

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	5685	14	0.3
NZX 50	7843	-26	-0.3
DJIA Futures	22268	-8	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2497	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	5874	-3	-0.1

Local Markets Commentary

Overnight international trade offers mixed support as the Australian market commences today's trade.

Major equities markets settled lower on a mix of influences, including 'war' talk from North Korea.

In commodities trade, US **gold** futures and **oil** rallied. **Iron ore** (China port, 62% Fe) continued to fall. LME **copper** slightly extended Friday's decline. **Nickel** swung higher and rallied.

The **\$A** was pushed below US79.40c after trading beyond ~US79.60c early evening.

Locally pre-trade, a weekly consumer sentiment reading is due.

Regionally, **New Zealand** has this morning reported a \$NZ1.23B August trade deficit against expectations of a \$NZ520M deficit.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	22296	-54	-0.2
S&P 500	2497	-6	-0.2
NASDAQ	6371	-56	-0.9
FTSE 100	7301	-9	-0.1
DAX 30	12595	2	0.0
Shanghai Comp	3342	-11	-0.3

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets mostly traded lower early overnight, on separate reactions to domestic scenarios, including a UK credit downgrade, Germany's national election, an associated euro fall against the \$US, reduced Apple sentiment and corporate deals.

My mid-late morning US eastern time, however, **North Korea's** foreign minister Ri Yong Ho was being reported as having described US presidential comments as the US having 'declared war on our country' and claiming the right to attack US military craft 'even when they are not yet inside the airspace of our country'.

In new economic and finance reports, IFO's monthly business survey for **Germany** revealed slips for key components including climate, conditions and expectations.

Meanwhile, a **Bank of England's** financial policy statement called for banks to hold more capital.

In the **US**, a Texas region manufacturing index surprised some, rising 4.3 points to 21.3.

Earlier, **Japan's** PM Shinzo Abe had called a national parliamentary election for October, a year earlier than the deadline.

Tonight in the US, **Federal Reserve** chair Janet

RBA - assistant governor (financial stability) Michele Bullock is a panel participant at a *Where to from Here* event, **7.15am** AEST

Today's Stock Watch

Sydney Airport (SYD)

GE Australia, NZ and PNG president and CEO Geoff Culbert has been appointed SYD CEO, to take over from Kerrie Mather late-January 2018.

Nufarm Ltd (NUF)

\$114.5M full-year NPAT, following a \$27.5M net profit a year ago. 11.5% higher, \$3.1B revenue. 8c final dividend. \$2.67 NTA. 38.6c EPS. \$223.8M cash and equivalents.

Kathmandu Holdings (KMD)

13.5% higher, \$NZ38.04M full-year NPAT. 4.6% higher, \$NZ445.35M revenue. NZ9c fully-franked final dividend, up NZ1c. NZ24c NTA.

Kyckr Ltd (KYK)

Master services agreement secured with IBM, for IBM to use KYK primary source registry data and systems. KYK will receive revenue on an IBM project basis. KYK says IBM is already planning to offer KYK data remediation services to select clients.

Farm Pride Foods (FRM)

The Federal Court has dismissed an appeal lodged by the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) in 2016 following a determination in favour of FRM.

In addition, the ACCC has been ordered to pay FRM's costs. The ACCC initiated the proceedings against FRM in May 2014. The commission's appeal was heard in August 2016.

ASX Ltd (ASX)

AGM today.

Sirtex Medical (SRX)

Trading ex-dividend (30c) today. SRX has traded lower the past five sessions.

Please see p3 for a detailed list of stocks trading ex-dividend.

Resources

Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

Morgan Stanley has re-rated FMG as underweight, from equalweight.

Novo Lito (NLI)

Heralding high-grade and thick intercepts determined during extensional and infill diamond drilling within the Portugal Sepeda lithium project. Details lodged this morning. Tenure delays have pushed back a planned resource update to the December quarter.

In the meantime, drill permitting work is underway for NLI's lithium assets in Sweden.

Energy

Metgasco Ltd (MEL) / Cooper Energy (COE) / Senex Energy (SXY)

MEL is proposing to acquire a 20% interest in the South Australia Cooper Basin PEL 93 Frey-1 well area. Frey-1 drilling began 23 September (Saturday). Expected 1502m total depth is likely to be reached within 11 days from spudding.

Whitehaven Coal (WHC)

Morgan Stanley has re-rated WHC as underweight, from overweight.

Yellen is guest speaker at a business and economics event.

Among data releases, new home sales, house prices, a preliminary services PMI estimate and consumer confidence index are also due.

In corporate news, **Deloitte** confirmed a cyber attack, compromising some client plans and details.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1312	oz	14	1.1
Silver (NY) (Sep)	17.2	oz	0.2	1.4
Gold (LON)	1293	oz	-2	-0.1
Platinum	939	oz	8	0.9
WTI Crude (Nov)	52.2	bbl	1.6	3.1
Brent Crude (Nov)	59.0	bbl	2.2	3.8
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	63.1	t	-0.5	-0.8
Copper	6450	t	-7	-0.1
Nickel	10580	t	160	1.5
Aluminium	2148	t	-10	-0.5
Lead	2472	t	-11	-0.4
Zinc	3097	t	66	2.2
Tin	20700	t	175	0.9
CBT Wheat (Dec)	4.53	bshl	0.03	0.8

Commodities Commentary

Oil – a commodities client note out of Société Générale Friday underscored the June quarter 2.4% rise in global crude demand, and was cited as one reason for overnight gains.

