

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6559	57	0.9
NZX 50	11187	65	0.6
DJIA Futures	31296	38	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3874	7	0.2
NASDAQ Futures	12058	39	0.3

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new week's trade with the Covid-focused national cabinet initially called for today, brought forward to Saturday, resulting in a decision to reinstate select economic support until 30 September.

US equities markets rallied in concert overnight Friday.

Since overnight Friday trade: China's Macau lockdown has been extended for a week; Russia has targeted several cities in Ukraine citing a need to prevent attacks on the territory it holds in eastern Ukraine; and Palestinian-Israeli tensions have again flared with missiles and rockets exchanged to and from the Gaza strip.

Locally today, no major new economic indicators are officially scheduled for release, but June home sales report is pending from the HIA.

In addition, June quarter reporting season warms and additional announcements regarding likely full-year and half-year results are anticipated.

Further Covid management and repercussions debate is expected to continue.

Regionally today, **New Zealand** has released a June quarter inflation report, with the CPI growing 1.7% for the three months, resulting in a 7.3% annualised inflation rate.

During the March quarter, the CPI had risen by 1.8%, producing a 9% annualised inflation as at 31 March.

Japan's markets are **closed** due to a public holiday.

In overnight Friday commodities trade, **oil** swung higher.

US **gold** futures settled slightly lower, remaining above \$US1700.00/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) continued lower, but at a more moderate pace than for Thursday. Singapore futures were notably reported below \$US96.2/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **aluminium** turned to settle modestly higher. **Nickel** closed slightly lower after dropping 8% Thursday.

The **\$A** approached US67.90c after trading at ~US67.20c early Friday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	31288	658	2.1
S&P 500	3863	73	1.9

* **Graphite exploration** listing – **midday AEST – SGA, SGAO ***

Today's Stock Watch
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ) / Suncorp Group (SUN)

ANZ has called a trading halt this morning, announcing it is no longer discussing a potential purchase of **MYOB** with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co (KKR), but is pursuing a \$A4.9B acquisition of Suncorp Bank from **SUN**.

In association, ANZ is conducting an ~\$3.5B fully underwritten one-for-15 \$18.90-per-share entitlement offer. ANZ anticipates a \$20M direct acquisition cost plus \$50M association with the equity raising. The institutional component of the entitlement offer is scheduled for today through tomorrow. The retail offer is scheduled for 26 July – 15 August. Further, ANZ has lodged its **June quarter** trading update this morning. Markets revenue rose 5% to \$435M; deposits remained flat. Overall revenue rose 5% on a mean average 1Q and 2Q FY22 basis. 11.1% CET1 (level 2). ANZ traded at \$21.375 - \$22.88 last week.

Woolworths Group (WOW)

Paying \$150M cash for Shopper Media Group.

Infratil Ltd (IFT)

Vodafone New Zealand and shareholders IFT and Brookfield Asset Management are selling the Vodafone NZ passive mobile tower assets for \$NZ1.7B. The purchasers of the passive assets are funds associated with InfraRed Capital Partners (40%) and Northleaf Capital Partners (40%).

In addition, IFT plans to reinvest, to hold a 20% interest in the new TowerCo, which will wholly own 1484 mobile towers covering 98% of the NZ population.

Resources
Lynas Rare Earths (LYC)

Produced 3650t of REO during the June quarter, against 4945t for the March quarter. Sales revenue tallied \$A294.5M, against \$327.7M.

West African Resources (WAF) / Uniti Group (UWL)

S&P Dow Jones Indices plans to replace UWL on the S&P/ASX 200 with WAF, pending final court approval of the MBC BidCo scheme of arrangement acquisition of UWL.

With approval, UWL will be removed from the S&P/ASX 200 prior to Friday's opening and WAF added.

Energy
Whitehaven Coal (WHC)

Anticipating \$3.0B FY22 EBITDA against \$0.2B for FY21.

June quarter ROM production rose 21% for the three months, pushing FY22 output to 20.0Mt. \$1.0B net cash.



NASDAQ	11452	201	1.8
FTSE 100	7159	119	1.7
DAX 30	12865	345	2.8
Shanghai Comp	3228	-54	-1.6

Overseas Markets Commentary

US equities markets rallied on opening overnight Friday, helping drag major European and UK equities notably higher from nonetheless positive early trade.

During Thursday trade, investors were facing speculation the US Federal Reserve could raise rates by 1.00% at the policy meeting next week, but late Thursday, Federal officials were quoted backing a 0.75% increase.

