

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7111	41	0.6
NZX 50	11494	42	0.4
DJIA Futures	33569	516	1.6
S&P 500 Futures	3906	57	1.5
NASDAQ Futures	11335	159	1.4

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens the second last trading session before Christmas weekend with the \$A at ~US67.10c and fresh regional economic data in hand, following positive indications out of Australia-China talks, ahead of GDP updates for the UK and US tonight.

US equities markets rallied overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases additional information relating to last week's November workforce statistics publication.

Meanwhile, tomorrow, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) is due to publish November financial aggregates, including private sector credit.

Overnight, China's president Xi Jinping expressed China's willingness to 'reactivate the nations' dormant comprehensive strategic partnership' following talks in China late yesterday (AEDT) between Australia's and China's foreign ministers.

Regionally this morning, **South Korea** has released November producer prices, these falling by 0.2% for the month following a 0.5% October increase.

Against November 2021, prices were up 6.3%.

Tomorrow, Japan is expected to report November inflation growth.

In addition, the Bank of Japan is due to release Tuesday's policy meeting minutes.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** was pushed decidedly higher, Brent crude trading above \$US82.00/bbl.

US **gold** futures settled flat.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) extended Tuesday's increase, trading beyond \$US110.5/t.

Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle) recorded a slight decline.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** was reported 0.3% higher at ~1700 GMT. At the same time, **nickel** was reportedly trading with a 3.8% gain. **Aluminium** was reported to have added 0.8%.

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

The \$A appreciated to ~US67.05c after trading at ~US66.70c - ~US66.75c early yesterday evening.

ASX Trading 23 December – 3 January

23 December	10am – 2.10pm AEDT
26 December	CLOSED
27 December	CLOSED
28 December	10am – 4.10pm AEDT
29 December	10am – 4.10pm AEDT
30 December	10am – 2.10pm AEDT
2 January 2023	CLOSED
3 January 2023	10am – 4.10pm AEDT

The Market Opener will resume Monday 9 January 2023

Best wishes from all at State One
for a safe and special end-of-year season



Trades executed today settle 28 December (Wednesday next week).

Tomorrow's (Friday, 23 December) trades will settle 29 December (Thursday next week).

Trades executed Thursday next week (29 December) settle Tuesday 3 January.

Friday (30 December) trades will settle Wednesday 4 January.

Today's Stock Watch

Medibank Private (MPL)

Returning an additional \$207M in Covid net claims savings to customers.

Perenti Global (PRN)

\$185M revenue expected over four years for a Resolute Mining (ASX: RSG) surface mining activities contract for which PRN has secured an extension.

Kelsian Group (KLS)

KLS's Transit Systems has secured, via competitive tender, a contract which extends services already offered into a new region. KLS anticipates \$800M in revenue over the new over the new ~7.3-year contract term.

Resources

Green Technology Metals (GT1)

Canada Seymour project spodumene concentrate produced ahead of conversion to lithium hydroxide.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	33376	527	1.6
S&P 500	3878	57	1.5
NASDAQ	10709	162	1.5
FTSE 100	7497	127	1.7
DAX 30	14098	213	1.5
Shanghai Comp	3068	-5	-0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

US equities markets headed higher on opening overnight, dragging major European and UK indices higher following cautious first-half trade.

Some better-than-anticipated corporate earnings reports from the likes of Nike, FedEx and Carnival Corp supported sentiment.

In addition, new data mostly came in better-than-feared, in particular one report indicating a notable improvement in US consumer confidence.

In geopolitical news, Ukraine's president met with the US president in Washington ahead of an address to Congress, again appealing for further equipment support.

In overnight data releases, the GfK December consumer confidence reading for **Germany** also represented an improvement, albeit to -37.8 from -40.1. Forecasters had anticipated a slightly greater advance, to -36.0.

In the **UK**, the December CBI distributive trades index sprinted to 11 from -19, following expectations for a further move in the opposite direction, to -23.

November public sector net borrowing tallied £21.2B, £13.8B more than for November 2021.

Economists had forecast November borrowing to come in at £12.3B from October's £14.2B.

Russia's November producer prices were reported 0.4% lower for the month, following a 2.5% October decline and forecasts for a new 0.7% decline.

