

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	5660	18	0.3
NZX 50	8741	69	0.8
DJIA Futures	24470	5	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2649	9	0.3
NASDAQ Futures	6576	44	0.7

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade following an overnight turn higher in most international equities sentiment, and for select key commodities prices, ahead of some material regional data and domestic corporate updates, and with US markets closed tonight.

Regionally today, **Japan** is due to release October CPI **10.30am** AEDT.

Locally today, **AGM** season continues, featuring several high-profile mining companies. **IPL** trades ex-dividend. *Please see pp2-4 for detailed lists.*

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** bounced.

US (December) **gold** futures also turned higher.

Iron ore (China port 62% Fe) extended Tuesday's fall.

LME **copper** turned higher and aluminium continued so. **Nickel** continued lower.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US72.60c after trading at ~US72.45c early yesterday evening.

Japan's markets will be closed tomorrow, due to a public holiday.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	24465	-1	0.0
S&P 500	2650	8	0.3
NASDAQ	6972	63	0.9
FTSE 100	7050	102	1.5
DAX 30	11244	178	1.6
Shanghai Comp	2652	6	0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy trade and some notable moves featured across several major European and US equities markets overnight, key European indices climbing in late trade, but the DJIA and S&P 500 notably pulling back towards settlement.

Investor considerations not only included the US Thanksgiving hiatus, but also a swing higher for oil prices, some weaker-than-anticipated economic indicators, adverse geopolitical developments, and downwards global economic growth revision, and multiplying media reports containing corporate debt warnings.

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD) warned the projected 3.7% 2018 international economic growth rate would slow to 3.5% for the next two years.

In addition, the OECD admonished governments to realise central banks were more limited in capacity than a decade earlier, in any major downturn.

Japan - October CPI 10.30am AEDT

Today's Stock Watch

Wesfarmers Ltd (WES)

WES settled 27.7% lower yesterday, at \$31.96, on completion of the Coles demerger, and Coles successful listing. Macquarie in the meantime has recommenced WES coverage with an outperform rating.

Coles Group (COL) / Wesfarmers Ltd (WES)

Macquarie has initiated COL research with a neutral rating. COL completed its ASX listing yesterday following the group's demerger from WES. Opened at \$12.49 and traded at \$12.30 - \$13.37 before settling at \$12.75.

9.5M shares were traded across 10,388 transactions.

Trading commenced on a deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 29 November (Thursday next week).

1.33B quoted COL securities.

BWX Ltd (BWV)

BWX has appointed former major corporation finance executive Fiona Bennett, and consultant and former international marketing executive Jodie Leonard as non-executive directors, effective 1 December.

GR Engineering Services (GNG)

Anticipating \$220M - \$240M FY 2019 revenue and \$80M - \$85M 1H revenue. Today's AGM materials lodged.

The Food Revolution Group (FOD)

One-year apple mango juice production and supply agreement secured with Aldi Australia.

Paradigm Pharmaceuticals (PAR)

Exclusive licence agreement secured with the Mount Sinai NY, Icahn School of Medicine for the treatment of select disorders using PAR's injectable pentosan polysulphate sodium.

Thorn Group (TGA)

\$3.83M interim NPAT following a \$9.67M net loss a year ago. 10.9% lower, \$111.59M (continuing operations) revenue. \$1.18 NTA.

Cochlear Ltd (COH)

UBS has reassessed COH as overweight, from equal-weight.

Resources

Mineral Resources (MIN)

Exclusive agreement secured with Albemarle Corporation regarding a potential \$US1.15B cash sale of 50% of MIN's Wodgina lithium project to Albemarle.

Today's MIN AGM materials have been lodged pre-trade.

MIN lost 6.1% yesterday, settling at \$12.45.

Evolution Mining (EVN)

Planning to boost NSW Cowal project processing facility capacity to 8.7Mtpa.

In addition, EVN is boosting expected production and lowering anticipated AISC.

Significant-width, high-grade Cowal drilling results also lodged this morning, together with today's AGM materials.

The European Commission in the meantime responded to **Italy's** re-submitted proposed budget, determining penalties were appropriate, due to 'particularly serious non-compliance' with regional debt rules.

Italy's PM described the planned sanctions as 'disrespectful'.

In the **UK**, public sector non-bank net borrowing rose the most for an October in the past three years, reaching £8.8B, against £7.2B for October 2017.

Meanwhile, MPs again pointed out to the PM that the draft separation deal from the **European Union** (EU) was not what those who had voted for the separation had anticipated, after the PM repeated her assertion that a rejection of the draft would push the EU to proceed with 'no deal'.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) promoted the draft as a 'welcome breakthrough' and urged the MPs not to 'go backwards'.

The PM met again with European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker, amid expectations of a potential material **weekend** announcement.

Among a swag of **US** data releases, October durable goods dropped 4.4%, after rising 0.7% in September, and following forecasts of a 2.5% fall.

Weekly new unemployment claims rose by 3000, against forecasts of a 6000 decline.

October existing home sales rose 1.4% for the month, the first monthly gain since March. Year-on-year, sales were down 5.1%.

A final November consumer sentiment reading from the University of Michigan came in at 97.5, from 98.6 at the end of October, and an initial 98.3 November estimate.

Tonight, the European Central Bank's (ECB) October policy meeting minutes are keenly anticipated.

