

**Markets**

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDT)	7078	-83	-1.2
<b>NZX 50</b>	11522	-80	-0.7
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	33212	-781	-2.3
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	3897	-101	-2.5
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	11347	-403	-3.4

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market opens Friday trade with the \$A at ~US\$67.0c, and interest rate rises from the Bank of England, European Central Bank and two other central banks in Europe overnight, ahead of international PMI updates today and tonight.

US equities markets fell decisively overnight.

Meanwhile, Russia has targeted the US with another warning over proposed further US military equipment support for Ukraine.

**Locally** today, S&P Global initial December PMI estimates were expected pre-trade, ahead of the historically more influential AiG readings.

**Regionally** today, initial December PMI estimates for **Japan** are scheduled for release 11.30am AEDT.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** settled lower for the first time this week.

US **gold** futures extended Wednesday's decline, settling beneath \$US1790/oz.

**Iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) was pushed higher, closing at \$US110.5/t.

**Coal** (ICE-GC Newcastle) traded below \$US403/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** reportedly fell 1.1% in official open-outcry trading. **Nickel** meanwhile was reported to have gained 1.5%. **Aluminium** reportedly continued lower, by 0.7% in official open-outcry trading.

*Last night's LME final 3-mth evening price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected from IRESS at 11.30am AEDT.*

The **\$A** dropped to ~US\$67.00c after trading at ~US\$67.75c - ~US\$67.95c early yesterday evening.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	33202	-764	-2.3
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	3896	-100	-2.5
<b>NASDAQ</b>	10811	-360	-3.2
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7426	-70	-0.9
<b>DAX 30</b>	13986	-474	-3.3
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3169	-8	-0.3

**\* Gold & lithium exploration listing – 1.30pm AEDT – DES \***

**Today's Stock Watch**
**National Australia Bank (NAB)**

This morning's AGM materials lodged, together with resolution proxy votes.

**Fletcher Building (FBU)**

A teleconference was scheduled to commence 8.30am AEDT. New Zealand International Convention Centre and Hobson Street Hotel project costs are expected to exceed 2019 fire insurance proceeds, such that FBU is provisioning an additional \$NZ150M.

Reconfirming a minimum \$NZ855M HY23 EBIT (excl significant items) target.

**Link Administration Holdings (LNK)**

LNK will supply superannuation administration and customer engagement services to AustralianSuper for a further two years from 1 July 2023.

**Resources**
**Red 5 (RED)**

Declaring King of the Hills gold project commercial production. Forecasting 90,000oz – 105,000oz output for 2H FY23 with an \$A1750/oz - \$A1950/oz AISC.

**Vulcan Energy Resources (VUL)**

Rheinland-Pfalz state approval in hand for the operating plan submitted for VUL's lithium extraction demonstration facility.

**DeSoto Resources (\* DES)**

Gold and lithium explorer scheduled to list on the ASX **1.30pm** AEDT, following a \$10M IPO at 20c per share. ~55M quoted shares.

Two projects in the Northern Territory.

Predictive Discovery (ASX: PDI) founder and former CEO Chris Roberts DES executive chair.

Recent BPM Minerals (ASX: BPM) and former PDI corporate development officer CEO Chris Swallow DES MD.

Barry Murphy DES non-executive director.

**Energy**
**Norwest Energy (NWE) / Mineral Resources (MIN)**

19.9% NWE shareholder and WA Perth Basin Lockyer Deep gas JV partner MIN is intending to submit an off-market takeover bid for the balance of NWE.

Planned consideration comprises one MIN share for every 1367 NWE shares, equivalent to ~6c for each NWE share.

NWE has traded at 4.5c – 4.7c this week.

MIN has traded at \$81.04 - \$88.78.



## Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets picked up the pace of Wednesday's declines overnight.

Cost-of-living pressures, including higher borrowing costs, and economic slowdown indications remaining firmly in focus.

The **Bank of England** (BoE) and **European Central Bank** (ECB) each convened policy meetings, raised interest rates by 0.5%, and warned peak rates were yet to come.

The BoE pushed rates to 3.5% and the ECB to 2.0%.

Only six of nine BoE monetary policy committee members voted for such an increase, one favouring another 0.75% hike and two preferring rates to have remained unchanged.

Yesterday, China's November fixed asset investment, industrial production and retail sales updates undershot expectations.

In overnight data releases, **UK** November new domestic vehicle registrations rose were calculated, as anticipated, 23.5% higher than for November 2021.

Germany's November wholesale prices were reported 0.9% lower for the month and 14.9% higher than for November 2021.

November domestic vehicle registrations also essentially matched forecasts, 31.4% higher than for November 2021.