Against November 2021, prices were down 1.9%.

Meanwhile, **Canada's** November CPI update represented 6.8% annualised inflation following 0.1% growth for the month.

In the **US**, the Conference Board consumer confidence estimate for December unexpectedly jumped to an eight-month peak of 108.3 against forecasts for a 1.3-point decline for the month to 100.1.

November existing home sales dropped 7.7% for the month, following a 5.9% October fall and forecasts for a new 3.0% decline.

Weekly mortgage applications rose by 0.9% after the previous week's 3.2% climb.

The mean average 30-year mortgage rate was reported at 6.34% from 6.42%.

A US 20-year bond auction in the meantime resulted in a 3.935% yield from 4.072%.

Tonight in the **US**, the final September quarter GDP growth reading is keenly anticipated, in addition to weekly new unemployment claims.

Pre-Open Announcements**Synlait Milk (* SM1)**

Anticipating a fall in FY23 NPAT.

Details lodged this morning.

Promising new guidance on the release of interim results, planned for 27 March 2023.

Macmahon Holdings (MAH)

Talison Lithium Australia and MAH have extended the target date for finalising the terms of a MAH load and haul services contract with Talison Lithium for the south west WA Greenbushes lithium project until 13 January.

M8 Sustainable (M8S)

M8S has secured a convertible notes loan facility for up to \$2.5M with M8S's largest shareholder (30.34%) M8 Holding (the former SBANG Sustainable Energies).

Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

SOCO Corporation (* SOC)

IT services consultancy scheduled to commence ASX trade 11am AEDT **tomorrow**, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share. 126.265M quoted shares.

Empired Ltd (ASX: EPD) and Xref Ltd (ASX: XF1) chair Thomas Stianos SOC non-executive chair.

Resources**29Metals Ltd (29M)**

Pending final 2022 statistics and finalised 2023 operating plans and budget, 2023 copper metal production is expected to be approximately flat.

Zinc output is expected to rise by 5% - 10%.

Expecting gold and silver metal production to fall by 10% - 15% year-on-year.

Anticipating full year 2022 copper and zinc metal production to come in within the lower half of the guidance range.

Expecting gold and silver metal production to reach or exceed the top end of the guidance range.

Anticipating selling costs to be at the lower end of the guidance range.

Total capital and site costs are expected within the top half of the guidance range.

Ragusa Minerals (RAS)

Heralding further assay results from WA Burracoppin project drilling, in particular with respect to halloysite and ISO brightness.

Pan Asia Metals (PAM)

Retracting an article released on an online media site 13 December (Tuesday last week), in particular with respect to a claim relating to Malaysian Government support.

PAM has also lodged a response to an ASX 'aware' query.

Resuming from suspended trade.

PAM last traded at 42c Monday last week (12 December).



The Chicago Fed November national activity index is also due, together with the Conference Board November leading index and the Kansas City Fed December manufacturing index.

Elsewhere, a final September quarter GDP reading is also due for the UK.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Feb)	1825.4	oz	0.00	0.0
Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar)	24.19	oz	-0.08	-0.3
Platinum	995	oz	-11	-1.1
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jan)	78.29	bbl	2.06	2.7
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Feb)	82.20	bbl	2.21	2.8
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	110.74	t	0.88	0.8
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (20 Dec)	8357	t	35	0.4
Nickel	28329	t	1119	4.1
Aluminium	2370	t	11	0.5
Lead	2186	t	22	1.0
Zinc	3088	t	71	2.4
Tin	23930	t	627	2.7
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	400.05	t	-1.3	-0.3
Wheat (CBT Mar; IRESS)	767.5	t	17	2.3

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices were pushed higher overnight on a US report but were also capped by forecasts for severe winter weather for significant parts of the US, including the most populated areas, amid continuing and varied commentary regarding the likely impacts of Covid in China and constraints on Russian oil trade on global demand.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report, published by government agency the EIA, included a 5.894MMbbl draw on US stored crude last week but a 2.53MMbbl rise for petrol stocks.

Oil imports were reported 1.092MMbbl lower and petrol production 358,000bbl/d higher.

Meanwhile, Russia's exports for 1 – 20 December were reported 11% lower for 1 – 20 November.

