# **Market Opener**

## Thursday 29 November 2018

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## **Markets**

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT) NZX 50	5765 8777	40 63	<b>0.7</b> 0.7
DJIA Futures	25335	-9	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2742	58	2.2
NASDAQ Futures	6918	206	3.1

## **Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market commences today's trade following a substantial overnight \$A rise, a US equities rally on signs the pace of US rate rises could slow, and price gains for select key commodities.

The **\$A** was propelled to ~US73.10c after trading at ~US72.35c early yesterday evening.

In overnight commodities trade, oil fell.

US (December) gold futures swung higher.

**Iron ore** (China port 62% Fe) rose decisively for a second consecutive session.

LME copper rallied.

**Locally** today, September quarter **private capital expenditure** is due 11.30am AEDT.

October new home sales are scheduled for release 11am.

Several large-cap and/or high-profile stocks also host **AGMs** today.

Companies trading ex-dividend include **ALQ** and **TNE**. Please see pp2-3 for detailed lists.

#### **Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones S&P 500	25366 2744	618 62	<b>2.5</b> 2.3
NASDAQ	7292	209	3.0
FTSE 100	7005	-12	-0.2
DAX 30	11299	-10	-0.1
Shanghai Comp	2602	27	1.1

## **Overseas Markets Commentary**

Major European and US equities markets trade diverged overnight, key European indices opening higher but losing gains amid choppy trade.

US markets jumped just prior to mid-session on comments from US **Federal Reserve** chair Jerome Powell delivered at the Economic Club of New York, the DJIA, S&P 500 and NASDAQ each closing at session-highs.

Referring to a newly-introduced financial stability report from the central bank, Dr Powell listed risks to domestic economic growth, which included Fed policy, but described the financial system as 'more resilient' and hence deemed 'vulnerabilities ... moderate'.

Dr Powell's comments regarding rate levels appeared to differ from a month ago, and were interpreted as indicating rate rises may not continue at the previously anticipated pace. The \$US consequently swung lower.

## **Second last trading day for November**

\* Minerals exploration listing midday AEDT - NWM \*

# **Today's Stock Watch**

## **Aristocrat Leisure (ALL)**

27c fully franked final dividend, up 7c. 9.6% higher, \$542.6M full year NPAT.

44.7% higher, \$3.55B revenue.

Anticipating continued growth, mostly during 2H FY2019.

## **Bingo Industries (BIN)**

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) has published a list of concerns regarding BIN's proposed Dial-a-Dump acquisition.

A final ACCC decision on the planned transaction is scheduled for 21 February.

## Orora Ltd (ORA)

Outlaying \$US80.5M for Pollock Packaging.

Audiocast teleconference scheduled for 10.30am AEDT.

## **Bapcor Ltd (BAP)**

Planning to acquire five companies that sell spare parts for Japanese commercial trucks.

BAP plans to fund the overall purchase via an equity issue and using existing debt.

Completion is anticipated within a couple of weeks, with \$15M worth of purchase payments deferred for a further 12 months.

## Mayne Pharma (MYX)

21% higher, \$183M July – October revenue.

75% higher \$108M gross profit.

## Premier Investments (PMV) / Myer Holdings (MYR)

MYR strategy questions anticipated at PMV's AGM today.

MYR's AGM is scheduled for tomorrow.

#### Immutep Ltd (IMM)

LAG-3 combination patent for treating cancer in hand from the European Patent Office.

## Shekel Brainweigh (SBW)

Recently ASX-listed SBW has secured a joint development and marketing agreement with US-headquartered manufacturer Madix. Details lodged this morning.

#### **Quickstep Holdings (QHL)**

QHL has moved today's AGM to The Grace Hotel, 77 York St, Sydney, due to the original venue being adversely impacted by the effects of yesterday's rain and storms.

The AGM commences 2pm AEDT.

## Resources

#### Rio Tinto (RIO)

Going ahead with the \$US2.6B development of the WA Pilbara Koodaideri iron ore project, located 35km north west of RIO's Yandicoogina mine.

