

XJO Intraday Chart


Australian Market				Bond Yields		
	Value	Change	% change			
ASX 200	4,356	35.9	0.83%	AUS 3 Year	4.31	0.02 0.47%
All Ords	4,389	32.8	0.75%	AUS 10 Year	4.79	0.01 0.13%
SPI Futures	4,342	41.0	0.95%	US 2 Year	0.51	-0.01 -1.51%
				US 10 Year	2.52	-0.02 -0.63%
World Markets				Currencies		
Nikkei	8,906	61.1	0.69%	AUD/USD	0.8866	0.0026 0.29%
Heng Seng	20,620	-15.2	-0.07%	AUD/GBP	0.5696	-0.0021 -0.37%
Shanghai Comp.	2,594	-2.5	-0.10%	AUD/NZD	1.2604	-0.0033 -0.26%
Dow Futures	10,059	12.0	0.12%	USD/JPY	84.7100	0.1300 0.15%
S&P Futures	1,056	1.2	0.11%	EUR/USD	1.2704	0.0046 0.36%
VIX Index	27	-0.8	-2.77%	EUR/JPY	107.6200	0.5700 0.53%
Commodities (USD)						
	CRB Index	261.80	-0.66	-0.25%		
	Gold Future	1,243.50	2.20	0.18%		
	Silver Future	19.09	0.01	0.07%		
	Platinum Future	1,536.60	9.20	0.60%		
	NYMEX Crude Future	72.79	0.27	0.37%		

- Private new expenditure June quarter -4.0% seasonally adjusted, < -2.3% exp, Australian dollar fell to 88.45 U.S. cents at 11:58 a.m. in Sydney from 88.52 cents just before the report was released.
- Poor base metal leads resulted in RIO -78c BHP-30 early. BHP \$37.39 -0.13% (or 5c) also reported after market last night, Net Profit +116.5% to US\$12.72bil (<US\$12.9bil consensus) on pcp. Underlying Net Profit +16.3% on prior year to US\$12.47bil FY10 compared with US\$10.72bil FY09. Metal Coal and Iron Ore the strongest contributors to profit improvements, other underlying base metals prices and a stronger AUD/USD cross impacting negatively on returns.

3. Fortescue Metals FMG \$4.50 +3.69% reported a +14% rise in annual net profit \$US581mil (>US\$492.54mil consensus), up from US \$508mil. Iron ore shipments of 40.1Mt +44%. Cost of Sales +57.4% on pcp to -\$2.13bil FY10. Operating Cash flow + > 100% to US\$1.107bil from US\$473mil FY09. Cash at end of period \$1.2bil compared with \$654.9mil pcp. No dividend has been declared.
4. Woolworths WOW \$27.54 +2.38% reported within guidance FY10 Profit after Tax \$2.02bil, +10% on pcp, guidance 8-11%. News of a share buy back of \$700mil listed equity drove stock price post the report being released.
5. Toll Holdings TOL \$5.99 +2.74% FY10 profit +3% to \$278.9mil, and though NPAT -1.7% to A\$292.9 million >\$276.4mil forecast. Revenue from continuing operations rose 7% to A\$6.94 billion from A\$6.49 billion, divs unchanged from pcp. Better 2H drove earnings, Toll still remains cautious on remainder of FY11.
6. Company Reporting:
 - IAG \$3.32 +1.53% affected by seasonal claim activity. Expecting FY11 insurance margin guidance 10.5 – 12.5%.
 - AGL Energy AGK \$14.95 -1.77% underlying profit in line with guidance, Net profit -78% given significant asset sales in pcp.
 - CFS Retail Property Group CFX \$1.94 +0.26% NTA/share \$2.02 unchanged over period, Gearing 29.5% (> 27.3% pcp). Distribution unchanged at 12.5cps.
 - IOOF +432% NPAT on pcp, Revenues +127%, EPS approx double 61cps.
 - Cabcharge CAB \$4.60 +8.24% financial results on par with pcp, outlook on domestic economy positive.
 - Centrebet CIL \$1.60 +7.02% profits +75%, revenue +6.7% on pcp,
 - Crown CWN \$8.49 +3.03% revenues from main floor gaming +4% on pcp, non-gaming revenue +14%.
 - Transfield TSE \$3.06 -3.77% profit turnaround to \$73mil from a loss \$55.01mil in pcp, revenue -6.2%.
 - Amcor AMC \$6.40 +0.16% profits miss expectations, fall largely due to one off expenses related US\$1.95bil Alcan Packaging acquisition.
 - Virgin Blue VBA \$0.315 +12.5% report profit within guidance, announce alliance with Etihad to commence routes to Dubai in FY11.

Overseas & Other Headlines:

1. Yen Weakens for a Second Day on Intervention Speculation; US Dollar Declines – Bloomberg. Good news for Nikkei (ref above table)
2. Shipping line China Cosco Holdings Co. returned to profit in the first half of the year. Net income of 3.45 billion yuan (\$507 million) compared with a loss of 4.6 billion yuan a year earlier. China Shipping Container Lines Co. (related entity) reported a 1.17 billion yuan profit, compared with a year-earlier net loss. The company's container fleet, China's largest, had +25% increase in first-half volumes. Transpacific cargoes +52%, +88% jump in revenue. Asia-Europe shipments +9.9%, with revenue >+50%. China Shipping Container's cargo-box volumes +12%. Sales +80% to ¥16bil.
3. Australian business investment unexpectedly fell in the second quarter, a sign companies are delaying spending plans on renewed concern about the global economy and doubts over a local mining tax. - Bloomberg

Data Overnight & Tomorrow:

1. China:
 - MNI Business Condition Survey AUG -- -- prior 64.94



2. Japan:				exp		prior
•	Jobless Rate	JUL		5.30%	--	5.30%
•	Job-To-Applicant Ratio	JUL		0.53	--	0.52
•	Overall Hhold Spending (YoY)	JUL		1.50%	--	0.50%
•	Tokyo CPI YoY	AUG		-1.10%	--	-1.20%
•	Tokyo CPI Ex-Fresh Food YoY	AUG		-1.20%	--	-1.30%
•	Tokyo CPI Ex Food, Energy YoY	AUG		-1.40%	--	-1.40%
•	Natl CPI YoY	JUL		-0.90%	--	-0.70%
•	Natl CPI Ex-Fresh Food YoY	JUL		-1.10%	--	-1.00%
•	Natl CPI Ex Food, Energy YoY	JUL		-1.50%	--	-1.50%
3. EU:						
•	German GfK Consumer Confidence Survey	SEP		exp 4	< actual 4.1	prior 3.9
•	Italian Consumer Confidence Ind. sa	AUG		exp 105.3	--	prior 105.6
•	Euro-Zone M3 s.a. (YoY)	JUL		exp 0.30%	--	prior 0.20%
•	Euro-Zone M3 s.a. 3 mth ave.	JUL		exp 0.10%	--	prior 0.00%
4. UK:						
•	CBI Reported Sales	AUG	exp 18	--		prior 33
5. US:						
•	Initial Jobless Claims	Aug-21	exp 490K	--		prior 500K
•	Continuing Claims	Aug-14	exp 4495K	--		prior 4478K



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