Australian Market Outlook - 10 November 2021

Australian shares ended lower in choppy trading on Tuesday as National Australia Bank's warning on margins spurred a selloff in the financial sector and offset gains in mining stocks.

The S&P/ASX 200 index ended the session down 0.24% at 7,434.2, after having lost 0.06% on Monday.

Bank stocks that comprise about a third of the index fell 1%, as NAB lost 0.8% after flagging continued pressure on lending margins in fiscal 2022 despite topping annual profit estimates. That caused the other three major Australian banks to fall between 1.2% and 1.6%.

Energy stocks slid 1% as sector heavyweights Woodside Petroleum and Santos fell 1.2% and 1.3%, respectively.

The country's miners, however, rose 1.4% to mark their steepest climb in more than three weeks on strong copper prices, which were buoyed by the passage of a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill in the United States.

BHP Group, which has the largest copper exposure among the country's top miners, added 1%.

Top Gainers			
Company	Last Price	Change%	
CHALICE MINING LTD	8.70	28.5%	
LYNAS RARE EARTHS LTD	7.80	7.6%	
POINTSBET HOLDINGS LTD	8.81	6.3%	
TYRO PAYMENTS LTD	3.34	5.0%	
RAMELIUS RESOURCES LTD	1.71	4.9%	

Newcrest Mining, Australia's biggest listed gold producer, declined 1.6% after floating plans to buy Pretium Resources in a deal valuing the Canadian miner at \$2.80 billion.

Other gold stocks climbed 0.7% as bullion prices scaled a two-month high, bolstered by a retreat in the U.S. dollar and persistent inflation concerns.

The total number of building permits issued in Australia was down a seasonally adjusted 4.3 percent on month in September as per the Australian Bureau of Statistics which is at 18,090.

Permits for private sector houses dropped 16.0 percent on month to 10,168, while permits for private sector dwellings excluding houses jumped 18.1 percent to 7,686.

The value of total building approved fell 11.2 percent in September to A\$11.687 billion. The value of non-residential building fell 11.3 percent.

The consumer confidence index from Westpac Bank is expected to release on Wednesday. In October, the index slipped 1.5 percent to a score of 104.6.

Top Losers			
Company	Last Price	Change%	
AUSTAL LTD	1.77	-6.6%	
INGHAMS GROUP LTD	3.39	-4.5%	
CSR LTD	6.06	-4.1%	
AGL ENERGY LTD	5.36	-2.9%	
SUNCORP GROUP LTD	11.23	-2.8%	



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