

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	5651	1	0.0
NZX 50	7771	-5	-0.1
DJIA Futures	21891	20	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	2457	1	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	5939	4	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences end-of-month trade on positive international equities but negative commodities leads, ahead of influential domestic and regional data.

China reports official August PMIs **11am** AEST. A manufacturing PMI, as estimated by Caixin, is due tomorrow.

Pre-ASX trade, **Japan** releases preliminary July industrial production figures.

Locally today, July private sector credit is due within the monthly financial aggregates report from the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) **11.30am** AEST.

June quarter capital expenditure is also expected from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

July new home sales are scheduled for release from the HIA.

NVT and **TWE** are among companies trading ex-dividend today. Please see p3 for a detailed list.

In overnight commodities trade, US **gold** futures turned lower. **Oil** fell further. **Iron ore** (China port 62% Fe) also continued to decline. LME **copper** and other key base metals swung lower.

The **\$A** fell towards US79.0c after being pushed to US79.70c early yesterday evening. The pullback commenced relatively early, on a US growth report.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	21892	27	0.1
S&P 500	2458	11	0.5
NASDAQ	6368	66	1.1
FTSE 100	7365	28	0.4
DAX 30	12002	57	0.5
Shanghai Comp	3364	-2	-0.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets headed higher on or near opening overnight.

In data releases, **Germany's** initial August CPI estimate was reported as a 0.2% rise for the month and 1.8% annual growth.

In the **US**, a second reading of June quarter GDP surprised on the upside, coming in at 3% year-on-year growth, against the initial 2.6% estimate and 1.2% for the March quarter. A third and final June quarter reading is yet to come.

A private sector employment report estimated 237,000 jobs were created in July, following forecasts of as few as 185,000.

Last trading day of the month and for major reporting season.

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Today's Stock Watch

Medibank Private (MPL)

The Federal Court has dismissed the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission's (ACCC) June 2016 allegation that MPL engaged in misleading and deceptive or unconscionable conduct. The allegations were in relation to certain changes introduced for some in-hospital diagnostic service providers in 2014.

Qantas Airways (QAN)

Emirates alliance extended for five years, with adjustments including QAN SYD-LHR flights to stop in Singapore rather than Dubai. In addition, A380s, rather than A330s will be used for MEL-SIN flights. \$A80Mpa benefit expected from FY 2019.

Webjet Ltd (WEB)

147% higher, \$52.4M full-year NPAT. 35% higher, \$210.2M revenue. 10c fully-franked final dividend, up 25%. 78c NTA. 52.87c EPS. \$178.1M cash.

Macquarie Atlas Roads (MQA)

\$437.6M interim NPAT. \$409.0M income. 10c interim distribution. Debbie Goodin and Chris Leslie have been appointed non-executive directors of MQA and MQA International respectively, effective tomorrow.

Codan Ltd (CDA)

\$43.5M full-year NPAT, following \$15.5M net profit a year ago. 33% higher, \$226.1M revenue. 4c final and 3c special dividend, each fully-franked. 24.2c EPS. \$21.4M net cash.

NextDC Ltd (NXT)

\$23.0M full-year NPAT, following a \$1.8M net profit a year ago. 33% higher, \$123.6M revenue. Results include a \$10.2M tax benefit. \$1.75 NTA. \$368.3M cash and term deposits. Anticipating \$56M - \$61M FY 2018 underlying EBITDA.

Mirvac Group (MGR)

Selling two west Melbourne properties, for \$65.5M, into an MGR-Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing trust. MGR will hold 10% trust and act as trust administrator and property manager.

Tower Ltd (TWR)

Transactional costs (Vero and Fairfax) have cost \$2.3M over the past six months. Jeff Wright has been appointed CFO, effective 18 September. Director David Hancock is resigning. Full-year results to 30 September are due in November. Select statistics for the four months to 31 July lodged this morning.

