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Equities (close & % change)			Sydney Futures Exchange (close & change)					Interest rates (close & change)		
S&P/ASX 200	7,538	0.0%	<b>Last</b>		<b>Overnight Chg</b>			<b>Australia</b>		
US Dow Jones	35,102	-0.3%	10 yr bond	98.79	-0.02			90 day BBSW	0.02	0.01
Japan Nikkei	27,820	0.3%	3 yr bond	99.66	-0.02			2 year bond	0.05	0.00
China Shanghai	3,663	1.1%	3 mth bill rate	99.99	0.00			3 year bond	0.31	0.01
German DAX	15,745	-0.1%	SPI 200	7,463.0	25			3 year swap	0.45	0.00
UK FTSE100	7,132	0.1%	FX Last 24 hrs	Open	High	Low	Current	10 year bond	1.21	0.02
<b>Commodities (close &amp; change)*</b>			TWI	61.7	-	-	61.6	<b>United States</b>		
CRB Index	211.7	-2.8	AUD/USD	0.7352	0.7364	0.7328	0.7330	3-month T Bill	0.05	0.00
Gold	1,729.94	-33.1	AUD/JPY	81.07	81.11	80.83	80.88	2 year bond	0.22	0.01
Copper	9,444.00	-25.8	AUD/GBP	0.5296	0.5307	0.5285	0.5293	10 year bond	1.32	0.03
Oil (WTI)	66.48	-1.8	AUD/NZD	1.0490	1.0503	1.0472	1.0488	<b>Other (10 year yields)</b>		
Coal (thermal)	148.00	6.6	AUD/EUR	0.6249	0.6260	0.6241	0.6245	Germany	-0.46	0.00
Coal (coking)	218.50	-0.3	AUD/CNH	4.7643	4.7710	4.7495	4.7549	Japan	0.02	0.00
Iron Ore	159.75	-0.8	USD Index	92.8	93.0	92.7	93.0	UK	0.58	-0.03

Data as at 7:00am. Change from previous trading day (excluding the SFE which is the change during the night session). Source: Bloomberg.

**Main Themes:** US stocks slipped from record highs as investors focused on the prospect of a pullback in stimulus from the US Federal Reserve and virus concerns. US bond yields increased and the US dollar was firmer.

**Share Markets:** US stocks retreated as investors weighed concerns about the delta variant and US Federal Reserve speakers advocated for a tapering in quantitative easing. The S&P 500 declined 0.1% and the Dow fell 0.3%.

The ASX 200 was flat but futures point to a solid open.

**Interest Rates:** The US 10-year yield rose 3 basis points to 1.32% while the 2-year yield finished mostly unchanged at 0.22%.

The Australian 10-year (futures) yield finished mostly unchanged at 1.22% while the 3-year futures yield hovered around 0.35%.

**Foreign Exchange:** The Australian dollar fell from 0.7352 to 0.7330 against the US dollar. The US dollar is slightly firmer.

**Commodities:** Gold declined amid speculation the US Federal Reserve may soon start to pare back stimulus. Copper fell on concerns the delta variant could hinder demand from China. Oil and iron ore slipped.

**COVID-19:** NSW recorded 283 new cases yesterday, 106 of which were confirmed to be in isolation

throughout their entire infectious period. Queensland recorded 4 new cases yesterday and Victoria recorded 11 new cases. The lockdown in regional Victoria has come to end with trailing restrictions still in place.

Yesterday, the Byron Shire, Richmond Valley, Lismore and Ballina Shire local government areas, along with the regional town of Tamworth entered a 7-day lockdown. Restrictions will be the same as those that apply to Greater Sydney.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine has been provisionally approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for use in Australia for adults aged 18 and over. 25 million doses are expected, with the first one million arriving in early September and 10 million expected by the end of 2021.

**Australia:** There were no major economic data releases yesterday.

**China:** The producer price index surged in July, up 9.0% over the year to July, from 8.8% in June. This was above consensus expectations of 8.8% growth. China's economy had largely recovered from the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, momentum is weakening as businesses continue to face higher raw material costs, including higher commodity prices, particularly oil and coal. Global supply chain bottlenecks are also contributing to inflation pressures. The country is now also facing new outbreaks of the delta strain

across several cities, which have stoked growth concerns.

Meanwhile, the consumer price index rose 1.0% over the year to July, down from 1.1% in June. This was above consensus expectations of 0.8% growth. Food prices fell by 3.7% and non-food prices rose by 2.1%. The core consumer price index, which strips out volatile food and energy prices, increased by 1.3% over the year to July. This was the strongest increase in 18 months.

**Europe:** The Sentix investor confidence index dropped to 22.2 in August from 29.8 in July, ending a fifth-month streak of upwards momentum. The data suggests the economy is still growing but the pace is slowing considerably. There are growing concerns lockdowns could be reimposed because of rising case numbers.

**United States:** US job openings surged by more than forecast to a new record high in June. The number of available positions hit 10.1 million, up from 9.5 million in May. The demand side of the labour market continues to recover faster than the supply side. Skills mismatches and pandemic disruptions remain a strong theme in the data.

Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) member Bostic would support tapering quantitative easing from September, and tapering faster than in previous episodes, if there was another strong month of jobs data. He said “we are well on the road to substantial progress towards our goals” given the surge in July payrolls data. Alongside the labour market, he thinks the inflation goal may have been met too and worries about people adjusting to higher inflation rates.

Fellow FOMC member Rosengren said the central bank should begin dialling back stimulus “this fall”. He argued bond purchases are no longer helping to create jobs but instead contributing to higher prices on interest-rate-sensitive items like homes and cars.

**Today's key data and events:**

NZ Card Spending Retail Jul prev 0.9% (8:45am)

AU NAB Business Survey Jul (11:30am)

Business Conditions Jul prev 24

Business Confidence Jul prev 11

AU ANZ RM Cons. Conf. w/e Aug 8 prev 101.8 (11:30 am)

EZ ZEW Expectations Aug prev 61.2 (7pm)

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