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Market Opener

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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST) NZX 50	6506 11126	0 23	0.0 0.2
DJIA Futures	30987	18	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3825	2	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	11781	0.5	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences mid-week trade with the \$A trading at ~US67.55c, influential economic data due from China, and two regional interest rate decisions due, ahead of material economic reports out of the UK, euro zone and US, plus a Bank of Canada rates decision tonight.

US equities markets fell further overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes a March building activity report at 11.30am AEST.

In addition today, a two-day Indo-Pacific – focused **energy forum** concludes in Sydney.

Regionally, China is scheduled to report June trade figures at **1pm** AEST.

In Japan, the Tankan indices are expected pre-ASX trade.

In addition today, a **Bank of Korea** interest **rate decision** is anticipated **11am** AEST.

The **Reserve Bank of New Zealand** is also convening a policy meeting from which outcomes, including a further rate increase, are expected **midday** AEST.

In largely negative overnight commodities trade, **oil** tumbled, Brent crude settling below \$US100/bbl and WTI beneath \$US96/bbl.

US gold futures also traded lower, settling below \$US1725/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) continued to fall, but modestly so.

LME (3mth evening) **copper**, **nickel** and **aluminium** were each pushed decidedly lower.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US67.60c after trading at US67.15c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	30981	-193	-0.6
S&P 500	3819	-36	-0.9
NASDAQ	11265	-108	-1.0
FTSE 100	7210	13	0.2
DAX 30	12905	73	0.6
Shanghai Comp	3281	-32	-1.0

Today's Stock Watch

Kathmandu Holdings (KMD)

Estimated \$NZ955M - \$NZ965M FY22 total sales. Anticipating \$NZ88M - \$NZ94M FY22 underlying EBITDA. Underlying EBIT is expected to be \$NZ53M - \$NZ58M.

Platinum Asset Management (PTM)

\$18.214M FUM at 30 June, after the annual unit holder distribution, against \$19.588M at 31 May.

Prior to the distribution, FUM at 30 June would have been recorded at \$19.102M.

IOU Ltd (IOU)

Shariah compliance certification in hand from an advisory firm licensed by the Securities Commission Malaysia.

IOU has subsequently secured an agreement with PayHalal for the acquisition of merchants and processing of payments for 'myIOU Islamic' buy now-pay later (BNPL) transactions.

The PayHalal payment gateway and myIOU BNPL platform have been integrated.

Estia Health (EHE)

Confirming Sean Bilton has this week taken over as CEO and MD from Ian Thorley who is also resigning from the EHE board.

Resources

South32 Ltd (S32)

Selling four third party interest base metals royalties to Anglo Pacific Group for a combined \$US185M fixed payment plus up to \$US15M in contingent payments.

The \$US185M will consist of \$US103M cash plus \$US82M worth of Anglo Pacific shares, giving S32 an ~16.9% holding in Anglo Pacific. Royalty details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Neometals Ltd (NMT)

Shredding section front-end engineering purchase order in hand for Mercedes-Benz's LICULAR recycling business facility. This comes following the co-operation agreement between

NMT's Primobius lithium-ion recycling JV and LICULAR having become legally binding.

Gascoyne Resources (GCY)

Heralding Gilbey's North drilling results which include additional significant-width, high-grade intersections. Assays lodged pre-trade.

Latin Resources (LRS)

LRS is securing, under an option agreement, a further 1.2km of tenure directly along strike to the south of the Colina lithium prospect. Three diamond drill rigs operational and samples have been collected for preliminary metallurgical test work.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Trade diverged overnight across major European, UK and US equities markets, European and UK markets falling on open but trending higher to settle at or near session highs.

Key US indices opened stronger but fell in late trade and closed near session lows.

In the **UK**, Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey vowed to lower the domestic inflation rate to ~2.0%, venturing high interest rates would prove temporary even though rates would rise further in the meantime.

Meanwhile, Iran was reported to be hosting tri-lateral leaders' talks with Russia and Turkey Tuesday next week, these traditionally centring on Syria.

In overnight data releases, the Sentix economic sentiment index for the **euro zone** plunged to -53.8 during July, from -28 and following forecasts for -33.5.

In **Germany**, the July Sentix economic sentiment index was also reported at -53.8 from -28, against expectations of -39.2.

The current conditions component index tumbled to -45.8 from -- 27.6. Economists had anticipated -33.8.

Earlier yesterday, the **UK** BRC retail sale monitor for June disappointed, reported 1.3% lower than for June 2021 against expectations for a 0.5% fall.

In the ${\bf US}$ overnight, a business optimism index fell to 89.5 from 93.1

An economic optimism index rose to 38.5 from 38.1.

A consumer inflation expectations reading was reported at 6.8% from 6.6%.

A \$US33B 10-year note auction produced a 2.96% yield from 3.030%.

Earlier in the UK, a 10-year treasury gilt auction resulted in a 2.145% yield from 2.296%.

Yesterday afternoon, a 0.039% yield was notably recorded for a five-year government bond auction in Japan, following 0.083%.

