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#### On Friday's Close

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Weekly

Commentary

# Stocks are drifting with no overwhelming theme

## Markets wallowing around during the week ...

The general mining market lacked enthusiasm during the week with the result being drifting share prices. It is not as if anything was going wrong, but there obviously wasn't enough buying to balance out the selling.

It's a bit uncertain with the gold producers. Many of them look as if they have hit resistance lines and have breached the short term uptrends that coincided with the rally in the gold price. They are now contained within longer term downtrends that go back to their peaks in mid 2106. While the A\$ gold price isn't moving much it seems that institutions are selling gold stocks and moving money to the sidelines.

## ... while observers worry about the housing boom

On the broader economic front we are being warned more frequently about the risk of a property market collapse and the high level of personal debt associated with domestic borrowers - yet the housing market is still strong. Much of the strength in recent years can be attributed to Chinese money coming into our markets and that is a dynamic that our economic commentators are having trouble placing in perspective. Sydney has even been likened to Hong Kong, where enormous wealth was made by ordinary people who happened to own an apartment.

Now the OECD is ringing the alarm bells on property prices. It is certain that the rising market can't go on forever, but will there be a rout? Will all those investors who are negatively geared, looking to add to their retirement nest eggs, be able to take the resulting pain at whatever level it hits them? It will be a test of economic management for the government to take the steam out of the market in a sensible fashion rather than bring down the shutters, if that is possible. Apart from reining in the budget deficit this is the biggest challenge to the Federal Government in the foreseeable future.

## Relating this to making money in the markets

At the moment there is no instant gratification in markets ... but why should there be? Apart from the day traders and the internet warriors, making money in the stock market should, in theory, be about taking a view and backing it. Momentum traders are probably scratching their heads because they don't work around fundamentals, but the more considered investors can find stories that make sense irrespective of daily fluctuations. They need to take a view and back it.

You need to remove the noise and back the themes. You should account for the pain that a housing market collapse might bring but in the mining sector that has less relevance. Growth stories can still be found, particularly where resources are being discovered and advanced. New stories that haven't had a good public airing also offer opportunities, provided they can withstand scrutiny, but beware of brokers pushing new stories just because they

want the fee. The world is not falling apart. So, the market is operating in a reasonably normal mode at present.

### Macphersons follows up with 158m at 1.6 gpt

The quick turnaround in the RC drilling has enabled MRP to report an intercept of 158m at 1.6 gpt at Boorara, backing up the earlier result of 163 gpt at 1.94 gpt. This is confirmation that we are dealing with something significant and not just an anomalously good wonder hole.

Looking more closely, MRP has reported the first three holes in a five hole RC program. The first two holes were designed to drill through the sediments to hit the dolerite, which is the prospective host of the gold. BORC 171 delivered the goods with 33m at 2.75 gpt, 20m at 2.83 gpt and 33m at 1.05 gpt. However, BORC missed the target due to a hole deviation, which kept it in the sediments.

Rather than risk the same directional drilling problem with the third hole, MRP stepped 40m to the north and drilled it on the same direction as Hole 25, which had the 163m at 1.94 gpt. i.e. it was a step out along strike. This was BORC 173, which gave an intercept of 158m at 1.6 gpt that has provided good confirmation of the mineralisation and the geological model.

We are waiting on the final two holes. One of them will give information on the stratigraphy and the other one will be an 80m step out from BORC 173.

We are still looking at a 20m wide zone on mineralisation in haematite that has resulted from the magnetite alteration of the dolerite. Add to this the shear zones either side of the dolerite and you start to get a sizeable width. Confidence is growing.

## Lucapa keeps cashing the cheques - \$9.1m

LOM has reported sales of \$9.1m in its latest diamond sale. The average price for the 1,552 carat parcel was US \$4,446, about four times what the annualised budget price is. While that price was boosted by the inclusion of the 227 carat stone recovered in February, it seems that the high value diamonds are now a regular event. The next sale already has high quality 62, 65 and 25 carat stones from inventory, and the numbers are growing.

