

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6489	-52	-0.8
NZX 50	11199	11	0.1
DJIA Futures	30679	66	0.2
S&P 500 Futures	3805	9	0.2
NASDAQ Futures	11835	28	0.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences Friday trade with a batch of influential data due out from China from late morning, the Australian government calling a national cabinet (COAG leaders) meeting for Monday to discuss Covid measures, economic scenarios under joint consideration by G20 finance heads today and tomorrow, and with a swath of key data due out of Europe and the US tonight.

US equities markets settled lower or essentially flat overnight.

Locally today, no major economic reports are scheduled for release.

Regionally, China's June quarter GDP plus June updates for fixed asset investment, industrial production and retail sales are due midday AEST.

The June residential property price index is expected at 11.30am.

Pre-trade, **South Korea** has reported June import and export prices, these rising 33.6% and 23.7% respectively against prices recorded for June 2021.

G20 chief finance ministers and central bankers are meeting today and tomorrow in Bali, **Indonesia**.

In largely negative overnight commodities trade, **oil** settled lower.

US **gold** futures turned and fell beneath \$US1710/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) also swung lower, tumbling to almost \$US106.00/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **aluminium** were pushed yet lower. **Nickel** tumbled ~8.0%.

The **\$A** rose to ~US67.50c after falling to ~US67.40c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	30630	-143	-0.5
S&P 500	3790	-11	-0.3
NASDAQ	11251	4	0.0
FTSE 100	7040	-117	-1.6
DAX 30	12520	-237	-1.9
Shanghai Comp	3282	-3	-0.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets traded lower early

Today's Stock Watch
Regional Express Holdings (REX)

Resuming from a trading halt with an agreement to outlay ~\$48M to acquire National Jet Express, the regional services division of Cobham Aviation Services Australia. Proposed funding details also lodged pre-trade. REX last traded at \$1.215.

Michael Hill International (MHJ)

Anticipating a \$60M - \$63M FY22 EBIT.

Estimated 7.3% full year growth in all store sales to \$A592.5M and 8.0% for same store sales to \$A506.0M.

June quarter all store sales rose 17.0% year-on-year to \$A135.7M, and same store sales by 2.1% to \$A111.9M. \$95M cash against \$72.4M at 30 June 2021.

Wisetech Global (WTC)

Anticipating top-end \$600M - \$635M FY22 (18% - 25% growth) revenue.

Revising expected EBITDA to \$310M - \$320M from \$275M - \$295M.

Planning to lodge audited results 24 August.

Pendal Group (PDL)

\$111.0B FUM at 30 June, against \$124.9B at 31 March.

Prescient Therapeutics (PTX)

US FDA orphan drug designation in hand for PTX-100, aimed at treating peripheral T-cell lymphomas.

Austin Engineering (ANG)

Anticipating \$32M FT22 EBITDA, against previous \$30M guidance.

MGC Pharmaceuticals (MXC)

MXC's ArtemiC Support supplement has demonstrated, in a clinical study involving 150 patients, the ability to reduce severe symptoms of post-acute Covid syndrome (Long Covid).

Resources
Rio Tinto (RIO)

WA Pilbara iron ore production and shipments rose for the June quarter by 10% and 12% year-on-year respectively, but fell for January - June, by 1% and 2%.

Bauxite and copper output also increased for both the quarter and half year, but aluminium production fell.

2022 guidance, mostly unchanged, also lodged this morning.

BCI Minerals (BCI)

MD and CEO Alwyn Vorster plans to relinquish his BCI roles by the end of 2022, in favour of advisory roles and personal interests.

Mr Vorster was appointed BCI CEO May 2016.



or on opening overnight, but key US indices subsequently trended higher to settle at or near session highs.

Interest rates, recession commentary and new inflation-related data featured among considerations.

Earnings season jitters also impacted sentiment early, JPMorgan Chase announcing a share buy-back suspension after revealing a 30% drop in June quarter net income.

Earlier yesterday, the Monetary Authority of Singapore raised the mid-point of its key rates range in an out-of-cycle move. The Philippines' central bank also surprised with an out-of-cycle 0.75% benchmark interest rate hike to 3.25%.

Overnight, the European Commission (EC) issued a new set of forecasts for the euro zone, some of these flagged a few days earlier.

2022 inflation for the bloc was predicted to come in at 7.6%. For the European Union (EU) the inflation forecast was raised to 8.3%. Expected 2022 GDP growth was lowered to 2.6% from 2.7%. The 2023 prediction was reduced to 1.4% from 2.3%.

Meanwhile in Italy, the president rejected PM Mario Draghi's offer to resign due to a coalition government split from earlier this week. The president had requested Mr Draghi, the immediate past European Central Bank president, be the nation's PM in early 2021.

In the UK, further voting in the PM replacement process resulted in a field of five remaining candidates.

In relatively scant additional overnight data releases, the **Bank of England's** credit conditions report from a June survey predicted loan defaults to increase, and hence a tightening of lending requirements.

Germany's June wholesale prices were reported 0.1% higher for the month and 21.2% higher than for June 2021.

Economists had anticipated a 0.7% monthly increase following a 1% May rise.

In the **US**, June producer prices rose 0.4% for the month, in line with expectations following a 0.6% May increase.

Against June 2021, prices were up 11.3%.

Weekly new unemployment claims tallied 244,000 from 235,000 the previous week and following forecasts for 238,000.

Yesterday afternoon (AEST), **Japan** hosted a 20-year bond auction which delivered a 0.902% yield from 0.905%.

Tonight in the US, June retail sales, industrial production and import and export prices, are due, together with a preliminary July consumer sentiment reading as calculated by the University of Michigan, the NY Fed Empire State manufacturing index and May business inventories.

Elsewhere, a summit of Gulf allies in Saudi Arabia will be attended by the US president.

