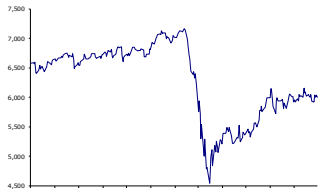
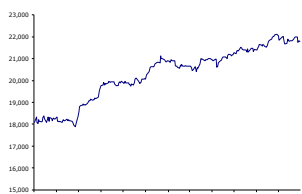


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Global Wrap – 9 August 2020

World Markets	9/08/2020	2/08/2020	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
ASX 200	6005	5928	1.3%	-0.8%	8.3%
S&P 500	3351	3271	2.5%	3.9%	49.2%
FTSE 100	6032	5898	2.3%	-4.1%	-13.0%
DAX30	12675	12313	2.9%	-2.0%	8.8%
Shanghai Composite	3354	3368	-0.4%	4.5%	4.3%
Nikkei 225	22330	22195	0.6%	-1.9%	19.0%
Hang Seng	24532	24595	-0.3%	-3.7%	7.3%
Currency					
AUD/USD	0.7158	0.7124	0.5%	-0.5%	5.5%
Commodities					
Oil (\$/bbl)	41.2	40.8	1.1%	1.3%	-24.0%
Gas (\$/gal)	2.2	1.8	24.4%	23.1%	3.9%
Iron Ore (\$/t)	0.0	53.9	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Copper (\$/t)	6437	6447	-0.1%	-1.1%	10.3%
Lead (\$/t)	1921	1843	4.2%	4.6%	-17.6%
Zinc (\$/t)	2370	2299	3.1%	7.8%	-13.6%
Aluminium (\$/t)	1744	1686	3.5%	5.6%	0.7%
Nickel (\$/t)	14335	13756	4.2%	6.1%	26.1%
Tin (\$/t)	17935	17880	0.3%	3.1%	-16.2%
Gold (\$/oz)	2028	1986	2.1%	11.8%	73.0%
Silver (\$/oz)	27.5	24.2	13.7%	39.4%	61.1%
Platinum (\$/oz)	970	919	5.6%	15.1%	3.5%
Wheat (\$/t)	496.000	530.750	-6.5%	-10.1%	21.5%

Source: Iress

Key points
1. The Week in Review
2. The Markets on Friday
3. What Happens Next
The Week in review

The announcement of further monetary and fiscal stimulus in response to the continued spread of the coronavirus in Australia buoyed the equity market last week. The Reserve Bank of Australia held the official interest rate at 0.25% and declared it will recommence buying government bonds as the stage four lockdown was implemented in Victoria and Queensland closed its borders to New South Wales.

The Morrison government announced further fiscal support of \$1,500 in fortnightly payments for individuals who are required to isolate for 14 days, have exhausted their sick leave and do not have access to other support.

Meanwhile the World Health Organization reiterated Thursday that late-stage human trials don't necessarily mean a Covid-19 vaccine will be widely distributed soon.

Gold prices continued their stellar run, with the futures price setting an all-time high on Wednesday.

The Markets on Friday

The **Dow** rose 46.5 points, or 0.2%, to close at 27,433.48. The **S&P 500** was up slightly to 3351.28. The **Nasdaq Composite** dropped 0.9% to close at 11,010.98, CNBC reported.

The Dow and S&P 500 eked out their sixth straight gains as a strong jobs report outweighed **US-China tensions** and concerns about a new fiscal stimulus package.

President Donald Trump issued on Thursday executive orders to address “the threat posed” by Chinese apps TikTok and WeChat. The orders included banning US transactions with owners **Tencent** and **ByteDance**.

The ban will take effect in 45 days and could attract retaliation from Beijing. The latest development comes as tensions between the two economic powerhouses have heated up in recent weeks.

The US on Friday also sanctioned Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam.

Meanwhile, the White House and Congress are struggling to agree on a new stimulus package after a \$600 per week enhanced federal unemployment benefit expired at the end of July.

Shares of **Amazon** fell more than 1.8% and **Netflix** slid 2.8%. **Microsoft**, **Apple** and **Alphabet** all closed lower.

Stocks in Asia Pacific were mostly lower on Friday as tensions between Beijing and Washington weighed on sentiment.

Hong Kong’s **Hang Seng** index led losses among the region’s major markets, dropping 1.6% to close at 24,531.62.

