

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6419	19	0.3
NZX 50	10570	87	0.8
DJIA Futures	25892	-51	-0.2
S&P 500 Futures	2880	-4	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	7582	-9	-0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with new data due out of China late morning, public commentary from the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) early afternoon, a batch of high-profile domestic stocks reporting earnings, and several others trading ex-dividend.

China is expected to release July **industrial profits** figures **11.30am AEST**.

Locally, RBA deputy governor Guy Debelle is scheduled to deliver an address entitled *A Balance of Payments* at an Economic Society of Australia lunch, **12.50pm AEST**.

Pre-trade, a weekly **consumer sentiment** reading is due.

Companies trading **ex-dividend** today include **BKL, CCL, DMP, NHF, STO** and **WOR**. *Please see p4 for a detailed list.*

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** ultimately fell further.

US **gold** futures (December) swung to settle almost flat.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) turned and declined.

The LME did not trade, due to a UK public holiday. US copper futures headed ~0.5% higher.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US67.75c after trading at US67.60c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	25899	270	1.1
S&P 500	2878	31	1.1
NASDAQ	7854	102	1.3
FTSE 100	7095	Public	Holiday
DAX 30	11658	47	0.4
Shanghai Comp	2864	-34	-1.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European equities markets chopped in early overnight trade, but US equities indices rallied on opening and generally maintained gains.

UK markets were closed, due to a public holiday.

The US administration talked up its stance in US-China trade relations and cited China's willingness to negotiate as the basis for its optimism for an ultimate beneficial agreement.

For his part, China's vice premier and highest-level trade

China – July industrial profits - 11.30am AEST

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* Technology listing **10.30am AEST – APV ***

Today's Stock Watch
Wesfarmers Ltd (WES)

78c fully franked final dividend, against \$1.20 a year ago. 360.3% higher, \$5.51B full year NPAT. 4.3% higher, \$27.92M continuing operations revenue. 61.6% lower, \$16.76M discontinued operations revenue. \$5.21 NTA, against \$4.33.

Reliance Worldwide Corporation (RWC)

101.5% higher, \$133.0M full year NPAT. 43.5% higher, \$1.10B revenue.

5c fully franked final dividend, up 67%. 23c NTA.

Inghams Ltd (ING)

10.1% higher, \$126.20M full year NPAT. 4.9% higher, \$2.49B revenue. 10.5c fully franked final dividend. 46c NTA.

Speedcast International (SDA)

\$US175.6M interim net loss. 17% higher, \$US357.6M revenue. Nil interim dividend.

Following a board review, two directors are resigning, including chair John Mackay, and four new appointments will be made. One of these, former Service Stream (ASX: SSM) chairman Stephe Wilks has been appointed SDA chair.

In addition, SDA CFO Clive Cuthell has resigned by mutual agreement, effective at the end of the year.

Resources
Northern Star Resources (NST) / Echo Resources (EAR)

NST and EAR gave agreed for NST to acquire the balance of EAR for 33c cash-per-share. EAR last traded at 25c.

In addition, NST this morning has reported 20.3% lower, \$A154.71M full year NPAT. 45.3% higher, \$1.40B revenue. 7.5c fully franked final dividend. \$1.72 NTA, against \$1.31 a year ago.

Sandfire Resources (SFR)

13% lower, \$A106.46M full year NPAT. 4% higher, \$592.21M revenue. 16c fully franked final dividend, against 19c a year ago. \$3.78 NTA, against \$3.36. Teleconference **midday** AEST.

Energy
Caltex Australia (CTX)

32c interim dividend, against 57c a year ago.

59% lower (historical basis), \$155M interim NPAT. 1% higher, \$10.31M revenue.



negotiator Liu He was reported to have asserted China did not favour pressuring relations, and expressed hope for 'calm negotiations'.

In the meantime, a foreign ministry spokesperson claimed he was unaware of any calls from China's negotiators to the US late-weekend, in response to the US president's claim that US negotiators had received such calls.

