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# **Market Opener**

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## **Markets**

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5983	22	0.4
NZX 50	8069	-21	-0.3
DJIA Futures	23401	6	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2582	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	6316	0	0.0

#### **Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market commences today's trade on improved international equities sentiment, but mixed major commodities leads, ahead of the release of Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) policy meeting minutes.

In overnight commodities trade, oil and US gold futures turned lower. Iron ore (China port, 62% Fe) continued higher. LME copper and nickel also extended Friday's gains.

The **\$A** slipped below US75.50c after trading at ~US75.60c early yesterday evening.

Locally today, RBA November policy meeting minutes are due 11.30am AEST.

RBA governor Philip Lowe also speaks publicly, at the Australian Business Economists' annual dinner this evening.

Pre-trade, a weekly consumer sentiment reading is

Several high-profile stocks also hold AGMs or announce results today.

### **Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	23430	72	0.3
S&P 500	2582	3	0.1
NASDAQ	6791	8	0.1
FTSE 100	7389	9	0.1
DAX 30	13059	65	0.5
Shanghai Comp	3392	9	0.3

### **Overseas Markets Commentary**

Sentiment improved across major European and US equities markets at the start of the week, although choppy, swinging trade featured for most indices amid plenty of political and regulatory activity and currency swings.

In the **euro zone**, multiplying reports claiming that attempts to form a coalition government from three parties following Germany's recent national election had achieved little progress spawned confirmation from chancellor Angela Merkel.

Views that another election was possible accordingly strengthened and the euro swung lower before another push higher on commentary and reports suggesting remaining appetite for further negotiations.

Meanwhile, European Central Bank president Mario Draghi met with a European parliament economic and monetary affairs committee. Draghi stated publicly that the level of unpaid loans remained too high to establish a European (bank)

#### RBA - policy meeting minutes 11.30 am AEDST

RBA - governor Philip Lowe is due to speak on Some Evolving Questions **8.05 pm** AEDST, Australian Business Economists dinner, Sydney

## Today's Stock Watch

## GrainCorp Ltd (GNC)

\$125.2M full-year NPAT, following \$30.9M a year ago. 10% higher, \$4.6B revenue. 15c fully-franked final dividend. \$6.16 NTA. Lower 2017 grain production is expected to impact next year's results. AGM scheduled for 15 February.

## ALS Ltd (ALQ)

\$8.9M interim net loss, following a \$48.7M NPAT a year ago. 13% higher, \$761.4M revenue. 8c, 40%-franked interim dividend, against 5.5c, 60%-franked. Goodwill impairments totalled \$63M. 45.1c NTA.

Anticipating \$135M - \$145M FY 2018 underlying PAT. Planning to commence a \$175M on-market share buy-back.

Presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

## Fisher & Paykel Healthcare ( FPH)

4% higher, record \$NZ81.3M interim NPAT. 8% higher, \$NZ458.4M operating revenue. 6% higher, NZ 8.75c interim dividend, fully-franked in New Zealand. NZ94c NTA.

Anticipating \$NZ185M - \$NZ190M FY 2018 NPAT, and ~\$NZ1B operating revenue. A webcast teleconference was scheduled to commence 8am AEDST.

## Technology One (TNE)

8% higher, \$44.5M full-year NPAT. 10% higher, \$273.3M revenue. 5.6c final and 2c special dividend, franked respectively at 4.2c and 1.5c. 14.1c EPS.

#### Recce Ltd (RCE)

Today's AGM presentation lodged.

#### Aconex Ltd (ACX)

Today's investor day presentation lodged.

## Domain Group Holdings (DHG)

Deutsche Bank has commenced its DHG coverage with 'sell' advice and a \$3.35 price target.

#### Macquarie Atlas Roads (MQA)

Morgans has placed MQA on its 'add' list.

### IRESS Ltd (IRE)

RBC Capital Markets has rerated IRE as outperform.

#### CYBG Plc (CYB)

Due to report for the full year in the UK tonight.