Shares of Chinese tech firms listed in the city tumbled. Chinese tech juggernaut **Tencent** plunged 5.04% while **Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation**’s stock in Hong Kong dropped 8.7%.

Mainland Chinese stocks also declined on the day, with the **Shanghai composite** down 0.96% to approximately 3,354.04 while the **Shenzhen component** shed 1.548% to around 13,648.50.

Elsewhere in the region, the moves were more muted. Japan’s **Nikkei 225** slipped 0.39% to close at 22,329.94 while the Topix index shed 0.2% to end its trading day at 1,546.74.

European stocks closed slightly higher Friday after the stronger-than-expected US federal jobs report was released.

The Labor Department’s closely watched nonfarm payrolls data showed the US added 1.763 million jobs in July, outstripping expectations of a 1.4 million rise.

The **pan-European Stoxx 600** closed up by over 0.2% provisionally, with telecoms stocks leading the gains with a 0.9% rise. Basic resources shares were the worst performers, falling 1.4%.

German industrial output climbed 8.9% in June, buoyed by a 14.9% rise in exports fuelled mostly by China.

The Australian sharemarket limped home on Friday in the shadow of several economic and geopolitical risks, though the benchmark index still managed to finish ahead for the week, The Sydney Morning Herald reported.

The **ASX 200** lost 37.4 points, or 0.6%, to close at 6004.8.

Investors remained wary while waiting for the key US jobs figures and amid rising Washington-Beijing tensions. An uncertain earnings season outlook also heightened nerves.

However the ASX managed to finish 1.3% ahead for the week, the first weekly gain in three.

Despite a further rise in gold and iron ore prices, the local materials sector gave up a sizeable chunk of its gains from Thursday’s session.

BHP, **Rio Tinto** and **Fortescue Metals** were all heavy losers as the sector plunged by 1.5%.

Financials shed 0.4%, with **ANZ** the only of the big four banks to add to its tally. It rose 0.2% to \$17.68.

Westpac was flat at \$16.76.

Health stocks were weighed down by **ResMed**, which dropped 3.2% to \$25.06. **CSL** fell by 1.3% to \$274.19.

Consumer discretionarys and **property stocks** were the only sectors to finish ahead.



What happens next?

Traders will keep an eye on Washington as talks over a new coronavirus stimulus package continue. Also in the US, July CPI will be released on Wednesday, and American and Chinese retail sales numbers on Friday.

Australia's jobs figures will be released on Thursday.

In Europe, UK GDP is due on Wednesday and the euro zone reading will be flashed on Friday.

Economic Calendar 10/08/2020 – 14/08/2020

Monday August 10 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
09:30 AM	CN Inflation Rate YoY JUL		2.5%	2.6%	2.8%
Tuesday August 11 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
09:30 AM	AU NAB Business Confidence JUL		1		-1
02:00 PM	GB Claimant Count Change JUL		-28.1K		70K
05:00 PM	DE ZEW Economic Sentiment Index AUG		59.3	59	25
09:00 PM	RU GDP Growth Rate YoY Prel Q2		1.6%	-9%	-9.6%
Wednesday August 12 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
08:30 AM	AU Westpac Consumer Confidence Change AUG		-6.1%		-1%
08:30 AM	AU Westpac Consumer Confidence Index AUG		87.9		87
02:00 PM	GB Balance of Trade JUN		£4.3B		£2.8B
02:00 PM	GB GDP Growth Rate YoY Prel Q2		-1.7%	-22.5%	-23%
02:00 PM	GB GDP Growth Rate QoQ Prel Q2		-2.2%	-21.2%	-20.4%
08:30 PM	US Core Inflation Rate YoY JUL		1.2%	1.1%	1.0%
08:30 PM	US Inflation Rate YoY JUL		0.6%	0.8%	0.7%
Friday August 14 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
05:00 PM	EA GDP Growth Rate YoY 2nd Est Q2		-3.1%	-15%	-15%
05:00 PM	EA GDP Growth Rate QoQ 2nd Est Q2		-3.6%	-12.1%	-12.1%
08:30 PM	US Retail Sales MoM JUL		7.5%	1.7%	2%