A media report from China emphasised the regular 'keeping contact' had continued, but also indicated nothing had progressed since the weekend.

Among overnight data releases, **US** July durable goods orders rose 2.1% for the month, following a 1.8% June increase. Excluding defence sector orders, the new gain came in at 1.4%. Excluding the transport sector, orders declined 0.4%, following an ex-transport 0.8% June rise.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Fed national activity index dropped to -0.36 from 0.03 in July.

A regional manufacturing index from the Dallas division of the US Federal Reserve jumped to 2.7 from -6.3 however. This against forecasts of a smaller improvement to -3.0.

In **Germany**, the IFO business climate index slipped to 94.3 from 95.8.

Tonight in the US, two different regional manufacturing and services sector activity indices, two house price reports and a consumer confidence reading are due.

Elsewhere, Germany is due to report a second and final estimate for June quarter GDP growth.

In **Italy**, more information regarding a possible snap election may become available following four additional days of negotiations between parliamentary party leaders.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include Aluminium Corp of China, China Citic Bank and Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

In overnight corporate news, **Tesla** announced it would increase vehicle prices in China from Friday.

Target revealed plans to open 25 **Disney** outlets within Target stores early October.

Amgen appreciated more than 3% after revealing it was prepared to outlay \$US13.4B cash for the international rights to **Celgene's** oral psoriasis treatment.

UK markets, including the London Metals Exchange (LME), will not trade tonight due to a public holiday.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1537.2	oz	-0.40	-0.0
Silver (NY) (Sep)	17.641	oz	0.228	1.3
Gold (LON)	1504	oz	Public	Holiday
Platinum	854	oz	-1	-0.1
WTI Crude (Oct)	53.64	bbl	-0.53	-1.0
Brent Crude (Oct)	58.70	bbl	-0.64	-1.1
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	92.45	t	-0.43	-0.5
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	5626	t	Public	Holiday
Nickel	15670	t		
Aluminium	1768	t		

Pre-Open Announcements

AppsVillage Australia (* APV)

Software specialist scheduled to list **10.30am** AEST following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share. 45.47M quoted shares.

SRG Global (** SRG)

\$9.42M full year NPAT.

103% higher, \$486.39M revenue.

5c fully franked final dividend, up 100%, following the acquisition of Global Construction Services.

Spark Infrastructure (* SKI)

9.1% lower, \$A52.83M interim NPAT.

7.5c interim distribution, down 0.5c. \$1.61 NTA, against \$1.70.

HUB24 Ltd (HUB)

2.6c final dividend, against 3.5c a year ago.

2.9% lower, \$7.16M full year NPAT.

13.4% higher, \$98.67M revenue.

44c NTA.

MNF Group (* MNF)

3.9% lower, \$11.399M full year NPAT.

2.3% lower, \$215.59M revenue.

4c fully franked final dividend.

Sealink Travel Group (SLK)

9.4% higher, \$21.5M full year NPAT.

19.5% higher, \$248.8M revenue.

8.5c fully franked final dividend, up 0.5c.

\$1.06 NTA, against \$1.10 a year ago.

Quickstep Holdings (QHL)

QHL appreciated 8.97% on relatively high volume yesterday, settling at 8.5c and trading as high as 8.9c, after lodging full year results.

\$2.69M full year NPAT, following a \$2.89M net loss a year ago.

24.1% higher, \$73.28M revenue.

\$3.10 NTA, against \$1.02.

Resources

Silver Lake Resources (* SLR)

60% lower, \$A6.50M full year NPAT.

18% higher, \$301.51M revenue.

Nil final dividend.

47c NTA, against 41c a year ago.