OPEC's Friday claims, also that oil markets were demonstrating progress towards rebalancing also seemed to remain in focus in the absence of new official commentary.

A Barclays analyst warned however of a balance shift during 2018.

Gold – safe-haven demand bolstered US gold futures and other precious metals prices overnight, but a \$US appreciation appeared to contain gains. \$US1340/oz is viewed as the next technical barrier for gold.

Geopolitical moves will remain in focus, but tonight public address by **US Federal Reserve** Janet Yellen, could also move the \$US, which in turn could influence some gold trade.

Further information is also promised on the US administration's **tax** plans overnight (AEST) Wednesday. As this is considered likely to swing some equities sentiment, gold traders will also be watching.

Base metals – Japan's initial September manufacturing PMI came in at 52.6, a four-month peak, and after 52.2 in August.

China's August industrial profits, anticipated tomorrow, could influence some mid-week sentiment.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7936	-0.0002	-0.02
EUR – USD	1.1853	0.0004	0.04

Australian Data Today

ANZ/RyMgn	Consumer sentiment	24 Sep
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Pre-Open Announcements

Eclix Group (* ECX)

ECX has agreed to a funding program and information partnership with the Medical Indemnity Protection Society (MIPS), for the benefit of MIPS members. Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

FirstWave Clout Technology (* FCT)

CEO and MD Steve O'Brien is resigning, effective 3 October, in favour of family and other opportunities.

FCT CFO David Kirton has been appointed interim CEO.

China Dairy Corporation (CDC)

Update regarding progress towards the production of milk suitable for children lodged post-trade yesterday.

McGrath Ltd (MEA)

Bras N Things CFO Glynn Wright has been appointed MEA CFO, effective 23 October. Current MEA CFO Paul Hauenschild has resigned after 10 years with MEA.

iCar Asia (ICQ)

Non-executive director Mark Licciardo is resigning, effective 30 September.

Resources

Resolute Mining (* RSG)

Reserves estimated at 5.3Moz as at 30 June. Resources total 12.0M oz. Project statistics lodged this morning.

Gold Road Resources (* GOR)

WA Gruyere JV drilling results lodged this morning, including high-grade, significant-width intersections along 14 km of strike in the Attila-Alaric trend and 11 km of strike in the Gruyere YAM14 trend. GOR 50%.

Kasbah Resources (KAS)

Former Wolf Minerals (ASX: WLF) MD Russell Clark has been appointed KAS CEO, effective 16 October. Mr Clark was also previously a Grange Resources (ASX: GRR) MD.

Energy

Universal Coal (UNV)

Operational update and FY 2018 forecasts lodged this morning.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
De Grey Mining	DEG	26 Sep
Petrel Energy	PRL	26 Sep
Phosphagenics Ltd	POH	26 Sep
Buxton Resources	BUX	27 Sep
Calidus Resources	CAI	27 Sep
Eneabba Gas	ENB	27 Sep
Eve Investments	EVE	27 Sep
Managed Accounts Holdings	MGP	27 Sep
Matsa Resources	MAT	27 Sep
Neurotech International	NTI	27 Sep
NSL Consolidated	NSL	27 Sep

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
AnaeCo Ltd	ANQ	31 Aug

**US Data Tonight**

New home sales	Aug
Case-Shiller house prices	Jul
Richmond Fed manufacturing	Sep
Markit PMI services	Sep
Conf Board consumer confidence	Sep

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	BoJ policy meeting minutes	Jul
UK	Mortgage approvals	Aug

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Brierty Ltd	BYL	8 Sep
Connected IO	CIO	26 Sep
iCandy Interactive	ICI	25 Sep
Intrepid Mines	IAU	18 Sep
Manalto Ltd	MTL	18 Sep
SMS Management & Technology	SMX	8 Sep
Target Energy	TEX	25 Sep
Veriluma Ltd	VRI	20 Sep

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
ACK	Today	1	100	2.02
BWR	Today	6.5	0	7.97
GEM	Today	6	100	5.83
SRX	Today	30	0	2.19
MXI	Tomorrow	1.5	100	4.90
MYR	Tomorrow	2	100	6.99
PFG	Tomorrow	0.45	100	4.25
ARF	Thu	3.2	0	5.34
AYF	Thu	8.75	45.87	5.65
BWF	Thu	1.8	100	4.00
CAB	Thu	10	100	10.18
CRR	Thu	3.25	0	1.13
EBO	Thu	~26.85	95.77	3.21
EOL	Thu	1	0	1.67
FET	Thu	~3.78	0	5.23
GBT	Thu	2.5	100	3.35
GCM	Thu	~0.94	0	4.50
GDF	Thu	2.25	0	7.82
GNE	Thu	7.51	0	6.64
IDR	Thu	4.1	0	8.01
JHC	Thu	5.75	70	6.30
LGD	Thu	0.6	100	5.85
LYL	Thu	9	100	3.87
MAQ	Thu	25	100	3.45
MEZ	Thu	~9.73	0	4.36
MGX	Thu	2	100	5.19
MMS	Thu	35	100	4.49
RFF	Thu	~2.51	0	4.39
RFP	Thu	~2.51	100	0.00
RSG	Thu	2	0	1.88
TGP	Thu	0.75	0	5.89
TOT	Thu	2.25	0	6.91
CII	Fri	7	100	5.78
IPC	Fri	6.25	100	5.84
LCE	Fri	~1.38	100	3.93

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ASX	AGM
	KMD	Full-year
	NUF	Full-year
Tomorrow	AGL	AGM
Thu	AIZ	AGM
Fri	ORL	Full-year
	RRS	Full-year