In the **US**, November retail sales concerned, falling 0.6% following a 1.3% October increase and forecasts for a new 0.2% rise.

Against November 2021, sales were up 6.5%.

The US NY Fed (Empire State) December manufacturing index dropped to -11.2 from 4.5 against predictions for a decline to 1.0.

The Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index improved, albeit to -13.8, from -19.4. A greater increase had been anticipated however, to -7.0.

Weekly new unemployment claims came in at 211,000 from 231,000 the previous week. Economists had anticipated 235,000 new claims.

November industrial production declined 0.2% for the month, in line with expectations and following a 0.1% October slip.

Against November 2021, output was up 2.5%.

October business inventories rose 0.3%, also on par with forecasts, following a 0.2% September increase.

Earlier yesterday a 20-year government bond auction in Japan produced a 1.088% yield from 1.029%.

**Tonight** in the US, S&P Global initial December PMIs are due.

Elsewhere, preliminary December UK and euro zone PMI estimates are also expected.

In addition, the Bank of Russia is scheduled to convene a policy meeting and announce outcomes.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold</b> (COMEX 100 Feb)	1787.8	oz	-30.9	-1.7
<b>Silver</b> (COMEX 5000 Mar)	23.31	oz	-0.83	-3.3
<b>Platinum</b>	1004	oz	-22	-2.1
<b>WTI Crude</b> (NYMEX Jan)	76.11	bbbl	-1.17	-1.5
<b>Brent Crude</b> (ICE EUR Feb)	81.21	bbbl	-1.49	-1.8

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Abacus Group (ABP)

ABP has appointed former Westpac Banking Corporation (ASX: WBC) executive Sally Herman as a non-executive director, effective today.

### NZME Ltd (NZM)

The New Zealand Commerce Commission has initiated court action against NZM subsidiary NZME Advisory (formerly GrabOne) regarding the sale of a particular product, subsequently deemed unsafe, on the GrabOne site. NZM sold GrabOne in October 2021.

### Pental Ltd (PTL)

Anticipating a 39% year-on-year drop in 1H FY23 underlying EBIT to ~4.6M.

Sales revenue is expected to fall 3.4% to \$64M and NPAT by 17% to \$3.1M.

Anticipating a 21% - 30% fall for full year FY23 underlying EBIT to \$7.5M - \$8.5M.

Margins are being adversely impacted by higher input and freight costs.

Currently planning to maintain a 1.3c interim dividend.

### Goodman Group (GMG)

Paying a 15c interim dividend.

### Payright Ltd (PYR)

~19.22M PYR shares are due to be released from mandatory escrow 23 December (Friday next week).

## Resources

### Copper Mountain Mining (C6C)

Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) has approved the proposed C6C sale of the Eva copper project and associated exploration holdings to Harmony Gold Mining Company.

### Loyal Lithium (LLI)

Investor presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

LLI settled at 33.5c yesterday after closing out last week at 50.5c.

### Surefire Resources (SRN)

Rescinding an equivalent vanadium pentoxide resource statement contained within the Victory Bore project announcement lodged yesterday.

In addition, on advice from the ASX, SRN is advising no investor reliance on scoping study assertions.

SRN traded as high as 1.5c yesterday, settling 16.67% higher for the session at 1.4c.

~48.88M shares changed hands.

### Australian Gold & Copper (AGC)

Replacing yesterday's rare earths announcement after retracting some statements on ASX advice.

AGC added 4.07% yesterday, settling at 6.4c.



<b>Iron Ore</b> (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	110.5	t	1.24	1.1
<b>Copper</b> (LME 3mth Evening) (14 Dec)	8515	t	21	0.3
<b>Nickel</b>	28368	t	76	0.3
<b>Aluminium</b>	2444	t	-17	-0.7
<b>Lead</b>	2182	t	-24	-1.1
<b>Zinc</b>	3238	t	-80	-2.4
<b>Tin</b>	24278	t	-371	-1.5
<b>Coal</b> (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	403	t	-1	-0.3
<b>Wheat</b> (CBT Mar; IRESS)	757.75	t	8.5	1.1

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – US, UK and euro zone rate increases and warnings of more to come in 2023 strengthened economic slowdown fears overnight.

In addition, a \$US rally damaged buying power for those trading in other currencies.

In overnight supply news, the operators of the Keystone pipeline, which usually delivers heavy crude from Canada to refiners in the US, announced partial flow was resuming in one section of the line.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report is due tonight.

**Gold** – overnight interest was bruised by a strong swing higher for the \$US.

As did the US Federal Reserve overnight Wednesday, the Bank of England and European Central Bank raised their key interest rates by 0.5%.