LOM is yet to report its profit for the year to December 2016, but when it does, it will most likely be an important inflection point - as will be the repatriation of funds to Australia, when this happens. As a profit is a concept rather than a hard number, it is too difficult for me to estimate, but relating it back to the cash flows we have seen in 2016, I'm expecting a good figure.

### A scurrilous cobalt promotion

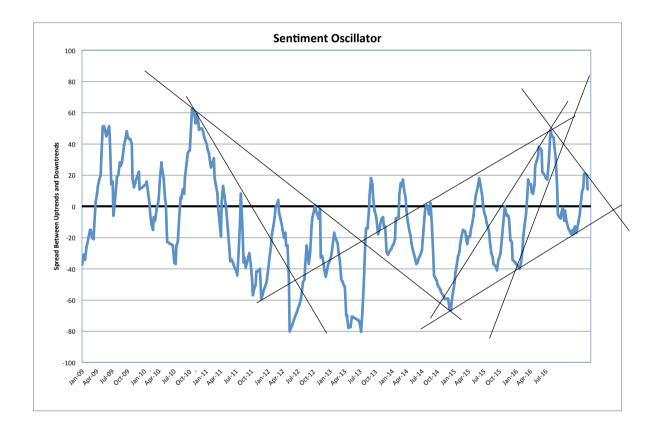
During the week I received a number of suggestions for the growing cobalt spreadsheet, which I gratefully add when I can. However, there is one that I have added with great caution attached; - Riva Resources (RIR).

Riva's Tabac Co-Au project was drilled in the early 1980s by ACM Ltd. ACM wasn't looking for cobalt but lo and behold, they reported intercepts of 80m at 0.77% and 30m at 0.3% Co, 7.3km apart. The geologist thought they had hit something huge and immediately started to apply for more ground. Then some asked "*Isn't it surprising that you found cobalt when you weren't looking for it?*".

The assay wasn't based on a full cut of the core. Due to the need to economise ACM just took a sliver. When they took another cut for a check assay they didn't find any cobalt. Then the penny dropped. The assays were contaminated by cobalt that came from the saw blade used to cut the first sample assayed. There is no doubt. I made enquiries and the saw had high cobalt levels, much higher than modern blades. It astonishes me that Riva is out there promoting this as a cobalt play today, given that history. It is a very high risk strategy because if they fail to deliver, which is the most likely outcome, there will be egg on faces. So, I have added Riva to the cobalt comparison list but that doesn't mean I believe it. (NB: *comparison not attached this week*)

We have added Australian Mines (AUZ) to our chart coverage. It has the old Greenvale nickel mine which includes cobalt, and the Flemington scandium + cobalt + nickel project in NSW.

NB: It is possible that there may not be a Weekly for the next two weeks as I will be in North America and London for PDAC and meeting with parties that have expressed interest in FGR.



**Sentiment Indicator:** Sentiment was hit a bit harder this week, mostly due to the weakness in the gold producers. The Oscillator seems to be suggesting that it could continue to weaken in the short term. There were 36% (41%) of the charts in uptrend and 25% (21%) in downtrend.

## **Detailed Chart Comments**

NB. Only the bold comments have been updated. Comments in grey type are from previous weeks and will be less relevant.