Elsewhere, US retailers are expected to commence their 'Black Friday' sales promotions, which traditionally extend towards 'Cyber Monday'.

In the meantime, the US Federal Reserve, FDIC and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency have announced a public comment period on a proposal to implement a nine per cent capital leverage regulation for \$US10B-asset banks.

US markets will be closed tonight, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. They will open tomorrow night, but close early.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1228	oz	5	0.6
Silver (NY) (Dec)	14.5	oz	0.2	1.4
Gold (LON)	1223	oz	1	0.1
Platinum	844	oz	4	0.5
WTI Crude (Dec)	54.6	bbbl	1.2	2.3
Brent Crude (Jan)	63.5	bbbl	1	1.5
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	74.1	t	-0.6	-0.8
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	6235	t	51	0.8
Nickel	11020	t	-75	-0.7
Aluminium	1954	t	14	0.7
Lead	2006	t	45	2.3
Zinc	2568	t	17	0.7
Tin	19240	t	-160	-0.8
CBT Wheat (Dec)	5.07	bshl	-0.02	-0.3

Pre-Open Announcements

Telstra Corporation (TLS)

Industrial conditions-related class action filed late-yesterday against TLS contractor ISG Management.

LiveHire Ltd (* LVH)

Fourth enterprise agreement secured with Korn Ferry. Details lodged this morning.

XTEK Ltd (* XTE)

\$6.3M worth of small unmanned aerial systems (SUAS) spare parts orders in hand from the Australian Defence Force.

Carnegie Clean Energy (* CCE)

WA Northam 10MW solar farm commissioning underway with some power exported into the grid.

Resources

Todd River Resources (* TRT)

Funding, including a cornerstone investment, in hand in support of the Northern Territory Mt Hardy zinc-copper project.

Energy

Arafura Resources (ARU)

Non-executive director Terry Grose has resigned, after almost six years as an ARU board member.

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	BCI	AGM
	CAB	AGM
	EVN	AGM
	GBG	AGM
	MML	AGM
	MIN	AGM
	PRY	AGM
	QUB	AGM
	RXM	AGM
	SAR	AGM
	WSA	AGM
Tomorrow	AHG	AGM
	BPT	AGM
	BSL	AGM
	HIL	AGM
	IGO	AGM
	IPH	AGM
	KMD	AGM; Trading
	OEC	AGM
	ORE	AGM
	PRU	AGM
	QMS	AGM
Mon	RRL	AGM
	VRL	AGM
	WEC	AGM
Mon	AIA	Investor day; Oct
	FPH	Interim
Tue	AGI	AGM



Commodities Commentary

Oil – Tuesday's relative bargain basement levels, plus a softer \$US benefited overnight prices.

Media reports in the meantime claimed Saudi Arabia had substantially increased production during October.

Weekly US petroleum inventories, published overnight by US from government agency the EIA, included a 4.9MMbbl rise in stored crude, but a 116,000bbl fall for the Cushing delivery centre.

Petrol stocks fell by 1.3MMbbl, to the least since December 2017.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report in the meantime calculated three fewer operational oil rigs in the week to Wednesday (overnight last night).

Gold – early improved equities risk sentiment and oil prices, plus a weaker \$US, supported overnight gold sentiment, although US trade was reported relatively light heading into the Thanksgiving holiday.

Among the precious metals forecasters, an end-2019 \$US17/oz surfaced for *silver*.

Base metals – fund activity on this week's price falls, early positive equities trade, and an overnight \$US pull back were cited as the major factors influencing LME trade.

Also overnight, Zambia reported a 10.4% rise in September *copper* production to 631,359t.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7262	-0.0002	-0.03
EUR – USD	1.1385	0.0000	0.00

Australian Data Today

ABS	Projected population (through 2066)	Nov
ABS	International trade	'17-'18
ABS	Employment (extra detail)	Oct

Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	CPI	Oct
Euro zone	ECB policy meeting minutes	25 Oct
Euro zone	Consumer confidence	Nov

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BKW	AGM
HVN	AGM
LYC	AGM
RIC	AGM
SEK	AGM

Wed	APT	AGM
	IFL	AGM
	PLS	AGM

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
NTM Gold	NTM	22 Nov
Rightcrowd Ltd	RCW	22 Nov
Tag Pacific	TAG	22 Nov
Department 13 International	D13	23 Nov
DigitalX Ltd	DCC	23 Nov
Inabox Group	IAB	23 Nov

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Birimian Ltd	BGS	15 Nov
Energy Technologies	EGY	12 Nov
Lindian Resources	LIN	5 Nov
Pelican Resources	PEL	31 Oct
RCR Tomlinson	RCR	14 Nov
VPCL Ltd	VPC	19 Nov

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
IPL	Today	6.2	20	2.82
ZEL	Today	11.54	0	5.74
DLX	Tomorrow	14	100	4.02
RHL	Tomorrow	6	100	4.78
WHF	Tomorrow	9.75	100	4.31
CIE	Mon	1.55	50	7.40
IFT	Mon	5.5	0	4.59
OFX	Tue	2.64	100	3.10
CVL	Wed	0.59	100	1.17
GNC	Wed	8	100	2.12
ALQ	Thu (29 Nov)	11	20	2.76
GZL	Thu	10	100	5.22
TNE	Thu	8.16	75	1.59



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