SmartPay Holdings (SMP)

Preliminary NZ23.5c cash-per-share proposal received from Sydney-headquartered Pemba Capital Partners. SMP has traded at 18.5c - 20c on the ASX this week.

Resources

BlueScope Steel (BSL)

Goldman Sachs has cancelled its BSL buy recommendation, in favour of a neutral rating.

Orocobre Ltd (ORE)

\$US19.4M full-year NPAT, following a \$US21.9M net loss a year ago. \$US17.4M income. \$US1.04 NTA.

Meanwhile, in a speech directed at tax change plans, US president Donald Trump summarised his targets as a competitive and simple system, including international corporate tax changes, and relief for business and middle income earners.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims are due, together with July personal income and spending, pending home sales and a Chicago PMI update.

Meanwhile, US markets are heading towards a Monday public holiday weekend, meaning trade tomorrow night, following the national monthly employment figures, is expected to turn comparatively quiet.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1314	oz	-5	-0.4
Silver (NY) (Sep)	17.5	oz	-0.0	-0.1
Gold (LON)	1309	oz	-10	-0.8
Platinum	990	oz	-4	-0.4
WTI Crude (Oct)	46.0	bbl	-0.5	-1.0
Brent Crude (Aug)	50.9	bbl	-1.1	-2.2
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	76.1	t	-0.3	-0.7
Copper	6769	t	-23	-0.3
Nickel	11585	t	-125	-1.1
Aluminium	2088	t	-7	-0.4
Lead	2370	t	-8	-0.3
Zinc	3095	t	-15	-0.5
Tin	20600	t	250	1.2
CBT Wheat (Sep)	4.04	bshl	0.01	0.3

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices recovered from session lows overnight. ~25% of US refining capacity was reported shut down due to Hurricane Harvey and associated storms and flooding. The weather impact on crude production was estimated at ~15%.

In the meantime, damage and flooding has broadened, in both Texas and Louisiana.

US petrol (gasoline) futures for September added 5.7%, during a seventh consecutive session of higher settlements.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report estimated a 5.4MMbbl fall in crude stocks.

Gold – the \$US bounced overnight, supported by US GDP and private sector jobs reports. This detracted from gold sentiment, some profit-taking also reportedly pushing prices lower.

Base metals – a stronger \$US pushed LME prices lower overnight. Some caution was also reported ahead of China's official August PMIs, expected today.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7909	0.0009	0.11
EUR – USD	1.1892	0.0009	0.08

Australian Data Today

RBA	Financial aggregates	Jul
ABS	Capital expenditure	Jun Q
HIA	New home sales	Jul

Pre-Open Announcements

Ausdrill Ltd (* ASL)

Deutsche Bank has cancelled its ASL buy recommendation, in favour of hold advice.

Emeco Holdings (* EHL)

\$90.9M full-year net loss, against a \$90.5M loss a year ago. 22% higher, \$205.0M revenue.

Collins Foods (CKF)

AGM today.

Ardent Leisure (AAD)

Full-year results anticipated.

IRESS Ltd (IRE)

Management changes impacting Australia, the UK and Canada lodged this morning.

Boart Longyear (* BLY)

US court approval for recapitalisation plans, enabling creditor scheme implementations to commence tomorrow.

Tassal Group (TGR)

Pointing out that Tasmania's EPA has confirmed on its website that TGR is in full environmental compliance across the company's three Macquarie Harbour leases. TGR has traded lower the past three sessions, settling at \$3.80 yesterday after closing out last week at \$3.97.

Macquarie Telecom (* MAQ)

\$14.2M full-year NPAT, following \$5.3M net profit a year ago. 8.4% higher, \$220.2M revenue. 25c fully-franked final dividend. \$3.52 NTA. 66.7c EPS. \$31.8M cash and equivalents. Investor day to be announced for October. AGM planned for late November.

Admedus Ltd (AHZ)

\$12.3M full-year net loss. 57.8% higher, \$22.3M revenue. 6.9c NTA. AGM 16 November.

