

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDST)	<b>6017</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-0.0</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	8264	-17	-0.2
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	24530	4	0.0
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	2665	0	0.0
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	6384	0	0.0

## Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade on mostly negative key commodities and largely positive international equities leads.

Among commodities, **gold** futures continued lower, and **oil** turned to settle so.

**Iron ore** (China port, 62% Fe) swung higher.

LME **copper** turned and settled slightly lower. **Nickel** fell.

The **\$A** traded at ~US75.60c.

Locally today, the Westpac-Melbourne Institute monthly consumer sentiment report and a monthly employment indicator are due.

Reserve Bank of Australia officials also speak at two conferences, governor Philip Lowe commenced his address **9.15am** AEDST and assistant governor (financial markets) Chris Kent due to present at **11am**.

## Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	<b>24505</b>	119	<b>0.5</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2664	4	0.2
<b>NASDAQ</b>	6862	-13	-0.2
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7500	47	0.6
<b>DAX 30</b>	13184	60	0.5
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3281	-41	-1.3

## Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets trended higher again in early overnight trade, the NASDAQ a notable exception, vacillating markedly.

Among data releases, **US** November producer prices rose 0.4% for the month, seasonally-adjusted.

The **UK's** November CPI growth came in at 3.1% on an annual basis.

Producer prices jumped 7.3%, following 4.6% for October.

**Germany's** ZEW economic sentiment index fell 1.3 points to 17.4

**Tonight** in the US, the **Federal Reserve** concludes its last policy meeting under chair Janet Yellen, who will host a post-meeting conference.

Among data releases, November CPI is due.

## Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Feb)</b>	<b>1242</b>	oz	-5	-0.4
<b>Silver (NY) (Mar)</b>	15.7	oz	-0.0	-0.7
<b>Gold (LON)</b>	1241	oz	-6	-0.5

**RBA** – governor Philip Lowe speaks on *An eAUD?* at the Australian Payment Summit, Sydney, **9.15am** AEDST

**RBA** – assistant governor (financial markets) Chris Kent speaks on *The Availability of Business Finance* at the Australasian Finance & Banking Conference, **11am** AEDST

\* Transport sector listing **11am** AEDST – **P2P** \*

## Today's Stock Watch

### Westfield Corporation (WFD)

WFD shareholders will receive cash and shares worth ~\$10.01 per share in a \$32.7B sale of the group to Unibail-Rodamco.

### Bendigo & Adelaide Bank (BEN)

BEN's latest converting preference share (CPS4) offer at \$100 a piece has raised \$321.6M. CPS4 are likely to commence ASX trade tomorrow, under the ticker BENPG, but this will be on a deferred settlement basis. Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 20 December (Wednesday next week).

### ePAT Technologies (EPT)

A second study confirming positive PainChek results will be published in the *Dementia & Geriatric Cognitive Disorders* peer-reviewed journal, likely by the end of March 2018.

### Retail Food Group (RFG)

UBS has cancelled a RFG sell recommendation, opting for a neutral rating.

### Domain Holdings (DHG)

UBS has commenced DHG coverage with sell advice.

### P2P Transport (\* P2P)

Chauffeur/taxi service scheduled to list **11am** AEDST following a \$29.2M IPO at \$1.32 per share. 828 fleet vehicles. 78.66M shares.

## Resources

### Newcrest Mining (NCM)

Selling its 89.9% holding in the Ivory Coast Bonikro gold mine for ~\$81M, comprising \$72M cash and an expected \$9M from ore yet to be mined.

### Iluka Resources (ILU)

ILU's WA Cataby mineral sands project \$A250M - \$A275M development is set to commence. ILU says it has secured take-or-pay agreements for 175,000tpa of synthetic rutile over a minimum four years, representing 85% of expected output.

Initial production is anticipated during the June quarter 2019.

In addition, ILU is expecting to include a \$US90M increase in its US rehabilitation provision in financial reports for the year ending 31 December.

### PepiNini Minerals (PNN)

The first borehole completed within the Argentina Salta province Rincon lithium project has delivered brine from a depth of 1m. Sampling work underway. Results are anticipated by year's end.

## Energy

### AGL Energy (AGL)

Today's investor day presentations lodged.

Live webcasts scheduled for 12.45pm – 2.15pm AEDST and 2.45pm – 4.30pm AEDST. Access details lodged this morning.

<b>Platinum</b>	879	oz	-7	-0.8
<b>WTI Crude (Jan)</b>	<b>57.1</b>	bbl	-0.9	-1.5
<b>Brent Crude (Feb)</b>	<b>63.6</b>	bbl	-1.1	-1.8
<b>Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)</b>	<b>71.3</b>	t	2.5	3.5
<b>Copper</b>	<b>6663</b>	t	-7	-0.1
<b>Nickel</b>	11070	t	-170	-1.5
<b>Aluminium</b>	2016	t	-6	-0.3
<b>Lead</b>	2517	t	29	1.2
<b>Zinc</b>	3157	t	32	1.0
<b>Tin</b>	19165	t	-235	-1.2
<b>CBT Wheat (Mar)</b>	<b>4.13</b>	bshl	-0.01	-0.2

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – the expected weeks-long shutdown of the UK North Sea Forties pipeline system initially continued to support prices overnight, with revelations several oil fields had been closed down in response.