Overnight Tuesday post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) had released a weekly report containing a 3.069MMbbl estimated decline in US crude stocks last week.

Gold – overnight trade was supported by a yet weaker \$US, but constrained by mixed economic indicators and a return to favour for US equities in particular.

Final estimates for US and UK September quarter GDPs could sway some of tonight's trade sentiment.

Base metals – currency moves, speculation regarding demand out of China and mixed economic indicators again pushed and pulled base metals trade overnight.

Material data releases due for the UK and US, plus some pre-holiday season positioning, could produce some volatility tonight, and in shortened trade overnight tomorrow.

Energy

BPH Energy (BPH)

Payment details associated with the termination of the Advent Energy Aotearoa Offshore farm-out agreement lodged post-trade yesterday.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Gold Mountain	GMN	22 Dec
Happy Valley Nutrition	HVM	22 Dec
Tombola Gold	TBA	22 Dec
Earlypay Ltd	EPY	23 Dec
Fiji Kava	FIJ	23 Dec
Infinity Lithium Corporation	INF	23 Dec
IRIS Metals	IR1	23 Dec
Nuheara Ltd	NUH	23 Dec
Opyl Ltd	OPL	23 Dec
PhosCo Ltd	PHO	23 Dec
Vital Metals	VML	23 Dec

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
BPH Energy	BPH	21 Dec
Burgundy Diamond Mines	BDM	19 Dec
Copper Strike	CSE	13 Dec
Osteopore Ltd	OSX	21 Dec

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
EDC	Fri	1.5	0	8.21
GLE	28 Dec	2.14	0	0.00
ABP	29 Dec	9	0	6.59
AOF	29 Dec	2.5	0	8.42
APA	29 Dec	26	0	4.83
APZ	29 Dec	3.5	0	3.49
ARF	29 Dec	4.2	0	4.21
BWP	29 Dec	9.02	0	4.54
CDP	29 Dec	13.13	0	5.75
CHC	29 Dec	20.84	45	3.21
CIP	29 Dec	4	0	5.34
CLW	29 Dec	7	0	6.67
CMW	29 Dec	1.38	0	9.40
CNI	29 Dec	5.8	100	6.40
COF	29 Dec	3.52	0	10.02
CQE	29 Dec	4.3	0	5.07
CQR	29 Dec	13	0	6.16
DXC	29 Dec	5.3	0	7.63

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6708	0.0043	0.65
EUR – USD	1.0608	-0.0001	-0.01

Australian Data Today

ABS	Workforce (final)	Nov
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US Data Tonight

GDP (final – 3 rd reading of three)	Sep Q
Chicago Fed national activity index	Nov
Conference Board leading index	Nov
Kansas City Fed manufacturing index	Dec
Initial jobless claims	17 Dec

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

South Korea	Producer prices	Nov
Japan	Leading economic index (final)	Oct
UK	GDP (final)	Sep Q

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DXI	29 Dec	4.1	0	5.79
ECF	29 Dec	2.35	0	9.61
FOR	29 Dec	3	0	5.97
FPP	29 Dec	3	0	7.59
GCI	29 Dec	1.27	0	5.68
GDF	29 Dec	1.8	0	5.33
GDI	29 Dec	2.5	0	10.47
GMG	29 Dec	15	0	1.71
GOZ	29 Dec	10.7	0	6.71
GPT	29 Dec	12.3	0	5.24
HCW	29 Dec	1.88	0	5.55
HDN	29 Dec	2.08	0	6.43
HPI	29 Dec	9.2	0	5.66
MGR	29 Dec	5.2	0	4.70
NPR	29 Dec	2.5	0	5.05
NSR	29 Dec	5.5	0	4.22
RCT	29 Dec	22.37	0	9.10
REP	29 Dec	1.45	0	7.27
RFF	29 Dec	2.93	0	4.77
RGN	29 Dec	7.5	0	5.55
SGP	29 Dec	11.8	0	7.09
TCL	29 Dec	26.5	0	2.99
TOT	29 Dec	1.5	0	7.27
WPR	29 Dec	4.03	0	5.95
MGF	3 Jan	3.66	0	5.15
CAM	5 Jan	1.3	100	5.99