This, together with than non-recessionary economic data helped bolster investor appetite.

Earlier Friday, China released a swag of influential economic reports, these proving mixed against forecasts. GDP fell by 2.6% during the June quarter.

A Gulf allies summit in Saudi Arabia prompted further commentary regarding oil supply and who was buying from whom.

Among a swag of overnight Friday data releases, **euro zone** May trade figures included a €26.3B trade deficit following a €32.4B April deficit and forecasts for a new €31.7B shortfall.

June new domestic vehicle registrations were reported 15.4% lower than for June 2021.

In the **US**, June retail sales encouraged those fearing recession may have set in, rising 1% against forecasts for a 0.5% improvement following a 0.1% decline during May.

Against June 2021, sales were up 8.4%.

In addition, the NY Fed July Empire State manufacturing index jumped to 11.1 from -1.2 for June, defying predictions for -0.5.

June import and export prices rose 0.2% and 0.7% respectively, following 0.5% and 2.9% increases for May and forecasts for new monthly 0.8% and 1.1% appreciations.

Against June 2021, import and export prices were up 10.7% and 18.2% respectively.

June industrial production declined by 0.2% following a flat result for May. Economists had predicted a 0.1% June increase.

Against June 2021, output was up 4.2%.

May business inventories grew 1.2% after rising 1.3% in April and following forecasts for a 0.8% new increase.

The initial University of Michigan-calculated July consumer sentiment reading came in better than expected, at 51.1 against forecasts for a fall to 49.3 from June's finalised 50.0.

Tonight in the US, the NAHB housing market index is due.

Elsewhere, a **Bank of England** (BoE) policy committee member who has previously promoted higher interest rate increases than the norm for the BoE is scheduled to speak publicly.

Companies listed to report earnings include Bank of America, Charles Schwab, Goldman Sachs, IBM and Prologis.

Pre-Open Announcements

Hansen Technologies (HSN)

\$45M, five-year new upgrade contract secured with Energy Queensland.

Praemium Ltd (PPS)

\$40.48B FUA at 30 June, against \$42.12B at 31 March.

\$2.9B FY22 net inflows, against \$1.5B for FY21.

\$306M June quarter net inflows, against \$466M for the March quarter and \$651M for the June quarter 2021.

Nuix Ltd (NXL)

Expecting \$151M - \$154M FY22 NPAT and \$160M - \$163M annualised contract value (ACV), against \$176.1M and \$165.67M respectively reported for FY21.

\$46.8M cash on hand.

Planning to lodge full year results 18 August.

Integrated Research (IRI)

Anticipating \$500,000 - \$1.5M full year NPAT, below initial expectations.

Comments on additional likely FY22 statistics lodged this morning. \$12.3M net cash at 30 June.

Worley Ltd (WOR)

New FEED, design, project and construction management services secured with Aramaco.

Additional details lodged this morning.

Perenti Ltd (PRN)

Expecting to recover \$10M pre fees and taxes as settlement for damages suffered to a property in West Africa in 2004.

ResApp Health (RAP)

Shareholders will vote on the proposed Pfizer Australia Holdings scheme of arrangement acquisition of RAP 19 August.

LiveHire Ltd (LVH)

LVH has secured SRG Partners as corporate advisor.

LVH will issue 3M unlisted performance rights to SRG which can convert these into shares, pending milestones.

Cadence Opportunities Fund (CDO)

Paying a 7.5c fully franked final dividend.

Trading ex-dividend 17 October.

Resources

Sarytogan Graphite (* SGA, SGAO)

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

~60.57M quoted shares; ~26.95M quoted options.

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

Stephen Penrose chair; Sean Gregory MD.

Lode Resources (* LDR)

Heralding Webbs Consol silver-base metal project drilling

**Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1705.8	oz	-2.20	-0.1
Silver (NY) (Sep)	18.23	oz	0.36	2.0
Gold (LON) (13 Jul)	1701	oz		
Platinum	851	oz	7	0.8
WTI Crude (NYMEX Aug)	97.59	bbl	1.81	1.9
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Sep)	101.16	bbl	2.06	2.1
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	104.3	t	-1.71	-1.6
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	7189	t	20	0.3
Nickel	19386	t	-17	-0.1
Aluminium	2344	t	7	0.3
Lead	142	t	113	6.2
Zinc	2913	t	39	1.4
Tin	24839	t	528	2.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – with Gulf allies meeting in Saudi Arabia late-week, plenty of commentary suggesting Saudi Arabia had little capacity to boost capacity again appeared.