Major companies impacted by curbed output include, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Eni, Exxon Mobil, Shell and Total.

Prices ultimately swung lower, after analysts pointed out global crude stocks remained above a five-year average, prompting some profit-taking.

Brent had traded as high as \$US65.83/bbl.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report is due tonight.

**Gold** – a stronger \$US helped contain gold prices ahead of the keenly-anticipated outcome statement (early Thursday AEDST) from the US Federal Reserve's policy meeting. Many anticipate a third rate rise for 2017.

**Base metals** – caution noted overnight ahead of three central bank meeting outcomes, amid swinging oil prices, and ahead of key data yet to come this week.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7556	-0.0003	-0.04
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1738	-0.0004	-0.03

### Australian Data Today

Wstpc/MI	Consumer sentiment	Dec
DoEmplyt	Employment indicator	Dec

### US Data Tonight

Federal Reserve policy statement	Dec
CPI	Nov
MBA mortgage applications	8 Dec

### Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

<b>Japan</b>	Machinery orders	Dec
<b>UK</b>	Unemployment claims	Nov
UK	Average earnings	Oct
UK	ILO unemployment	Oct
<b>Germany</b>	CPI (final)	Nov
<b>Euro zone</b>	Industrial production	Oct

### Pre-Open Announcements

#### Air New Zealand (AIZ)

Passenger numbers rose 7.3% during November compared with a year ago. For the financial year-to-date, passenger numbers have grown 6.0%.

#### RCR Tomlinson (RCR)

RCR has secured a \$100M boost to a bank guarantee facility to \$295M. In addition, the company has secured approval to increase insurance bonding facilities use by \$50M to \$250M.

#### NRW Holdings (NWH) / Gascoyne Resources (GCY)

Terms finalised for NWH's mining contract with GCY's WA Dalgaranga gold project. Initial production is expected by mid-2018.

#### Engage:BDR Ltd (\* EN1)

Digital media and advertising specialist scheduled to list 11am AEDST tomorrow following a targeted \$10M IPO at 20c per share. ~249.7M shares.

#### National Tyre & Wheel (\* NTD)

Tyre and wheel wholesaler scheduled to list 11am AEDST Friday following a targeted \$59M IPO at \$1.00 per share.

### Resources

#### Avenira Ltd (\* AEV)

\$2M placement completed at 4.8c per share, in support of the Baobab phosphate project.

AEV has traded at 4.6c the past three sessions.

#### Egan Street Resources (EGA)

WA Rothsay gold project diamond drilling has returned several outstanding-grade intersections. Details lodged this morning.

Resource update promised for early-2018.

#### Carawine Resources (\* CWX)

Explorer scheduled to list tomorrow 1pm AEDST following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share. 52.7M shares.

UBS, HSBC and Pershing nominees make up the top three shareholders with a combined ~9.8%.

### Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
AuMake International	AU8	13 Dec
Jatenergy Ltd	JAT	13 Dec
Mount Ridley Mines	MRD	13 Dec
MRG Metals	MRQ	13 Dec
Orthocell Ltd	OCC	13 Dec
Plymouth Minerals	PLH	13 Dec
Scout Security	SCT	13 Dec
Tech Mpire	TMP	13 Dec
Argent Minerals	ARD	14 Dec
Flamingo AI	FGO	14 Dec
Middle Island Resources	MDI	14 Dec
Orinoco Gold	OGX	14 Dec
The Hydroponics Company	THC	14 Dec
Transurban Group	TCL	15 Dec

### Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Ausnet Financial Services	AU1	6 Dec

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China Dairy Corporation	CDC	11 Dec
Dawine Ltd	DW8	30 Nov
FE Ltd	FEL	22 Nov
Global Energy Ventures	GEV	30 Nov
iCandy Interactive	ICI	15 Nov
Mobilarm Ltd	MBO	6 Dec
OrotonGroup Ltd	ORL	30 Nov
Rift Valley Resources	RVY	11 Dec
ServTech Global Holdings	SVT	6 Dec
Tanga Resources	TRL	1 Dec
Volt Power Group	VPR	7 Dec
Winha Commerce & Trade	WQW	1 Dec

**Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
<b>PLS</b>	Today	<b>0.45</b>	100	1.24
BPS	Tomorrow	2.25	100	14.06
INM	Tomorrow	53.27	0	3.80
MTS	Tomorrow	6	100	3.29
TRA	Tomorrow	2.31	100	0.00
TTS	Tomorrow	16	100	3.74
GDF	Mon (18 Dec)	2.25	0	7.67

**Reports & Events**

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	AGL	Investor day
<b>Tomorrow</b>	ELD	AGM
<b>Fri</b>	BTT	AGM
	NAB	AGM
	ORI	AGM
<b>19 Dec</b>	ANZ	AGM
<b>20 Dec</b>	SYD	Nov
<b>21 Dec</b>	DLX	AGM
	IPL	AGM