Central banks in Switzerland and Norway also pushed rates higher overnight.

**Base metals** – new data out of China and a swing higher for the \$US damaged general overnight base metals sentiment.

China's November industrial production, retail sales and fixed asset investment updates, lodged yesterday, failed to match forecasts, industrial production and retail sales surprising the most on the downside.

In addition, the unemployment rate rose to 5.7% from 5.5%.

Property prices were reported 1.6% lower than for November 2021, but a 1.8% decline had been anticipated.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.6703	-0.0126	-1.84
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.0632	-0.0016	-0.15

### Australian Data Today

S&P/Global	PMIs (initial)	Dec
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### US Data Tonight

S&P/Global PMIs	Dec
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### Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

<b>Japan</b>	PMIs (initial)	Dec
<b>UK</b>	PMIs (initial)	Dec

The company had appreciated 7.89% Wednesday.

AGC closed out last week at 5.7c.

### Mineral Commodities (MRC)

Seeking external advice in assessing a default notice regarding a shareholders deed.

### Aurumin Ltd (AUN)

At-the-market subscription agreement secured with Acuity Capital to ensure access to up to \$3M standby capital over 38 months.

AUN is paying 8M shares, at nil cash consideration, as security.

### Corazon Mining (CZN)

Additional information lodged post-trade yesterday for the WA eastern goldfields Miriam lithium discovery announcement.

CZN announced the find Thursday last week and the new announcement also includes the addition of cautionary statements.

CZN traded as high as 3.1c, settling 33.3% higher -at 2.8c and with an ~33M share turnover - for the session, when the initial announcement was lodged.

### Taiton Resources (\* T88)

Multi-mineral explorer scheduled to list on the ASX 2.30pm AEDT **Monday**, following an ~7M IPO at 20c per share.

~51.5M quoted shares.

Two projects in South Australia and one in Western Australia.

### Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Caprice Resources	CRS	16 Dec
Intra Energy Corporation	IEC	16 Dec
RMA Global	RMY	16 Dec
Strike Resources	SRK	16 Dec
Critical Resources	CRR	19 Dec
DMC Mining	DMM	19 Dec
ISynergy Group	IS3	19 Dec
Koba Resources	KOB	19 Dec
Legacy Minerals Holdings	LGM	19 Dec
Pearl Gull Iron	PLG	19 Dec
PolarX Ltd	PXX	19 Dec

### Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Copper Strike	CSE	13 Dec
DW8 Ltd	DW8	14 Dec
Meteoric Resources	MEI	12 Dec
Pan Asia Metals	PAM	15 Dec



UK	Retail sales	Nov
UK	GfK consumer sentiment (~11am AEDT)	Dec
<b>Germany</b>	PMIs (initial)	Dec
<b>Euro zone</b>	CPI (final)	Nov
Euro zone	PMIs (initial)	Dec
Euro zone	Trade balance	Oct
<b>Russia</b>	Bank of Russia policy meeting outcomes	16 Dec

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### Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
KPG	Mon	0.4	100	1.37
MTS	Tue	11.5	100	4.99
GLE	28 Dec	2.14	0	0.00
AOF	29 Dec	2.5	0	8.71
BWP	29 Dec	9.02	0	4.45
CHC	29 Dec	20.84	45	3.09
CIP	29 Dec	4	0	5.24
CLW	29 Dec	7	0	6.61
CMW	29 Dec	1.38	0	9.19
COF	29 Dec	3.52	0	9.71
CQE	29 Dec	4.3	0	5.08
DXC	29 Dec	5.3	0	7.82
DXI	29 Dec	4.1	0	5.58
GDF	29 Dec	1.8	0	5.31
GDI	29 Dec	2.5	0	10.26
GMG	29 Dec	15	0	tbc
HPI	29 Dec	9.2	0	5.69
MGR	29 Dec	5.2	0	4.64
NSR	29 Dec	5.5	0	4.26
RCT	29 Dec	22.37	0	8.91
RFF	29 Dec	2.93	0	4.73
RGN	29 Dec	7.5	0	5.45
SGP	29 Dec	11.8	0	6.91
TCL	29 Dec	26.5	0	2.93
TOT	29 Dec	1.5	0	7.14

### Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>NAB</b>	AGM
<b>Mon</b>	EMN	Full year; Sep Q
<b>Tue</b>	IPL	AGM

### December quarter S&P/ASX indices re-balance

The following changes come into effect prior to the ASX open **Monday (19 December)**:

#### S&P/ASX 50

*Out:* LLC

*In:* PLS

#### S&P/ASX 200

*Out:* SBM

*In:* MND



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