

Markets

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| SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST) | 6180 | 6 | 0.1 |
| NZX 50 | 9257 | -14 | -0.2 |
| DJIA Futures | 26118 | -40 | -0.2 |
| S&P 500 Futures | 2901 | -6 | -0.2 |
| NASDAQ Futures | 7531 | -14 | -0.2 |

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences a new week's trade amid China-US tariffs speculation, as southern China assesses the impacts of a major hurricane, and following new data out of China over the weekend.

China's August property prices were reported 1.4% higher for the month, following a 1.1% rise in July, and representing the greatest proportional monthly rise since September 2016. Year-on-year, prices came in 7% higher.

In overnight Friday commodities trade, **WTI** crude turned to settle higher, but Brent closed slightly lower.

US (December) **gold** futures fell.

Iron ore (China port, 62% Fe) was reported lower.

LME **copper** swung lower. **Aluminium** fell. **Nickel** turned modestly higher.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US71.5c after rising above US72.15c early Friday evening.

Locally today, a weekly capital city residential property prices report is due pre-trade. A Conference Board leading index is also anticipated today.

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

Overseas Markets

| INDEX | CLOSE | +/- | % |
|----------------------|-------|-----|-------------|
| Dow Jones | 26155 | 9 | 0.0 |
| S&P 500 | 2905 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| NASDAQ | 8010 | -4 | -0.1 |
| FTSE 100 | 7304 | 22 | 0.3 |
| DAX 30 | 12124 | 69 | 0.6 |
| Shanghai Comp | 2682 | -5 | -0.2 |

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets again chopped and swung overnight Friday, multiple data and geopolitical reports combining to toy with sentiment.

Reports emerged in the US that the president was still planning this week to introduce at least some of the threatened new import taxes for Chinese goods, despite business concerns outlined during a recent public commentary period and the approach to China from the US treasury for new official trade talks.

Meanwhile, key data out of China, reported earlier Friday, prompted some speculation regarding some impacts already from US-China trade tensions.

Bank of England governor Mark Carney was

* Oil & gas exploration listing **11am AEST - VEN ***

Today's Stock Watch

National Australia Bank (NAB)

NAB head of consumer banking and wealth Andrew Hagger is leaving NAB after 10 years, in association with the appointment of Geoff Lloyd as MLC CEO and MLC's management of NAB wealth businesses.

In addition, NAB has announced four other executive changes this morning.

Telstra Corporation (TLS)

Webcast teleconference scheduled for this morning.

TLS is conducting four shareholder meetings this week.

Investa Office Fund (IOF)

The IOF unitholder meeting scheduled for today regarding the Blackstone Group offer for IOF has been called off.

This is due to judicial advice in association with a competing proposal from Oxford Properties.

Oxford is proposing to pay \$5.60 per share.

IOF traded at \$5.52 - \$5.555 last week.

amaysim Ltd (AYS) / GBST Ltd (GBT)

GBT CFO Gareth Turner is planning to return to AYS, as CFO, at the end of November. Mr Turner was AYS GM finance before joining GBT in November 2017.

Mr Turner is also a former Hills Ltd (ASX: HIL) CFO.

Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers (KPT)

Agreement secured with Mitsui Bussan Woodchip Ocean under which Mitsui will build and operate a woodchip handling facility on Kangaroo Island's port.

Cochlear Ltd (COH)

Trading ex-dividend (\$1.60) today.

Please see p3 for additional stocks and details.

Resources

Regis Resources (RRL)

Recent Mt Gbison Iron (ASX: MGX) CEO Jim Beyer has been appointed RRL CEO and MD, effective 15 October.

MD and executive chair Mark Clark is retiring from his MD role 15 October and will become non-executive chairman at that date.

Mr Clark will also retire from the RRL board at the November AGM.

RRL non-executive director James Mactier will take over as RRL non-executive chairman.

Energy

Energy World Corporation (EWC)

Standard Chartered (Singapore) is planning to reinvest an EWC \$US50M convertible note in order to supply a \$US50M loan and warrants to EWC.

Vintage Energy (* VEN)

Oil and gas explorer to list **11am AEST** following a \$30M IPO at 20c per share.

The top-10 shareholders' list includes nominee accounts for five major institutions. 181.625M quoted shares.

reported to have told the UK parliamentary cabinet that a PM-proposed compromise plan for the UK's separation from the European Union could deliver a £16B bounce to the economy.

The **euro zone's** July trade surplus had in the meantime, been reported at €12.8B, down €3.7B for the month.

A year-to-date trade surplus with the US, was estimated at €79.3B, against €67.1B a year earlier.

Euro zone June quarter wages were reported 1.9% higher for the year.

In mixed **US** data releases, August retail sales rose 0.1% for the month, following forecasts of a 0.4% gain and a 0.7% rise in July, and representing the softest gain since February.

Industrial production was reported 0.4% higher, following expectations of a 0.3% increase, and a 0.4% gain for July.