Remaining project development conditions include WA Government approval.

## Norwest Minerals (\* NWM)

Explorer scheduled to list **midday** AEDT following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share. 38M quoted securities.

Australian Mines (ASX: AUZ) holds 28.63%.



Meanwhile, across the Atlantic, various figures from the **UK** government, **Bank of England** (BoE) and independent economists were quoted as estimates of the impact on UK GDP of the UK's planned withdrawal from the **European Union** (EU).

The BoE promoted the current draft arrangements as preferable to a no-deal separation, which it claimed could produce an  $\sim 10\%$  contraction over five years.

Government economists estimated a 4% reduction in GDP over 15 years, given the current plan is approved with limited changes.

The UK parliament is due to debate the draft deal over five sessions during the next two weeks, Tuesday through Thursday next week, and Monday-Tuesday the following week. Amendments are scheduled for selection the final Tuesday.

In overnight data releases, the second reading of September quarter **US** GDP growth also provided some relief, remaining at 3.5%, the same as the first estimate, against some forecasts of a revision lower.

A government agency-estimated October goods trade deficit was estimated \$US1B

October wholesale inventories rose 0.7%.

October new home sales dropped 8.9% for the month, following a 1% September rise.

The Richmond Fed manufacturing index came in at 14, from 15, and following expectations of 16.

Weekly mortgage applications rose by 5.5%, 30-year rates pulling back by 0.04% to 5.12%.

In **Germany**, a consumer confidence index slipped 0.2 to 10.4.

**Tonight** in the US, Federal Reserve November policy meeting minutes, October personal income and spending, pending home sales and weekly new unemployment claims are due.

Elsewhere, another public speech is scheduled for **European Central Bank** president Mario Draghi.

Dell, Dollar Tree, HP Inc and Thomas Cook are among companies scheduled to report earnings.

International Consolidated Airlines trades exdividend on the FTSE 100.

In overnight corporate news, **Netflix** revealed plans to expand European production by  $\sim 33\%$  during 2019.

## **Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1227	OZ	7	0.6
Silver (NY) (Dec)	14.4	OZ	0.2	1.4
Gold (LON)	1221	OZ	-2	-0.2
Platinum	822	OZ	-9	-1.1
WTI Crude (Jan)	50.3	bbl	-1.3	-2.5
Brent Crude (Jan)	58.8	bbl	-1.4	-2.4
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	66.4	t	1.2	1.8
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	6200	t	79	1.3
Nickel	10800	t	25	0.2
Aluminium	1932	t	1	0.1
Lead	1925	t	16	0.8
Zinc	2452	t	17	0.7
Tin	18240	t	-35	-0.2
CBT Wheat (Dec)	5.12	bshl	0.06	1.0

## **Pre-Open Announcements**

# **Gentrack Group (\* GTK)**

17.3% higher, \$NZ13.9M full year NPAT. 39% higher, \$NZ104.5M revenue. Flat NZ8.7c, ~NZ3.38c-franked final dividend.

# Elders Ltd (\* ELD) / Bendigo & Adelaide Bank (BEN)

ELD and BEN subsidiary Rural Bank have negotiated changes to a product and services agreement.

Under the new arrangements, some services provided to Rural Bank by ELD employees will now be handled by staff directly employed by Rural Bank.

ELD estimates the changes will deliver 5% - 10% greater EBIT from its Rural Bank arrangements for the first year operating under the new agreement.

Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

## Nanoveu Ltd (NVU)

Nanoimprint-based screen developer scheduled to list 1pm AEDT **tomorrow** following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share. 80.33M guoted securities.

## Resources

## NTM Gold (\* NTM)

Drilling results lodged this morning from across three prospects within the WA far-eastern goldfields Redcliffe gold project. NTM last traded at 3.8c.