Also overnight Friday, the \$US was pushed from ~20-year highs, supporting oil trade.

On the flip side, Libyan corporate and territorial blockade group comments indicated force majeure could be lifted soon from key fields and ports, releasing 850,000bbl/d for export.

Meanwhile, additional first-half 2022 activity figures revealed for China on Friday showed a 6% fall in refinery output compared with June 2021, but this was attributed at least in part to significant lockdowns.

A US weekly petroleum drill rig report, published overnight Friday, included two additional operational oil rigs, taking the in-service oil rig tally to 599.

Brent crude settled 5.5% lower for the week and WTI down 6.9%.

Gold – a plethora of material international economic data overnight Friday and currency swings pushed and pulled overnight Friday trade.

US Federal Reserve speculation, ahead of next week's policy meeting, is expected to influence some sentiment this week, together with a European Central Bank policy meeting Thursday and high-profile corporate earnings and outlooks.

Base metals – a weaker \$US, improved equities sentiment, new data and inventories produced varied select metals trade overnight Friday.

Copper traded beneath \$US7000/t again, before settling above \$US7150/t.

China's June quarter GDP, plus June updates for industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales, reported Friday, came in mixed against expectations.

GDP fell 2.6% for the three months and was 0.4% higher than a year earlier. Economists had anticipated a 2.1% contraction.

January – June fixed asset investment grew 6.2%, but forecasters had expected 7.1% growth.

January – May fixed asset investment had been previously reported as having grown 6.2%.

Industrial production rose 3.9% year-on-year against forecasts for

results for the Castlereagh and Tangoa prospects.

Assays lodged this morning.

Anson Resources (* ASN)

Further high-grade intersections delivered from Utah, US Paradox lithium project drilling.

Assays lodged pre-trade.

OreCorp Ltd (* ORR)

Heralding Nyanzaga project Kilimani deposit metallurgical testing results.

Statistics lodged this morning.

Australian Strategic Materials (* ASM)

MD and CEO David Woodall is stepping down from these roles and leaving ASM, effective immediately.

ASM has subsequently appointed ASM COO Rowena Smith as CEO.

Ms Smith's professional experience prior to joining ASM has included executive and management roles with South32 Ltd (ASX: S32), BHP Group (ASX: BHP) and Rio Tinto (ASX: RIO).

iTech Minerals (* ITM)

Heralding South Australia Eyre Peninsula project Caralue Bluff drilling results.

Assays lodged this morning, including several significant-width, high-grade REE intersections.

R3D Resources (R3D)

R3D has raised a combined \$3.11M from the recent 10c-per-share placement and rights issue, including \$1.23M from the rights issue shortfall.

R3D traded at 13c – 15c last week, closing out the week at 13c.

Energy**Boss Energy (BOE)**

BOE has appointed recent First Quantum Minerals business development manager Andre Potgieter as CFO, effective today.

Former BOE CFO Mathew O'Hara remains with BOE as company secretary.

In addition, BOE has appointed additional managers covering company human resources, safety health environment and radiation, geology and hydrogeology services.

Details lodged this morning

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Kincora Copper	KCC	18 Jul
Arizona Lithium	AZL	19 Jul
Asra Minerals	ASR	19 Jul
Meeka Gold	MEK	19 Jul
Southern Hemisphere Mining	SUH	19 Jul



3.1% growth.

Retail sales were reported 3.1% higher than for June 2021, but economists had predicted a 5.5% increase.

House prices were calculated 0.5% lower than for June 2021.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6806	0.0019	0.28
EUR – USD	1.0094	0.0013	0.13

Australian Data Today

HIA	New home sales	Jun

US Data Tonight

NAHB housing market index	Jul

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

New Zealand	Inflation rate	Jun Q

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Spectur Ltd	SP3	19 Jul
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	ANZ	21 Jul

Suspensions *(selected)*

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

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
BBC	Today	34	100	0.00
TRA	Today	6.35	85	4.64
KAT	Wed	0.5	100	1.43
KPG	Wed	0.4	100	1.20
UWL	Fri	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	ANZ	Jun Q
	LYC	Jun Q (tele 10am)
	PPS	Jun Q
	WHC	Jun Q
Tomorrow	BHP	Jun Q; 12 mth review
Wed	AKE	Jun Q (w/cast 10am)
	MP1	Jun Q
Thu	STO	Jun Q
	WDS	Jun Q