#### Resources

## OZ Minerals (OZL)

Prominent Hill project copper resource down 5% to 140Mt @ 1.2% Cu, 0.5g/t Au & 3g/t Ag. Reserves 1% lower at 74Mt @ 1.0% Cu, 0.6g/t Au & 3g/t Ag. Underground reserve up 71% and copper and gold stockpiles are 71% and 15% higher respectively.

#### **Energy**

### Sundance Energy (SEA)

81% higher \$US31.6M September quarter revenue. volumes grew 46%. Produced 854,887boe, 51% more than a year earlier.



deposit insurance scheme.

Sorting matters for when the UK departs from the European Union (EU), Paris won a vote (which ended in a lot draw) to host the European Banking Authority, and Amsterdam the European Medicines Agency. Each regulation authority will move from London.

In data releases, **Germany**'s October producer prices were calculated 2.7% higher year-on-year following 3.1% in September.

In the **US**, **Federal Reserve** chair Janet Yellen announced she would reserve as a central bank governor when the new chairman was sworn in in February.

The session's only major economic indicator, the Conference Board's leading index, rose 1.2% following a 0.1% gain for September and forecasts of a 0.6% increase.

**Tonight** in the US, Ms Yellen is scheduled to speak at the Stern Business School, but not before 6pm local time (10am AEDST tomorrow).

Among data releases, the Chicago Fed releases its October national activity index. October existing home sales are also due.

Companies scheduled to report earnings include: Babcock, Campbell Soup, CYBG (full-year), Dollar Tree, EasyJet (full-year), Hewlett Packard Enterprises, Johnson Matthey, Lowe's Salesforce.

In overnight corporate news, Alibaba was reportedly prepared to outlay \$US2.87B for 36% of Chinese hypermarket group Sun Art Retail.

Société Générale announced it would begin offering **Apple** Pay in the near future.

**Uber** revealed plans for driverless options, initially in the US, using Volvo vehicles.

Chip manufacturers remained active, this time Marvell Technology preparing to pay ~\$US6B in shares and cash for Cavium.

**US** markets will be **closed Thursday** and will close early (1pm ET) Friday, due to Thanksgiving.

#### **Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1275	oz	-22	-1.6
Silver (NY) (Sep)	16.9	OZ	-0.5	-2.8
Gold (LON)	1287	OZ	2	0.1
Platinum	921	OZ	-27	-2.9
WTI Crude (Nov)	56.1	bbl	-0.5	-0.8
Brent Crude (Nov)	62.2	bbl	-0.5	-0.8
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	63.5	t	0.9	1.4
Copper	6828	t	51	0.8
Nickel	11660	t	85	0.7
Aluminium	2086	t	-18	-0.9
Lead	2460	t	28	1.2
Zinc	3163	t	-17	-0.5
Tin	19475	t	0	0.0
CBT Wheat (Dec)	4.22	bshl	-0.05	-1.2

#### **Commodities Commentary**

Oil - a stronger \$US, no new confirmation of OPEC intentions at the 30 November meeting, and waning US trade interest ahead of Thanksgiving appeared to spark most overnight selling.

**Gold** – a \$US damaged gold interest overnight.

In addition, US Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen is

## **Pre-Open Announcements**

## Charter Hall Retail REIT (\* CQR)

Selling three assets for a total \$91M. Details lodged this morning.

## Nufarm Ltd (\* NUF)

NUF's retail entitlement offer attracted \$A85M worth of applications, representing 77% take-up. \$26M worth of NUF shares were offered under the retail offer shortfall book-build post-trade yesterday.

The institutional entitlement offer raised \$338M.

NUF settled at \$8.76 yesterday.

## Air New Zealand (\* AIZ)

Passenger numbers grew 7.6% during October and are 5.7% higher for the financial year-to-date. Revenue passenger kilometres rose 6.3% and are 3.2% higher for the year.

In an update, AIZ also listed several awards won by the airline over the past month.

In addition, AIZ has published fuel-hedging arrangements this morning.

## McPherson's Ltd (\* MCP)

Expecting a 10% - 15% drop in interim underlying pre-tax profit.