## **Reports & Events**

(selected scheduled)

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When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ALL BOQ EHE FNP GTY GTG GTK KAR KCN MYX PMV RFG QHL SFR SHV SPO WHA	Full year AGM AGM AGM AGM AGM Full year AGM
Tomorrow  Mon (3 Dos)	BD1 CCL KAR MYR RES SCO	AGM Investor day AGM AGM AGM AGM
Mon (3 Dec) Wed (5 Dec)	MTS TPM	Interim AGM



## **Commodities Commentary**

**Oil** – prices were pushed and pulled overnight by currency moves, swinging equities sentiment and industry reports.

US government agency the EIA delivered several surprises overnight in its weekly petroleum inventories report.

These included a 3.6MMbbl rise in stored crude, more than 4.5 times expectations.

Distillates defied forecasts of an 857,000bbl draw, rising by 2.6MMbl.

Petrol stockpiles also came in against predictions, decreasing by 764,000bbl, following forecasts of a 640,000bbl increase.

Crude production again remained steady, at a daily 11.7MMbbl.

Imports increased to ~8.2MMbbl/d. Exports also rose, by 473,000bbl/d to 2.4MMbl/d.

An OPEC policy meeting remains scheduled for Thursday next week (6 December). OPEC will also meet with non-OPEC nations who have participated in production curb agreements.

**Gold** – prices swung higher overnight, on a speech by US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell, indicating a potential slowdown in rate increases next year.

This pushed the \$US definitively lower, from ~two-week peaks, and Treasuries (government bond) higher.

Federal Reserve November policy minutes, due tonight, may prove less influential than usual, given the Fed's financial stability-type report release last night, coupled with the chair's subsequent comments.

**Base metals** – currency swings, new industrial action at a Chile copper project, and weak European equities sentiment influenced overnight LME trade.

Among the forecasters, Fitch Solutions has predicted a median \$US14,500/t for 2019, 3.3% lower than its previous prediction.

**China**'s official November manufacturing and services PMIs are anticipated tomorrow.

#### **Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD - USD	0.7303	-0.0004	-0.05
EUR - USD	1.1367	0.0001	0.01

## **Australian Data Today**

ABS	Private capital expenditure	Sep Q
HIA	New home sales	Oct

## **US Data Tonight**

Federal Reserve policy meeting minutes	Nov
Personal income & spending	Oct
Pending home sales	Oct
Initial jobless claims	23 Nov

## **Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

Japan	Retail sales	Oct
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## **Trading Halts**

Company	Code	Resuming
Ausmex Mining	AMG	29 Nov
Explaurum Ltd	EXU	29 Nov
Fatfish Blockchain	FFG	29 Nov
Newfield Resources	NWF	29 Nov
Ramelius Resources	RMS	29 Nov
Cromwell Property Group	CMW	30 Nov
Carbonxt Group	CG1	30 Nov
Mach7 Technologies	M7T	30 Nov
Minbos Resources	MNB	30 Nov

## Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Birimian Ltd	BGS	15 Nov
Carbon Energy	CNX	28 Nov
Department 13 International	D13	23 Nov
Energy Technologies	EGY	12 Nov
Keybridge Capital	KBC	27 Nov
Planet Gas	PGS	23 Nov
RCR Tomlinson	RCR	14 Nov
Sterling Plantations	SBI	27 Nov
Tag Pacific	TAG	22 Nov
Triangle Energy	TEG	28 Nov
VPCL Ltd	VPC	19 Nov
Zyber Holdings	ZYB	28 Nov

#### **Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ALQ	Today	11	20	2.74
AOD	Today	0.25	0	6.41
GCI	Today	0.86	0	2.03
GZL	Today	10	100	5.14
TNE	Today	8.16	75	1.47
MXT	Tomorrow	1.2	0	5.67
MEC	Mon	1	100	1.98
NBI	Mon	0.88	0	0.87
ALL	Tue	27	100	tbc
AYK	6 Dec	11	100	4.37
AYZ	6 Dec	42	100	3.85
PDL	6 Dec	30	15	6.18
WBA	6 Dec	3	100	1.73
FPH	7 Dec	9.16	0	1.69
JHX	11 Dec	11.01	0	2.68
ECX	13 Dec	8	100	6.45
SEN	13 Dec	0.37	0	0.47

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