Source: www.tradingeconomics.com

Economic Calendar 17/08/2020 – 21/08/2020

Monday August 17 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
07:50 AM	JP GDP Growth Rate QoQ Prel Q2		-0.6%		-4.2%
Wednesday August 19 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
07:50 AM	JP Balance of Trade JUL		¥-268.8B		¥-260B
02:00 PM	GB Inflation Rate YoY JUL				
08:30 PM	CA Inflation Rate YoY JUL		0.7%		
Thursday August 20 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
09:30 AM	CN Loan Prime Rate 1Y		3.85%		3.85%
Friday August 21 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
07:30 AM	JP Inflation Rate YoY JUL		0.1%		0.1%

Source: www.tradingeconomics.com

**All Ords Top 10 Week Ending 7 August 2020**

10 Best Performing Stocks Weekly (%)			10 Worst Performing Stocks Weekly (%)		
MSB	Mesoblast Limited	16.4	RMD	ResMed Inc.	-11.4
IPL	Incitec Pivot	15.4	NWH	NRW Holdings Limited	-7.9
LYC	Lynas Corporation	12.1	CCP	Credit Corp Group	-6.1
NWS	News Corp..	11.8	SXL	Sthn Cross Media	-6.1
CTD	Corp Travel Limited	11.6	SCG	Scentre Grp	-5.9
ALD	Ampol Limited	10.5	MND	Monadelphous Group	-5.8
ARB	ARB Corporation.	10.3	GWA	GWA Group Ltd	-4.6
WEB	Webjet Limited	9.9	NAB	National Aust. Bank	-4.0
AVH	Avita Therapeutics	8.7	OBL	Omni Bridgeway Ltd	-3.7
OML	Ooh!Media Limited	8.7	WPR	Waypoint REIT	-3.6

Source: IRESS

S & P Indices Week Ending 7 August 2020

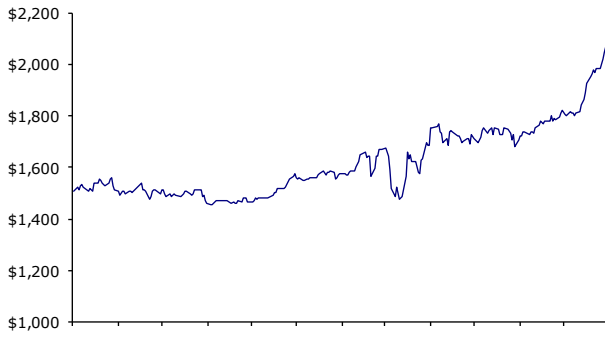
S&P Indices	9/08/2020	2/08/2020	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
S&P 200 Energy	7380	7035	4.9%	-0.8%	-17.0%
S&P 200 Materials	14701	14079	4.4%	3.9%	48.5%
S&P 200 Industrials	5536	5512	0.4%	-1.1%	8.5%
S&P 200 Consumer Disc.	2535	2500	1.4%	2.0%	21.1%
S&P 200 Consumer Staples	13011	12925	0.7%	-0.8%	52.1%
S&P 200 Healthcare	40890	40548	0.8%	-3.2%	112.1%
S&P 200 Financials	4699	4741	-0.9%	-4.0%	-26.2%
S&P 200 Info Technology	1681	1643	2.3%	1.4%	116.1%
S&P 200 Telecommunicatic	1236	1221	1.2%	-0.8%	-29.6%
S&P 200 Utilities	7657	7603	0.7%	-1.7%	1.6%
S&P 200 Property Trusts	1224	1217	0.6%	-0.8%	-8.7%
S&P 200 Financials ex PT	5241	5288	-0.9%	-4.0%	-26.2%