Trading and strategy update promised for today's AGM. Full-year guidance anticipated in February.

#### Mobile Embrace (MBE)

Ian Elliot will be MBE's non-executive chairman following the 29 November AGM. Current chair Drew Kelton will remain with MBE as a non-executive director.

## Prima BioMed (PRR) / Immutep Ltd (IMM)

PRR expects to commence trading as Immutep (ASX: IMM; NASDAQ: IMMP) 1 December (Friday next week). Shareholders approved the name-change at the PRR AGM last week.

#### Stargroup Ltd (STL)

Receivers and managers appointed, but not for all subsidiaries.

## Netwealth Group (\* NWL)

Web-based superannuation and other financial management provider completed a most successful ASX listing yesterday following a \$264M IPO at \$3.70 per share.

Opened at \$4.88 and traded at \$4.87 - \$5.35 before settling at \$5.32. 20.6M shares changed hands across 6427 transactions. Trading commenced on a conditional and deferred settlement Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 28 November (Tuesday next week).

237.7M shares.

## Resources

### Kin Resources (KIN)

Heralding Cardinia gold project Helens deposit RC drilling results. Assays and expected implications lodged post-trade yesterday.

#### Energy

## Renascor Resources (RNU)

Non-executive director Andrew Martin has resigned, effective yesterday.



due to speak publicly tonight, ahead of tomorrow night's release of policy meeting minutes, but the public appearance is post-US trade (6pm local time Tuesday; 10am AEDST Wednesday).

Investors are looking for clues to the strength of chances of a rate rise mid-December.

**Base metals** – mixed sentiment evident overnight as traders took into account inventories, China's latest residential property price report (published over the weekend), a stronger \$US and Japan's trade figures.

Yesterday, Japan reported an 18.9% increase in October imports against a 14% rise in exports.

#### **Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD - USD	0.7551	0.0001	0.01
EUR – USD	1.1734	0.0002	0.02

## **Australian Data Today**

ANZ/RMgn	Consumer sentiment	19 Nov
RBA	Policy meeting minutes	7 Nov

## **US Data Tonight**

Existing home sales	Oct
Chicago Fed national activity index	Oct

## Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	All-industry activity index	Sep
UK	Public sector finances	Oct
UK	CBI industrial trends	Nov

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## **Trading Halts**

Company	Code	Resuming
Battery Minerals	BAT	21 Nov
King River Copper	KRC	21 Nov
MSM Corporation	MSM	21 Nov
West Wits Mining	WWI	21 Nov
Algae.Tec Ltd	AEB	22 Nov
Bulletproof Group	BPF	22 Nov
Gascoyne Resources	GCY	22 Nov
Lithium Power International	LPI	22 Nov
Macquarie Telecom Group	MAQ	22 Nov
Quantify Technology Holdings	QFY	22 Nov

## Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Bisan Ltd	BSN	2 Nov
Blackham Resources	BLK	8 Nov
Caeneus Minerals	CAD	30 Oct
First Growth Funds	FGF	17 Nov
iCandy Interactive	ICI	15 Nov
Marquee Resources	MQR	15 Nov
Oriental Technologies	OTI	1 Nov
Red Emperor Resources	RMP	8 Nov
ServTech Global Holdings	SVT	1 Nov
Wolf Petroleum	WOF	30 Oct

#### **Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
AEG	Tomorrow	2.5	100	2.26
IPL	Thu	4.9	0	2.34
TLT	Thu	1.25	0	0.00
WLE	Thu	2	100	2.62
ZEL	Thu	9.38	0	3.98
DLX	Fri	13.5	100	3.30
RHL	Fri	6	100	5.23
WHF	Fri	8.75	100	3.59

## **Reports & Events**

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	A2M ACX ALQ BBG CAB FPH GNC MND RCE SFH TNE	AGM Investor day Interim AGM AGM Interim Full-year AGM AGM AGM AGM Full-year
Tomorrow	GOZ IFN MTR MIN NXT	AGM AGM AGM AGM AGM



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	KCN	AGM
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