

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7334	19	0.3
NZX 50	11595	-47	-0.4
DJIA Futures	34459		
S&P 500 Futures	4076		
NASDAQ Futures	12010		

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new week's trade with the \$A at ~US67.85c, ahead of a Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) policy meeting tomorrow, material new economic data in hand pre-trade today and several more reports due late morning, fresh data due for China, and heightened geopolitical speculation from G7, European Union and OPEC+ decisions.

US equities markets settled mixed overnight Friday.

Since overnight Friday trade, OPEC+ decided to retain status quo for its targeted output.

In addition, Russia's administration has confirmed G7 and European Union price caps on seaborne Russian crude from today are unacceptable to Russia, and that it will respond accordingly.

Meanwhile in China, more regions were reported to have eased some Covid containment restrictions.

Locally today, the AiG has released a 48.2 construction PMI for November.

This follows 43.3 for October and expectations of a smaller improvement to 45.1.

At 11am AEDT, the Melbourne Institute is scheduled to publish its monthly **inflation gauge** report.

Reports expected at 11.30am include the November **job advertisements** report from the ANZ and September quarter **business indicators** (including profits and inventories) from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

In addition, **CKF** and **IPL** trade **ex-dividend** today. *Please see pp4-5 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

Regionally today, Caixin is listed to release its November **services PMI for China at 12.45pm AEDT.**

In overnight Friday commodities trade, both Brent and WTI **crude** closed lower.

US **gold** futures fell some, but settled above \$1800.00/oz for a second consecutive session.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) rallied beyond \$US107/t, gaining greater than 5% for the week.

Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle) declined by almost 3%.

LME (3mth evening) **copper**, **nickel** and **aluminium** variously rallied, nickel by more than 4.5%.

The **\$A** fell to ~US67.95c after ~US68.20c early Friday evening.

December quarter S&P/ASX indices rebalance in hand

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Today's Stock Watch

Ansell Ltd (ANN)

ANN has appointed Atlas Arteria (ASX: ALX) chair Debra Goodin as an independent non-executive director.

Australian Clinical Labs (ACL)

The Office of the Australian Information Commission (OAIC) is planning to investigate ACL's Medlab Pathology in relation to this year's data breach.

Incannex Healthcare (IHL)

Resuming trade with commitments in hand for a \$A13M, 20.5c-per-share institutional placement. IHL traded at 22.5c – 26.5c the five sessions immediately prior to calling the halt.

Resources

IGO Ltd (IGO)

The Tianqi Lithium Energy Australia JV has declared commercial production from the southern Perth, WA suburban Kwinana lithium hydroxide refinery, effective 30 November (Wednesday last week).

IGO holds 49% of the JV and Tianqi Lithium Corporation the balance.

In addition, WA Nova operations are suspended due to a fire which damaged the Nova power facility diesel engine room early Saturday. Pending permits and approvals, mining is expected to recommence within two weeks and full power restoration to be achieved within ~four weeks.

IGO plans a production and cost guidance update with the December quarterly report scheduled to be released 31 January 2023.

BHP Group (BHP)

BHP is denying all claims in a defence filed in relation to group claimants who lodged action in the English High Court regarding the Samarco Fundão Dam collapse in 2015.

BHP has also filed a contribution claim against Samarco JV partner Vale. BHP has been paying compensation and direct financial support for ongoing local remediation.

Energy

Warrego Energy (WGO) / Beach Energy (BPT)

Hancock Energy has lifted its offer price for WGO from 23c cash-per-share to 28c-per-share.

Pre-trade Friday, BPT announced it had raised its initial WGO offer price by 5c-per-share to 25c-cash-per-share.

WGO settled 8.65% higher for the session Friday, at 28.25c, after closing out the previous week at 22.5c.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	34429	35	0.1
S&P 500	4072	-5	-0.1
NASDAQ	11400	-82	-0.7
FTSE 100	7556	-2	-0.0
DAX 30	14529	39	0.3
Shanghai Comp	3156	-9	-0.3

Overseas Markets Commentary

Several major European, UK and US equities markets settled little changed overnight Friday, but despite weak sentiment, each key market climbed from session lows.

The NASDAQ proved a notable exception, trade exhibiting the greatest risk aversion of all major equities markets.

Central bank policy, likely interest rate moves and economic growth prospects remained forefront of considerations.

US November workforce statistics indicated a stronger-than-anticipated labour market.

263,000 new jobs were created against expectations for 210,000.

This followed 284,000 for October.

In addition, average hourly earnings were reported 0.6% higher for the month, following a 0.5% October increase.

Against November 2021, earnings were up 5.1%.

The labour market participation rate moved from 61.2% to 61.2% while the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.7%.

Earlier, **European Central Bank** (ECB) president Christine Lagarde had bemoaned some euro zone governments' fiscal policies suggesting they created excess demand.

In other overnight Friday data releases, **euro zone** October producer prices were reported 2.9% lower for the month, following a 1.6% September increase.

Against October 2021, prices were up 30.8%.

Germany's October trade figures included a €5.3B trade surplus against expectations for €9.1B and following €8.1B for September.