Source: IRESS

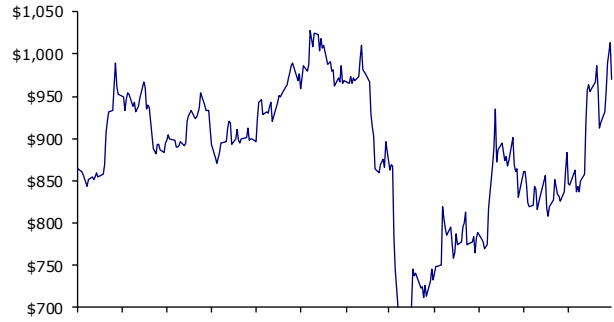


1 Year Commodity Price Charts

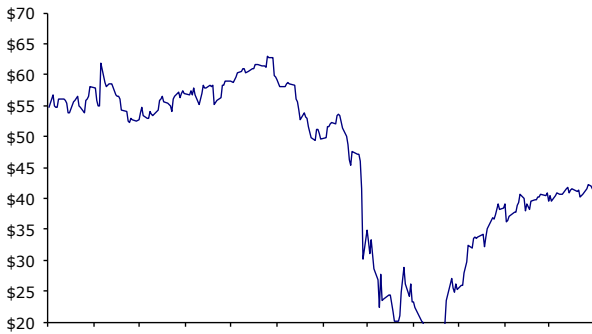
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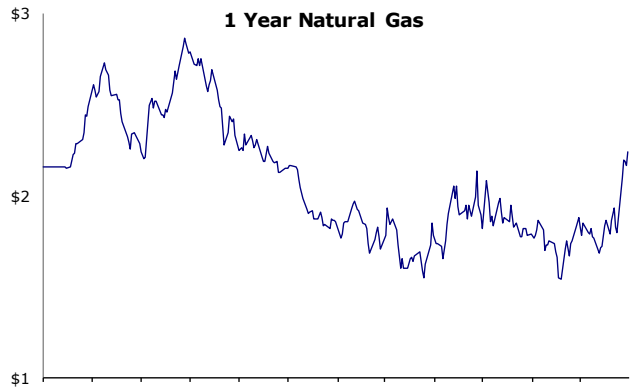
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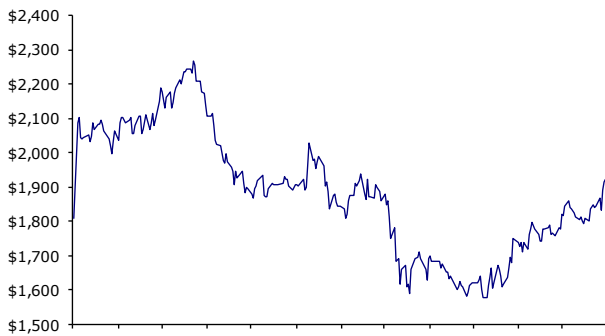
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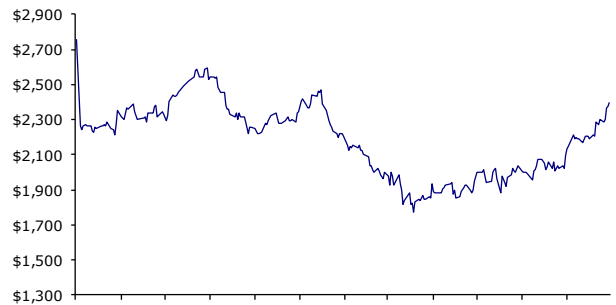
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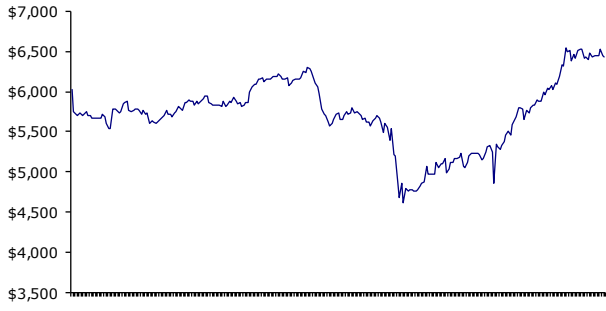


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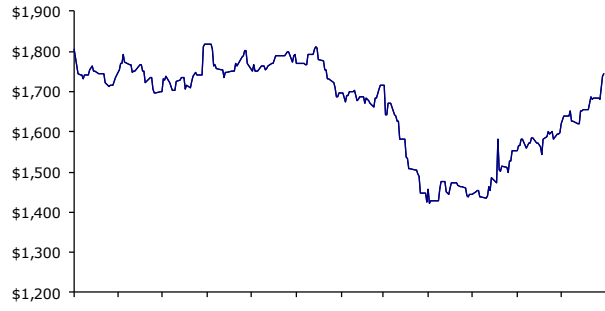