Reports & Events

(selected)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AGI (post-trade)	Full year (tel 9am Wed)
	BLY	Interim
	CTX	Interim



Lead	2060	t
Zinc	2235	t
Tin	15880	t

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight trade appeared to suffer from speculation fatigue, prices rising on **China-US** trade relations optimism expressed by the US administration and seemingly backed by China's chief trade negotiator, but falling again on crude supply versus demand concerns following talk of Iranian crude stockpiling plus build in China port inventories.

Post-settlement, the US president has indicated he is also optimistic regarding relations with **Iran**.

Gold – a returned risk appetite for equities, and \$US gain (ICE up 0.4%) constrained overnight gold interest.

Economic growth indicators from China, the euro zone and US this week are expected to influence some sentiment from tonight, in addition to any additional geopolitical developments.

Some settling could also become apparent as the US approaches the coming Monday public holiday weekend.

Base metals – Shanghai Futures Exchange trade suffered yesterday from weak sentiment following the weekend US-China tariffs tit-for-tat.

In the meantime, a *copper* product manufacturer in Germany revealed it was cutting hours at a facility in southern Germany, due to weakening international economic conditions.

The London Metals Exchange (LME) did not trade overnight, due to a public holiday.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6774	-0.0002	-0.03
EUR – USD	1.1099	-0.0001	-0.00

Australian Data Today

ANZ/RoyMorgan	Consumer sentiment	25 Aug
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US Data Tonight

Richmond Fed manufacturing	Aug
Dallas Fed services activity index	Aug
Case-Shiller/CoreLogic/S&P house prices	Jun
FHFA house price index	Jun Q
Conference Board consumer confidence	Aug

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Industrial profits	Jul
Germany	GDP (final; 4pm AEST)	Jun Q

HUB	Full year
ING	Full year
MNF	Full year
NST	Full year
RWC	Full year
SFR	Full year
SLR	Full year
SKI	Interim
SDA	Interim
WES	Full year

Tomorrow	ABC	Full year
	APT	Full year
	ALL	Full year
	ARC	Full year
	AOG	Full year
	BGA	Full year
	CGS	Full year
	IFT	Full year
	MSB	Full year
	OZL	Interim
	PDL	Full year
	PRU	Full year
	PPH	Full year
	RHC	Full year
	SHV	Full year
	TRS	Full year
	VAH	Full year
	WBA	Full year

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
American Pacific Borate & Lithium	ABR	27 Aug
Twenty Seven Co	TSC	27 Aug
Freehill Mining	FHS	28 Aug
Integral Diagnostics	IDX	28 Aug
Macmahon Holdings	MAH	28 Aug
Mali Lithium	MLL	28 Aug
Parkway Minerals	PWN	28 Aug
Pioneer Credit	PNC	28 Aug
SciDev Ltd	SDV	28 Aug
Scout Security	SCT	28 Aug
Strike Energy	STX	28 Aug
Warrego Energy	WGO	28 Aug

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Alita Resources	A40	14 Aug
Athena Resources	AHN	14 Aug

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Byrah Resources	BYH	26 Aug
CFOAM Ltd	CFO	6 Aug
Freedom Oil & Gas	FDM	8 Aug
Golden Cross Resources	GCR	19 Aug
Gooroo Investments	GOO	1 Aug
Great Boulder Resources	GBR	26 Aug
Heron Resources	HRR	16 Aug
Homestay Care	HSC	20 Aug
Metalicity Ltd	MCT	23 Aug
Moreton Resources	MRV	23 Aug
Redbank Copper	RCP	7 Aug
South Pacific Resources	SPB	2 Aug
Weebit Nano	WBT	23 Aug

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ASH	Today	2.7	100	0.00
BKL	Today	70	100	4.43
CCL	Today	25	0	4.28
DMP	Today	52.8	100	1.47
FID	Today	11.3	100	4.21
NHF	Today	13	100	3.01
PTM	Today	14	100	7.23
RKN	Today	3	100	0.00
STO	Today	8.85	100	1.90
WOR	Today	15	0	2.15