

Australian Market Outlook - 14 June 2023

The Australian stock market is slightly higher on Tuesday after opening lower, extending the gains in the previous session, with the benchmark S&P/ASX 200 staying above the 7,100 level.

The benchmark S&P/ASX 200 Index is gaining 2.10 points or 0.03 percent to 7,124.60, after hitting a low of 7,101.30 earlier. The broader All Ordinaries Index is up 2.30 points or 0.03 percent to 7,314.60.

Among the major miners, BHP Group and Rio Tinto are losing almost 2 percent each, while Fortescue Metals is edging down 0.3 percent and Mineral Resources is slipping almost 3 percent.

Oil stocks are mostly lower. Woodside Energy and Santos are declining more than 2 percent each, while Beach energy is losing more than 1 percent. Origin Energy is edging up 0.2 percent.

Among tech stocks, Afterpay owner Block is losing more than 1 percent and Appen is declining more than 3 percent, while Xero is gaining almost 3 percent, WiseTech Global is adding more than 2 percent and Zip is up almost 1 percent.

Gold miners are mostly lower. Gold Road Resources is down almost 1 percent, Northern Star resources is losing more than 1 percent, Newcrest Mining is declining almost 2 percent and Evolution Mining is slipping more than 2 percent, while Resolute Mining is adding almost 2 percent.

Top Gainers			
Company	Last Price (\$)	Change%	
NOVONIX LTD	\$1.20	15.4%	
PALADIN ENERGY LTD	\$0.76	9.4%	
AUB GROUP LTD	\$26.85	6.0%	
MEGAPORT LTD	\$7.44	5.2%	
WISETECH GLOBAL LTD	\$79.81	5.2%	

Australia's business conditions and confidence weakened in May, indicating signs of slowdown in economic activity, survey results from the National Australia Bank showed Tuesday

The business conditions index fell to 8 points from 15 points in April. The fall was driven by the declines across all three sub-components.

The trading indicator decreased eight points to 14 and the employment index weakened seven points to 4. Likewise, the profitability index declined five points to 7.

The trend in price measures over coming months will be important as the central bank tries to assess whether it has done enough and if underlying inflation pressures are easing in a timely way.

The Westpac survey showed that consumer confidence improved only marginally in June. Inflation remained the dominant drag on sentiment and well ahead of rates.

The Westpac-Melbourne Institute Consumer Sentiment advanced to 79.2 in June from 79.0 in May.

The survey revealed that interest rates are not the most troubling issue for all households.

In the currency updates, the Australian dollar is trading at \$0.68

Top Losers		
Company	Last Price (\$)	Change%
NICKEL INDUSTRIES LTD	\$0.91	-7.7%
DOMINO'S PIZZA ENTERPRISES L	\$43.55	-5.9%
KAROON ENERGY LTD	\$1.90	-5.3%
DE GREY MINING LTD	\$1.29	-5.1%
PERSEUS MINING LTD	\$1.78	-4.6%



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