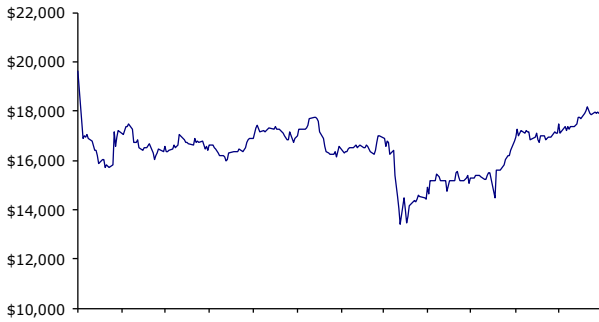
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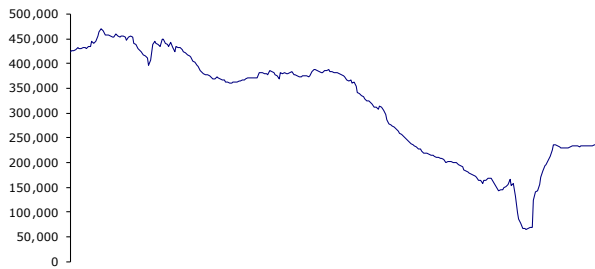


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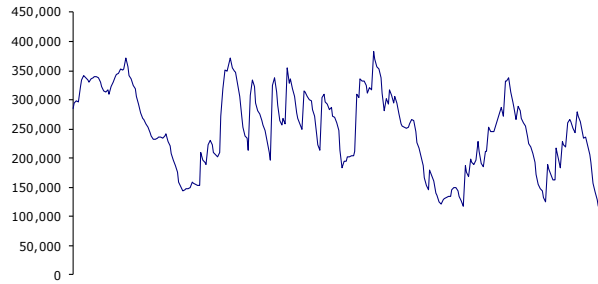


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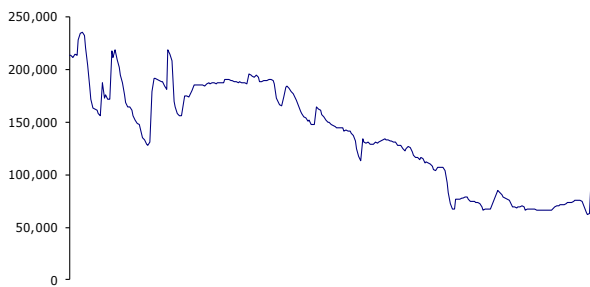
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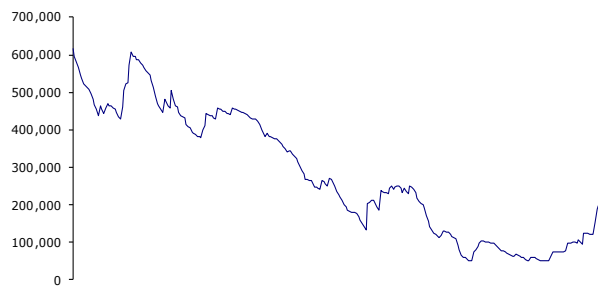
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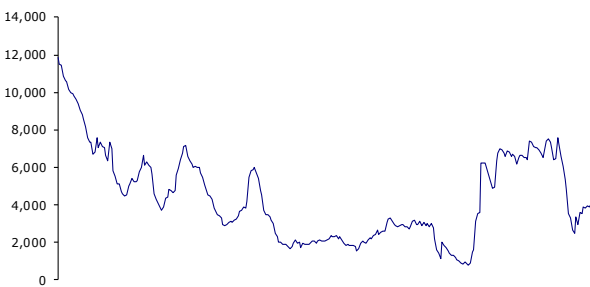
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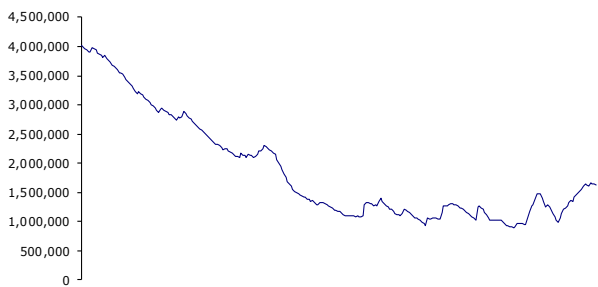
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Tin LME Stockpiles - 5 Year



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