Import prices dropped 0.6% for the month, following forecasts of a 0.2% decline, and a 0.1% pull back for July. The August figure represented the largest fall since early 2017, pushing year-on-year price rises from July's 4.9% to 3.7%.

Export prices were estimated 0.1% lower for the month, after a 0.5% fall in July.

July business inventories rose 0.6%, following a 0.1% rise in June.

An initial September University of Michigan consumer sentiment reading surprised, at 100.8, 4.2 points above expectations and following a 96.2 for August.

Tonight in the US, the New York Fed monthly activity index is due.

FedEx, H&M and Oracle are scheduled to report earnings.

Alibaba Group is hosting an investor day with associated webcasts today and tomorrow.

Commodities

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | \$US/ | +/- | % |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Gold (NY) (Dec) | 1198 | oz | -10 | -0.8 |
| Silver (NY) (Sep) | 14.1 | oz | -0.2 | -1.2 |
| Gold (LON) | 1202 | oz | -8 | -0.7 |
| Platinum | 792 | oz | -9 | -1.1 |
| WTI Crude (Oct) | 69.0 | bbl | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Brent Crude (Nov) | 78.1 | bbl | -0.09 | -0.1 |
| Iron Ore (CHN port 62%) | 67.7 | t | -0.6 | -0.9 |
| Copper (LME, 3mth, PM) | 5973 | t | -60 | -1.0 |
| Nickel | 12655 | t | 50 | 0.4 |
| Aluminium | 2043 | t | -21 | -1.0 |
| Lead | 2038 | t | 0 | 0.0 |
| Zinc | 2334 | t | -26 | -1.1 |
| Tin | 19040 | t | 15 | 0.1 |
| CBT Wheat (Oct) | 5.09 | bshl | 0.12 | 2.5 |

Commodities Commentary

Oil – China's August crude production was reported on Friday to have risen 0.2% year-on-year, to a daily 2.77Mmbbl/d. This represented the first annual increase in daily production since October 2015.

January-August production was reported 1.8% lower year-on-year, at 3.78MMbbl/d.

Global oil market commentary has abounded from Friday through the weekend, **Iran** claiming **Saudi Arabia** and **Russia** are, contrary to their claims,

Pre-Open Announcements

Tassal Group (TGR)

\$31.9M Fortune Group prawn business acquisition completed Friday.

TV2U International (TV2)

Issuing up to \$A2.7M convertible shares, in support of current operations and growth plans.

Phoslock Environmental Technologies (PET)

Business update lodged this morning, highlighting pending decisions, over 'the next few months' on three separate large projects in Europe, North America and North East Asia.

Resources

Millennium Minerals (MOY)

WA Pilbara Nullagine gold project Golden Eagle SW prospect step-out drilling has delivered high-grade assays at relatively shallow depths.

Details lodged this morning.

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

| When | Company | Report/Event |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Today | TLS | Sh/hldr meeting |
| Tomorrow | KMD | Full year |
| | TLS | Sh/hldr meeting |
| | TPM | Fully year |
| Thu | BKW | Full year |
| | PMV | Full year |
| | SOL | Full year |
| | SUN | AGM |
| | SYD | August stats |
| | TLS | Sh/hldr meeting |
| Fri | TLS | Sh/hldr meeting |

Trading Halts

| Company | Code | Resuming |
|-----------------------|------|----------|
| Contrarian Value Fund | CVF | 17 Sep |
| Imagion Biosystems | IBX | 17 Sep |
| Kidman Resources | KDR | 17 Sep |
| Metminco Ltd | MNC | 17 Sep |
| Poseidon Nickel | POS | 17 Sep |
| Gladiator Resources | GLA | 18 Sep |
| Impression Healthcare | IHL | 18 Sep |
| Lifespot Health | LSH | 18 Sep |

Suspensions (select)

| Company | Code | Since |
|--------------------------|------|--------|
| AFT Corporation | AFT | 11 Sep |
| Alice Queen | AQX | 10 Sep |
| Antilles Oil & Gas | AVD | 24 Aug |
| AustSino Resources Group | ANS | 6 Sep |
| Axesstoday Ltd | AXL | 14 Sep |
| Hardey Resources | HDY | 10 Sep |

not immediately focused on market balance, but rather on taking over Iran's proportion of international exports.

Further, Iran predicted a tight international market, meant capacity would prove insufficient for the US to achieve a total shutdown of Iran's crude exports.

Friday, the US proffered that Russia, Saudi Arabia and the US together could supply the fallout from US sanctions against Iran.

In the meantime, **Egypt** announced separate \$US1B and \$US10M deals for respective off-share and onshore petroleum exploration with major international producers.

A US weekly petroleum drill rig count, published overnight Friday, estimated seven additional operational oil rigs, subsequently pulling crude prices lower.

Gold – economists are mostly predicting prices around \$1200/oz for this week, in part due to expectations of a US rate rise next week remaining relatively buoyant.