Seasonally adjusted, exports fell 0.6% for the month, twice the amount anticipated.

Imports dropped 3.7% following forecasts for a 0.4% decline.

October import prices fell 1.2% for the month.

Against October 2021, prices were up 23.5%.

Tonight in the US, the influential ISM non-manufacturing index is due for November, and will likely spawn further speculation regarding ultimate US 2022 GDP growth.

October factory orders are also due, together with S&P Global's final services PMI for November.

In overnight Friday and weekend corporate news, **Ford Motor** reported a jump in electric vehicle sales, pushing overall November sales to 6255, a greater than 100% increase on November 2021. For the month however, US sales declined by 7.8%.

Pre-Open Announcements**Splitit Payments (SPT)**

Agreement secured with Google enabling SPT's instalments services to be added to the Google Store beyond Japan.

New Zealand King Salmon (NZK)

McGuinness Institute has filed an appeal against consent granted to NZK for the Blue Endeavour open ocean farming project.

Mediation hearings will be convened early 2023 between the New Zealand Department of Conservation the McGuinness Institute, NZK and other interested parties.

The Department of Conservation had also appealed the consent, prior to the 2 December closing date, wanting changes to some consent conditions.

Telix Pharmaceuticals (TLX)

Three key personnel changes lodged this morning.

Actinogen Medical (ACW)

XanaMIA phase 1b clinical trial academic poster presentation lodged this morning.

ACW provided the poster presentation at a Clinical Trials on Alzheimer's Disease conference in San Francisco overnight Friday.

A phase 2b trial involving 330 patients with early-stage Alzheimer's is expected to commence during the first half of 2023.

James Hardie Industries (JHX)

JHX has appointed The Toro Company VP and CFO Renee Peterson as an independent non-executive director.

JHX plans to appoint at least one more non-executive director in the next six months.

MGC Pharmaceuticals (MXC)

MDPI has published as a molecular cancer biology research paper a peer-reviewed academic paper regarding MXC and Slovenia National Institute of Biology collaborative research on cytotoxic effects of cannabidiol and cannabigerol on glioblastoma stem cells.

Details lodged post-trade Friday.

In addition, MXC has completed delivery of a \$US1M order for ArtemiC to US distribution partner AMC Holdings.

Australian Vintage (AVG)

Partnership established with Warakirri Asset Management for the sale and leaseback of two AVG commercial vineyards.

AVG is anticipating \$62.5M from the sales.

Additional details lodged post-trade Friday.

Djerriwarrh Investments (DJW)

DJW top-20 holdings as at 30 November lodged post-trade Friday.

M8 Sustainable (M8S)

Chairman Mark Puzey has resigned from the M8S board, effective Friday.

**Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Feb)	1809.6	oz	-5.6	-0.3
Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar)	23.25	oz	0.41	1.8
Platinum	1013	oz	-28	-2.8
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jan)	79.98	bbbl	-1.24	-1.6
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Feb)	85.57	bbbl	-1.31	-1.5
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	107.44	t	4.34	4.2
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	8451	t	114	1.4
Nickel	28903	t	1263	4.6
Aluminium	2547	t	60	2.4
Lead	2204	t	29	1.3
Zinc	3078	t	-0.75	-0.0
Tin	23233	t	-68	-0.3
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	385	t	-12	-3.0
Wheat (CBT Mar; IRESS)	761	t	-21	-2.8

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices swung overnight Friday in the wait for price cap decisions on **Russian** crude and also a production target update from Sunday's OPEC+ deliberations.

Meanwhile, an **OPEC** member representative offered customers were indicating they would not likely require greater volumes in 2023, and possibly fewer barrels of crude.

Yesterday, OPEC+ energy ministers decided to retain the October decision to reduce output by 2MMbbld/d through to the end of 2023.

European Union nations are due to introduce a \$US60/bbl price cap on seaborne Russian crude from today, but European Commission head Ursula von der Leyen offered this would remain adjustable, pending conditions.

G7 members also agreed a \$US60/bbl price cap.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report, published overnight Friday, included no change in the number of operational drill rigs from the previous week, either for oil or gas. This kept the US petroleum rigs-in-operation tally at 784.

Gold – US employment statistics appeared the main factor in an ultimate fall for overnight prices, although the decline relatively constrained, given \$US1800/oz support was retained.

Better-than-anticipated job create appeared to prompt speculation of a greater US interest rate increase at next week's Federal reserve policy meeting than touted by some reports during the week.

Base metals – an early relative weak \$US index (lowest in ~16 weeks) helped support prices overnight Friday.

In addition, continuing reports of Covid management restrictions being used across a growing number of areas within **China** prompted future metals demand optimism.

Later, US employment statistics prompted speculation of a minimum 0.50% US interest rate increase at next week's Federal reserve policy meeting, however.

Latitude Group Holdings (LFS)

LFS has appointed LFS general counsel Tiffany Barton as company secretary, in addition to Vicki Letcher who continues as LFS company secretary.

Tourism Holdings Rentals (* THL)

Tourism operator completed its ASX listing Friday under an ASX foreign exempt ruling.