Alexium International (AJX)

\$A12.2M full-year net loss. 595% higher, \$24.0M revenue. \$3.4M cash.

Resources

Doray Minerals (DRM)

Unaudited \$71.7M full-year net loss, against a \$16.5M net profit a year ago. \$183.0M revenue. \$69.5M worth of impairments. 37c NTA. Audited results due by 30 September. WA Deflector gold-copper project forecasts also lodged this morning.

Energy

Yancoal Australia (* YAL)

YAL's majority shareholder Yanzhou Coal Mining Co reports interim results in China today.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Ausdrill Ltd	ASL	31 Aug
3D Resources	DDD	31 Aug
Cooper Energy	COE	31 Aug
Impact Minerals	IPT	31 Aug
Impression Healthcare	IHL	31 Aug
Kresta Holdings	KRS	31 Aug

**US Data Tonight**

Initial jobless claims	26 Aug
Personal income & spending	Jul
PCE	Jul
Chicago PMI	Aug
Pending home sales	Jul

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	NBS PMIs	Aug
Japan	Industrial production (prelim)	Jul
Germany	Unemployment	Aug
Germany	Retail sales	Jul
Euro zone	CPI (initial)	Aug
Euro zone	Unemployment	Jul

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Lithium Australia	LIT	31 Aug
Berkeley Energia	BKY	1 Sep
Bubs Australia	BUB	1 Sep
Crater Gold Mining	CGN	1 Sep
Geopacific Resources	GPR	1 Sep
Kingston Resources	KSN	1 Sep
Peak Resource	PEK	1 Sep
YPB Group	YPB	1 Sep

Suspensions *(selected)*

Company	Code	Since
AnaeCo Ltd	ANQ	31 Aug
BBX Minerals	BBX	23 Aug
Capital Mining	CMY	14 Aug
Cougar Metals	CGM	29 Aug
Eastern Goldfields	EGS	16 Aug
Empire Oil & Gas	EGO	30 Aug
iBuyNew Group	IBN	30 Aug
LWP Technologies	LWP	14 Aug
NMG Corporation	NMG	28 Aug
ZipTel Ltd	ZIP	11 Aug

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
SEC	Today	2	100	3.31
CIN	Today	68	100	3.65
IDX	Today	4	100	4.52
JIN	Today	5	100	2.93
LHC	Today	7.5	100	5.57
MRN	Today	4	100	5.83
MVP	Today	2	100	0.79
NVT	Today	10.1	100	4.27
PRY	Today	5.8	100	3.07
SFC	Today	14	100	3.44
SHJ	Today	2	100	3.61
SKC	Today	~9.29	0	4.81
TWE	Today	13	50	1.82
VRS	Today	0.5	100	2.78
WLL	Today	13.5	100	4.96
ABC	Tomorrow	8.5	100	3.50
AFG	Tomorrow	5.5	100	6.18
ALU	Tomorrow	12	0	2.34
APX	Tomorrow	3	100	1.28
AVJ	Tomorrow	3.5	100	6.17
CGF	Tomorrow	17.5	100	2.79
CYC	Tomorrow	0.5	0	1.26
DWS	Tomorrow	5	100	6.41
FMG	Tomorrow	25	100	7.67
HLO	Tomorrow	8	100	3.15
HT1	Tomorrow	3	100	3.14
IFM	Tomorrow	1.2	100	3.82
IRI	Tomorrow	3.5	100	1.92
LLC	Tomorrow	33	0	3.94
MNF	Tomorrow	4.5	100	1.61
OPG	Tomorrow	1	100	3.92
REG	Tomorrow	10.04	100	6.04
SLC	Tomorrow	0.5	100	0.21
TTS	Tomorrow	8	100	4.20



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Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AAD	Full-year
	CKF	Full-year
	EHL	Full-year
	HVN	Full-year
	MQA	Interim
	NXT	Full-year
	ORE	Full-year
	WEB	Full-year