Tonight in the US, June CPI and the Federal Reserve's district-bydistrict economic roundup 'beige book' report are due, together with the June budget statement and weekly mortgage applications. A 30-year US bond auction is also scheduled.

Elsewhere, the UK provides a GDP update, the Bank of Canada holds a monetary policy meeting and announces outcomes, and Germany hosts a 30-year bond auction.

Companies listed to report earnings include Delta Air Lines, Fastenal and Infosys, Kongsberg, Progressive and Sakata Seed Corp.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1724.8	OZ	-6.90	-0.4
Silver (NY) (Sep)	18.96	OZ	-0.17	-0.9
Gold (LON) (11 Jul)	1740	OZ		
Platinum	843	OZ	-25	-3.0
WTI Crude (NYMEX Aug)	95.84	bbl	-8.25	-7.9
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Sep)	99.49	bbl	-7.61	-7.1

Pre-Open Announcements

Imugene Ltd (IMU)

Presenting PD1-VAXX phase 1 IMPRINTER trial data at the World Conference on Lung Cancer, Austria via an in-person and online poster presentation.

The conferenced is scheduled for 6 – 9 August.

Additional details lodged pre-trade.

Respiri Ltd (RSH)

Webinar and Q&A scheduled for 11am AEST Friday (15 July).

Registration link lodged post-trade yesterday.

Resources

RED 5 (RED)

RED has appointed RED corporate development officer Patrick Duffy as CFO, effective 1 September.

Mr Duffy is taking over from CFO John Tasovac who is planning to leave RED 31 August due to personal reasons.

The corporate development role will be incorporated into the CFO position.

Stavely Minerals (SVY)

Capital raising presentation lodged post-trade yesterday. SPP has raised \$4M in a 15c-per-share institutional

placement and is conducting a \$1.5M SPP, at the same price, from today through 29 July.

SVY traded as low as 15c yesterday after closing out June at 20c and May at 32c.

Energy

Brookside Energy (BRK)

Anadarko Basin Flames well operations update lodged this morning.

The well location site has been connected to a gas sales pipeline and a gas sales meter has been installed.

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

CBM explorer BTE is scheduled to list on the ASX 2.30pm AEST **tomorrow**, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

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 holds 20.00% of BTE.

BTE chair Wolf Martinick directly holds 23.08%.

BTE CEO Kris Martinick directly holds 8.54%.



Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	109.68	t	-0.28	-0.3
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	7353	t	-230	-3.0
Nickel	21383	t	-468	-2.1
Aluminium	2360	t	-21	-0.9
Lead	1937	t	-4	-0.2
Zinc	3009	t	-25	-0.8
Tin	25574	t	-709	-2.7

Commodities Commentary

Oil – broadened and tougher Covid containment restrictions in China, a continuing strong \$US and recession fears fuelled by new weak consumer and business sentiment reports were cited for an overnight price tumble.

OPEC's monthly report, released overnight, forecast lower 2023 demand growth than for 2022, at 2.7MMbbl/d.

US government agency the EIA forecast greater US demand, however, coupled with increased domestic production

A weekly US petroleum inventories report is due to night from the $\ensuremath{\text{FI}}\Delta$

Overnight, post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) released a weekly report which included a 4.76MMbbl rise for US crude stocks and ~3MMbbl increase in stored petrol last week.

A monthly oil market report is also due from the International Energy Agency (IEA) tonight.

Gold – the \$US continued the safe-haven favourite, constraining any overnight gold price moves higher, despite weak equities sentiment.

A batch of material international statistics due today and tonight, including a US CPI update, is expected to prove influential in tonight's trade.

Base metals – overnight LME trade appeared mostly impacted by a continuing strong \$US, caution ahead of key China data due this week and varied warehouse levels.

Aluminium traded at 14-month lows on reports smelters in China were ramping activity.

China's June trade figures, due today, will influence some of tonight's LME trade.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6753	0.0033	0.50
EUR – USD	1.0033	0.0022	0.22

Australian Data Today

Building activity

ABS

СРІ	Jun
Federal Reserve beige book	Jul
Budget statement	Jun

US Data Tonight

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Magnetic Resources	MAU	13 Jul
Nagambie Resources	NAG	13 Jul
Tombola Gold	TBA	13 Jul
AML3D Ltd	AL3	14 Jul
Falcon Metals	FAL	14 Jul
Lake Resources	LKE	14 Jul
Okapi Resources	OKR	14 Jul
Zelira Therapeutics	ZLD	14 Jul

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Arrow Minerals	AMD	6 Jul
Collection House	CLH	1 Jul
Firefinch Ltd	FFX	29 Jun
GWR Group	GWR	5 Jul

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
SEC	Tomorrow	2	100	6.40
TRA	18 Jul	6.35	85	6.38
PSC	21 Jul	77	0	0.00
UWL	22 Jul	10.5	100	0.00
PPS	25 Jul	5	100	0.00

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Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Trade balance	Jun
Japan	Tankan indices	Jul
UK	GDP	May
UK	Trade balance	May
UK	Industrial production	May
Germany	CPI (final)	Jun
Euro zone	Industrial production	May

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