Companies listed to report earnings include Bank of New York Mellon, Blackrock, Citigroup, HDFC Bank, Sandvik, UnitedHealth and Wells Fargo.

In overnight corporate news, as had **JPMorgan Chase**, **Morgan Stanley** reported a large June quarter drop in investment banking revenue.

Pre-Open Announcements

Meridian Energy (* MEZ)

June operating statistics, highlighting all-round increased year-on-year sales, lodged this morning.

Mighty Craft (MCL)

MCL's convertible notes in Slipstream Brewing Co (worth ~\$1.5M) have been extended until 1 April 2024.

In addition, MLC's option to purchase Slipstream shares has been extended until 28 October 2023.

Resources

Podium Minerals (* POD)

Additional Parks Reef PGM gold and base metals project RC drilling results lodged pre-trade.

Anticipating boosting the company's exploration target.

Asra Minerals (ASR)

WA eastern goldfields Mt Stirling gold project resource update anticipated within weeks.

The resource is being determined independently.

ASR recouped 7.41% yesterday after settling up 8% Wednesday, closing yesterday's trade at 2.9c.

Andromeda Metals (ADN)

Webinar presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

ADN is presenting at a webinar event which commences 12.30pm AEST.

Event registration also lodged post-trade yesterday.

Sarytogan Graphite (* SGA, SGAO)

Explorer scheduled to list on the ASX midday AEST **Monday**, following an ~\$8.66M IPO at 25c per share.

~60.57M quoted shares.

~26.95M quoted options.

Acquiring Ushtogan LLP, the owner of the 103.92sq km Sarytogan project, Kazakhstan.

Stephen Penrose chair; Sean Gregory MD.

Energy

DevEx Resources (DEV)

Pleading ignorance in response to an ASX price query.

DEV added 12.2% Wednesday and 30.43% yesterday, settling at 30c after closing out last week at 22.5c.

Wednesday, DEV announced diamond drilling had commenced within the company's Northern Territory Nabarlek uranium project.

In addition, DEV highlighted 10-year peak uranium prices and highlighted plans to drill multiple targets during the quarter.

Botala Energy (BTE) / Pure Hydrogen Corporation (PH2)

CBM explorer BTE completed its ASX listing yesterday, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

**Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1705.8	oz	-29.70	-1.7
Silver (NY) (Sep)	18.23	oz	-0.96	-5.3
Gold (LON) (13 Jul)	1725	oz		
Platinum	844	oz	-12	-1.4
WTI Crude (NYMEX Aug)	95.78	bbl	-0.52	-0.5
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Sep)	99.10	bbl	-0.47	-0.5
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	106.01	t	-5.04	-4.5
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	7169	t	-155	-2.1
Nickel	19403	t	-1751	-8.0
Aluminium	2336	t	-19	-0.8
Lead	1829	t	-123	-6.3
Zinc	2874	t	-69	-2.3
Tin	24311	t	-1043	-4.1

Commodities Commentary

Oil – trade proved volatile again overnight, prices pushed \$US4/bbl lower early, on economic outlook fears.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia was revealed to have more than doubled its imports of fuel oil from Russia to at least 647,000t (48,000bbl/d) during the June quarter, for domestic power generation, purchasing at discounted prices while gaining higher prices for its own crude production assigned to exports.

A US weekly petroleum drill rig report is due tonight.

Gold – prices were pushed lower overnight, with demand again reported to be further decreasing amid economic angst and with the \$US remaining strong.

A plethora of material international economic data is due today and tonight.

Base metals – further international interest rate rises, prompting additional recession predictions, and continuing \$US strength negatively impacted overnight LME trade sentiment.

China's June quarter GDP, plus June updates for industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales, due today, will influence at least some of tonight's trade.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6755	-0.0001	-0.02
EUR – USD	1.0023	0.0003	0.03

US Data Tonight

Retail sales	Jun
Industrial production	Jun
Import & export prices	Jun
NY Fed Empire State manufacturing	Jul
Business inventories	May
Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (prelim)	Jul

52.16M quoted shares.

BTE is acquiring a 70% holding in the Botswana Serowe CBM project, with PH2 retaining a 30% free-carried interest.

PH2 held 20.00% of BTE on listing.

BTE chair Wolf Martinick directly held 23.08%.

BTE CEO Kris Martinick directly held 8.54%.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Matador Mining	MZZ	15 Jul
Regional Express Holdings	REX	15 Jul
Kincora Copper	KCC	18 Jul

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Collection House	CLH	1 Jul
Falcon Metals	FAL	14 Jul
Firefinch Ltd	FFX	29 Jun
GWR Group	GWR	5 Jul

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
BBC	Mon	34	100	0.00
TRA	Mon	6.35	85	4.64
KPG	Wed	0.4	100	1.27
UWL	Fri (22 Jul)	10.5	100	0.00
PPS	25 Jul	5	100	0.00
MIR	27 Jul	8.5	100	3.17
MIRNB	27 Jul	4.25	100	0.00
PSC	27 Jul	79	0	0.00

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	MEZ	Jun
	RIO	Jun Q
Mon	LYC	Jun Q (tele 10am)
Tue	BHP	Jun Q; 12 mth review
Wed	AKE	Jun Q (w/cast 10am)
	MP1	Jun Q
Thu	STO	Jun Q
	WDS	Jun Q



Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	GDP	Jun Q
China	Fixed asset investment	Jan - Jun
China	Industrial production	Jun
China	Retail sales	Jun
China	Residential property price index	Jun
South Korea	Export & import prices	Jun
Japan	Tertiary industry index (2.30pm AEST)	May
Germany	Wholesale prices	Jun
Euro zone	Trade balance	May
Euro zone	Domestic vehicle registrations	Jun

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