US housing market data will feature this week, together with regional manufacturing indices.

Base metals – pushed and pulled overnight Friday by a batch of new data, mostly from China and the US, and ongoing speculation regarding China-US trade tariffs and potential new high-level negotiations.

China reported August industrial production (+6.1% year-on-year, against 6% for July), January – August fixed asset investment (+5.3%; 5.5%) and August retail sales (+9%; 8.8%) during ASX trade Friday.

Fixed asset investment reportedly grew at the slowest year-on-year pace since 1992.

August property prices, published over the weekend, rose for a 40th consecutive month, and at the peak monthly pace (1.4%) since September 2016. Prices were calculated 7% higher than a year earlier.

Meanwhile, August trade statistics have continued to be published, *steel* products output rising 7.1% year-on-year during January- August, to 725.27Mt.

January- August crude steel production rose 5.8% year-on-year, to 617.4Mt.

Aluminium production fell 3% for the month, to 2.84Mt, but came in 7.8% against August 2017 output.

For January-August, output rose 3.5% year-on-year, to 22.21Mt.

Total non-ferrous output for the eight months was reported 3.8% higher year-on-year, but for the month, down 1.8%, at 4.54Mt. Against August 2017, non-ferrous production rose 5.7%.

Japan's final July industrial production reading represented a 0.2% pull back for the month, following a 1.8% fall in June, and 2.2% year-on-year improvement.

Exchange Rates

| CURRENCIES | LAST | +/- | % |
|------------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| AUD – USD | 0.7148 | -0.0011 | -0.16 |
| EUR – USD | 1.1624 | -0.0001 | -0.01 |

Australian Data Today

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| CLgc | Cap city rdntl property prices | 14Sep |
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| Sundance Resources | SDL | 10 Sep |
| Syngas Ltd | SYS | 6 Sep |
| Victory Mines | VIC | 11 Sep |

Ex-Dividends

| Code | Ex-Div | Div (c) | Franking (%) | Yield (%) |
|------------|----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| AQZ | Today | 6.3 | 100 | 3.79 |
| COH | Today | 160 | 100 | 1.46 |
| CWY | Today | 1.4 | 100 | 1.32 |
| FFI | Today | 10 | 100 | 4.87 |
| HUB | Today | 3.5 | 0 | 0.00 |
| OTW | Today | 1.5 | 100 | 0.53 |
| AEG | Tomorrow | 2.5 | 100 | 5.74 |
| EMB | Tomorrow | 30 | 100 | 3.60 |
| IGL | Tomorrow | 7.5 | 100 | 6.95 |
| QUB | Tomorrow | 4.8 | 100 | 2.02 |
| ZNT | Tomorrow | 1.5 | 100 | 1.79 |
| AHX | Wed | 0.8 | 100 | 2.91 |
| AXL | Wed | 2.9 | 100 | 3.57 |
| CIW | Wed | 1.5 | 100 | 5.77 |
| HOM | Wed | 0.9 | 100 | 2.86 |
| JLG | Wed | 1.9 | 100 | 2.02 |
| KKT | Wed | 1 | 100 | 3.33 |
| PSQ | Wed | 3.8 | 100 | 4.16 |
| WEB | Wed | 12 | 100 | 1.22 |
| AHG | Thu | 6.8 | 100 | 7.15 |
| CLT | Thu | 1.25 | 0 | 2.60 |
| CWN | Thu | 30 | 60 | 4.44 |
| EGL | Thu | 0.06 | 100 | 1.18 |
| KBC | Thu | 0.5 | 100 | 10.87 |
| PIA | Thu | 3.5 | 100 | 5.81 |
| PNI | Thu | 7 | 100 | 1.60 |
| PPC | Thu | 3 | 100 | 4.18 |
| QMS | Thu | 1.2 | 100 | 2.23 |
| SLK | Thu | 8 | 100 | 3.38 |
| SPK | Thu | 10.96 | 0 | 5.32 |
| XIP | Thu | 4.5 | 100 | 5.00 |
| BRI | Fri | 3.5 | 100 | 3.68 |
| CUV | Fri | 2 | 0 | 0.11 |
| EGG | Fri | 2.5 | 100 | 3.16 |

S&P S&P/ASX Indices Re-balance

The following changes will be effected as trading opens 24 September (Monday next week) ...

S&P/ASX100

Out: PPT

In: RWD

S&P/ASX200

Out: GMA, GXL

In: BIN, ELD

S&P/ASX300

Out: AGI, BDR, IPD, ISD, ISU, MNS, MOC, RFG, SKT

In: AMI, CUV, IGL, JMS, KGN, MNY, MP1, NEA, OMH, PNI, PNV, PPS, SEA, WGN

S&P/ASX All Australian 200

Out: AHY, GMA

In: EHL, HUB



ConfBoard Leading index Aug

US Data Tonight

New York Fed (Empire State) business activity Aug

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Euro zone CPI (final) Aug

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