Opened at \$3.46, the company's day one low, and traded as high as \$3.55 before settling at \$3.52.

~3.18M shares change hands across 68 transactions.

~214M quoted shares (~27.86M under escrow).

THL's home exchange is the NZX (main board).

Resources**Cobra Resources (CBE)**

Botswana Ngami copper project Comet target drilling has delivered significant-width and/or high-grade intersections.

Assays lodged pre-trade.

Westgold Resources (WGX)

WA Fortnum gold operation production has reached 250,000oz since the WGX 2017 mining commencement.

A Starlight underground resource update is anticipated by the end of FY2023. Three-rig drilling extensional and resource definition program underway.

West African Resources (WAF)

Reporting strong interest in the debt financing process for the Kiaka gold project, specifically from eight would-be providers for up to \$US300M.

Geopacific Resources (GPR)

GPR has appointed GPR non-executive director Richard Clayton as interim CEO from 1 January 2023, due to the resignation of Tim Richards, effective at that time.

Calidus Resources (CAI)

Planning to host a Warrawoona gold and Blue Spec projects investor webinar Friday, commencing 1pm AEDT.

Access link lodged this morning.

Leo Lithium (LLL)

Goulamina lithium project investor briefing scheduled for 2pm AEDT 14 December (Wednesday next week).

Registration link lodged pre-trade.

Jervois Global (JRV)

The JRV 42c-per-share retail entitlement offer raised \$A54M, following an initial 6% (\$3M) take-up by retail shareholders.

JRV intends to use the ~\$A231M total raised in the collective underwritten institutional placement and entitlement offers to: restart the Sao Miguel Paulista refinery, Brazil; ramp Idaho, US cobalt operations; and progress the BFS for the planned capacity expansion of the cobalt refinery in Kokkola, Finland.

Pantoro Ltd (PNR)

PNR shareholders subscribed for \$871,000 worth of shares in the recent 14.5c-per-share SPP.



Material data releases are due for China this week, including a Caixin November services PMI today.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6783	-0.0028	-0.42
EUR – USD	1.0538	-0.0003	-0.03

Australian Data Today

AiG	PCI (construction PMI)	Nov
Melb Inst	Inflation gauge	Nov
ANZ	Job advertisements	Nov
ABS	Business indicators (incl profits, inventories)	Sep Q

US Data Tonight

ISM non-manufacturing index	Nov
Factory orders	Oct
S&P Global services PMI (final)	Nov

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Caixin services PMI	Nov
Japan	Services PMI (final)	Nov
UK	Domestic vehicle sales	Nov
UK	Services PMI (final)	Nov
Germany	Services PMI (final)	Nov
Euro zone	Retail sales	Oct
Euro zone	Services PMI (final)	Nov

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PNR traded at 11.5c – 13.25c last week.

TNG Ltd (TNG)

TNG has appointed joint TNG company secretary Jason Giltay as CFO.

Tony Bevan remains as joint company secretary.

Canyon Resources (CNR)

Kedalion Nickel has secured 56.5% of CNR.

Kedalion has consequently appointed Cheryl Brandon as CNR non-executive chair and Kamal Toor as a CNR non-executive director, in addition to Andrea Betti who was appointed a CNR director 21 November.

In association, Mark Stowell has resigned from the CNR board.

Aurumin Ltd (AUN)

~30M AUN shares and 7.3M options are due to be released from escrow 9 December.

Energy

Woodside Energy (WDS)

Thursday's (1 December) investor day transcript lodged post-trade Friday.

WDS settled 1.72% lower Thursday and 2.56% lower Friday, closing out the week at \$35.71.

WDS had settled the previous Friday at \$37.97.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Bastion Minerals	BMO	5 Dec
Regal Investment Fund	RF1	5 Dec
Advance Metals	AVM	6 Dec
Antilles Gold	AAU	6 Dec
Arafura Rare Earths	ARU	6 Dec
RPM Automotive Group	RPM	6 Dec

Suspensions *(selected)*

Company	Code	Since
The Market Herald	TMH	2 Dec
Titomic Ltd	TTT	1 Dec
Victory Offices	VOL	9 Nov
Wellfully Ltd	WFL	1 Dec

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
CKF	Today	12	100	3.43
IPL	Today	17	100	2.52
QRI	Today	0.97	0	5.88
DBI	Tomorrow	5.03	0	5.45
CVL	Wed	2	100	3.21
FPH	Thu	17.5	0	1.67

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HIT	Thu	1.5	100	5.50
SHV	Thu	2	100	1.84
GLE	28 Dec	2.14	0	0.00
GDF	29 Dec	1.8	0	5.12
RFF	29 Dec	2.93	0	4.67

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Tomorrow	BOQ	AGM
Wed	IFM	Investor day
Fri	SOL	AGM

December quarter S&P/ASX indices re-balance

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

S&P/ASX 50*Out:* LLC*In:* PLS**S&P/ASX 200***Out:* SBM*In:* MND**S&P/ASX All Technology***Out:* 4DS, 4DX, ALC, AXE, CGS, FZO, SPT, WSP