premium brand.

Treasury Wine Estates (TWE)

Former Quiksilver executive VP general counsel and secretary Linnsey Caya has been appointed TWE general counsel, effective 12 September, replacing Paul Conroy.

Automotive Holdings Group (AHG)

CEO Bronte Howson is retiring after 17 years in this role and 28 years with AHG. Former Inchcape Plc CFO John McConnell will be CEO, effective 29 August. Mr Howson will continue as MD until 31 December, with Mr McConnell taking over 1 January 2017.

Sealink Travel Group (SLK)

140% higher, \$22.3M full-year NPAT. 59% higher, \$176.7M revenue. 7.5c fully-franked final dividend, up 3.5c. 89c NTA. 23.4c EPS. \$5.2M cash and equivalents.

James Hardie Industries (* JHX)

AGM later today, Dublin. Q1 results anticipated tomorrow.

Resources

Rio Tinto (** RIO)

Trading ex-dividend (59.13c) today.

Mincor Resources (MCR)

\$41.97M full-year net loss, following a \$34.3M loss a year ago. Revenue dropped 78.3% to \$18.57M. 12.8c NTA.

claims are due, together with July import and export prices.

June quarter GDP figures are expected out of Russia.

Companies scheduled to report earnings today and tonight include: Singapore Telecommunications (including Optus), Alibaba, Macy's, Noble Group, RWE, Glencore and Petrobras.

Royal Dutch Shell, Rio Tinto, Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds, GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca and Merlin Entertainments trade ex-dividend on the FTSE 100.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1352	oz	5	0.4
Silver (NY) (Sep)	20.2	oz	0.3	1.6
Gold (LON)	1348	oz	7	0.5
Platinum	1175	oz	22	1.9
WTI Crude (Sep)	41.7	bbl	-1.1	-2.5
Iron Ore (Tianjin)	60.7	t	-0.7	-1.1
Copper (LME)	4821	t	42	0.9
Nickel	10860	t	80	0.7
Aluminium	1647	t	5	0.3
Lead	1819	t	15	0.8
Zinc	2286	t	12	0.5
Tin	18550	t	135	0.7
CBT Wheat (Sep)	4.22	bshl	0.05	1.1

Commodities Commentary

Oil – a significantly weaker \$US failed to help overnight trade, Brent crude settling 2.1% lower, at \$US44.05/bbl.

The EIA's weekly US **inventories** report revealed 1.1MMbbl more in overall crude stockpiles, defying historical peak summer records, and forecasts of an 800,000bbl - 1MMbbl drawdown.

Saudi Arabia's July output was also reported by OPEC at a record high.

The International Energy Agency (**IEA**) is due to publish a monthly oil market report tonight.

Gold – a 0.6% \$US fall supported overnight trade, but prices notably settled closer to session lows than highs.

The four day India International Gold Convention commences today in Agra.

Base metals – LME trade benefited from a \$US pullback. *Zinc* attained 15-month peaks, supported by production cutbacks.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7715	0.0012	0.15
EUR – USD	1.1185	0.0010	0.09

Australian Data Today

MelbInst Consumer inflation expectations Aug

US Data Tonight

Initial jobless claims 6 Aug
Import & export prices Jul

Pre-Open Announcements

Prima BioMed (* PRR)

PRR's NASDAQ closing prices have been undershooting minimum requirements to the extent PRR must now attain a closing bid at least at a minimum \$US1.00 for 10 consecutive business days within a 180-day period to regain compliance and hence a continued NASDAQ listing.

Bendigo & Adelaide Bank (BEN)

\$A700M worth of TORRENS Series 2016-1 Trust RMBS will be issued rather than the originally proposed \$500M. Prices have also been increased. Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

IMF Bentham (IMF)

IMF has received a second payment from a US case and will recognise \$1.5M revenue. IMF says it is entitled to further payments but will not record a profit unless and until additional payments are received.

Alliance Aviation Services (* AQZ)

\$13.5M full-year NPAT, following a \$36.6M net loss a year ago. 9.1% lower, \$181.5M revenue. 2c fully-franked final dividend. \$1.04 NTA. 11.79c EPS.

Nick Scali (* NCK)

53.1% higher, \$26.15M full-year NPAT. 30.4% higher, \$203.0M revenue. 8c fully-franked final dividend. 68.41c NTA. Presentation lodged this morning.

Imugene Ltd (IMU)

Taiwan Taipei Veterans General Hospital approval in hand for IMU's Phase1b/2 HER-Vaxx gastric cancer therapy clinical trial.

Resources

Birimian Ltd (BGS)

Mali Bougouni lithium project RC drilling within the Goulamina West zone have indicated another high-grade area of mineralisation. Assays lodged this morning. Initial project resource expected next month.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Argonaut Resources	ARE	11 Aug
Byron Energy	BYE	11 Aug
Rewardle Holdings	RXH	11 Aug
BPS Technology	BPS	12 Aug
Duketon Mining	DKM	12 Aug
Hawkley Oil & Gas	HOG	12 Aug
Rox Resources	RXL	12 Aug

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Agenix Ltd	AGX	29 Jul
ATC Alloys	ATA	28 Jul
Bass Metals	BSM	29 Jul
G8 Communications	G8C	10 Aug
Gleneagle Gold	GLN	25 Jul
Gulf Manganese Corporation	GMC	9 Aug
Indus Energy	IND	5 Aug
Kasbah Resources	KAS	21 Jul

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

UK	RICS house price balance	Jul
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MinQuest Ltd	MNQ	18 Jul
Mount Magnet South	MUM	27 Jul
Namibian Copper	NCO	16 Jul
Nickelore Ltd	NIO	22 Jul
Odin Energy	ODN	21 Jul
Parmelia Resources	PML	13 Jul
Regalpoint Resources	RGU	14 Jul
Wellard Ltd	WLD	9 Aug

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
FRI	Today	4	100	8.00
MLT	Today	9.9	100	4.22
RIO	Today	59.13	100	4.17
WFD	Today	12.55	0	2.82
MGP	Tomorrow	0.2	0	2.16
SCG	Tomorrow	10.65	0	4.10
SUN	Tomorrow	38	100	4.95
8IH	Mon	0.5	0	1.87
ASW	Mon	2.25	100	6.25
KAT	Mon	1.5	50	7.59

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	GMG	Full-year
	JHX	AGM
	MFG	Full-year
	SLK	Full-year
	TLS	Full-year
Tomorrow	BBN	Full-year
	CAR	Full-year
	JHX	1Q FY2017
	SSM	Full-year
Mon	ANN	Full-year
	AZJ	Full-year
	IMD	Full-year
	NAB	Trading update
	NCM	Full-year
	ORA	Full-year
Tue	BHP	Full-year
	CGF	Full-year
	DMP	Full-year
	IVC	Interim
	MGR	Full-year
	SCP	Full-year
	SGF	Full-year
Wed	ARB	Full-year
	ARI	Full-year
	AOG	Full-year
	CWN	Full-year
	CSL	Full-year
	DXS	Full-year
	FBU	Full-year
	PRY	Full-year
	QBE	Interim



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