Indices	Code		Trend Comment	
All Ordinaries	XAO		short term downtrend breached	
Metals and Mining	XMM		correcting lower	
Energy	XEJ		easing within an uptrend	
Stocks	Code		Trend Comment (updated comments in bold)	Main Interest
ABM Resources	ABU		breaching uptrend	gold
Aeon Metals	AML		jumping to new high	copper + cobalt
Alacer Gold	AQG		breached uptrend	gold – production
Alkane Resources	ALK		nudging resistance line	gold, zirconia
Acacia Resources	AJC		Sideways at the bottom	coal
Aguia Resources	AGR		ticking higher	phosphate
Alicanto Minerals	AQI		spiked higher	gold exploration
Alltech Chemicals	ATC		testing short term uptrend	industrial minerals
Anova Metals	AWV		testing uptrend	gold
Antipa Minerals	AZY		testing downtrend	gold
Apollo Consolidated	AOP		crunched on preliminary metallurgical tests	gold exploration
Archer Exploration	AXE		holding uptrend	magnesite, graphite
Argent Minerals	ARD		pullback	polymetallic
Aspire Mining	AKM		continuing to fall	coal
Atrum Coal	ATU		lower	coal
Aurelia Metals	AMI		strongly higher	gold + base metals
Auroch Minerals	AOU	_	improving	exploration
Aus Tin	ANW		breached downtrend	tin, cobalt
Australian Bauxite	ABX		breakdown confirmed	bauxite
Australian Potash	APC		continuing higher	potash
Australian Mines	AUZ		new uptrend	cobalt/nickel
Australian Vanadium Avanco Resources	AVL AVB		rising gently	vanadium
AWE	AWE		rising down again	copper oil and gas
Azure Minerals	AZS		crunch down on Kennecott withdrawal	silver
BHP	BHP		back into short term downtrend	diversified
Base Resources	BSE		rising	mineral sands
Bathurst Resources	BRL		testing downtrend	coal
Battery Minerals	BAT		testing short term downtrend	graphite
Beach Energy	BPT		breached uptrend	oil and gas
Beadell Resources	BDR		breached ST uptrend	gold
Berkeley Resources	ВКҮ		heavy fall	uranium
Berkut Minerals	BMT		vertical rise	cobalt
Blackham Resources	BLK		breached ST uptrend	gold
Bligh Resources	BGH		gentle uptrend	gold
Broken Hill Prospect.	BPL		hit resistance line	minerals sands, cobalt
Buru Energy	BRU		sideways at lows	oil
Canyon Resources	CAY		new low	bauxite
Cardinal Resources	CDV		rising again	gold exploration
Carnegie Clean Energy	CCE		new high	wave energy
Cassini Resources	CZI		new high	nickel/Cu expl.
Chalice Gold	CHN		holding uptrend	gold

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Corizon Mining	CZN	sp
Crusader Resources	CAS	do
Dacian Gold	DCN	SE
Danakali	DNK	st
Doray Minerals	DRM	СС
Duketon Mining	DKM	te
Eden Innovations	EDE	ne
Energia Minerals	EMX	ne
Equator Resources	EQU	st
Evolution Mining	EVN	tu
Excelsior Gold	EXG	fo
Finders Resources	FND	br
First Australian	FAR	te
First Graphite	FGR	ho
Fortescue Metals	FMG	 hı
Galaxy Resources	GXY	ba
Galilee Energy	GLL	ris
Gascoyne Resources	GCY	CC
Geopacific Res. Resources	GPR	in
Global Geoscience	GSC	ba
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Graphex Mining	GPX	ris
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uptrend commenced	cobalt
spiked higher	cobalt
downtrend	gold/iron ore
secondary downtrend	gold exploration
strongly higher	potash
continuing to fall	gold
testing downtrend	nickel
new high	carbon nanotubes in concrete
new high	zinc
strong rise	cobalt/nickel
turning down at resistance line	gold
forming a base	gold
breached downtrend	copper
testing downtrend	oil/gas
holding long term uptrend	graphite
hugging uptrend	iron ore
back to support line	lithium
rising	oil and gas, CBM
correcting lower	gold
in long term downtrend still	copper/gold exp.
back to support line	lithium
downtrend	gold exploration
rising again	graphite
new low	zinc
breached uptrend	potash
edging higher	copper, nickel
rising again	copper
testing downtrend	copper
breached steep uptrend	mineral sands
heavy fall	mineral sands
ST down	gold, nickel
sideways	copper
breached downtrend	gas
breached support line	graphite
breached downtrend	gold
strong surge, then a slump	exploration
downtrend breached	lithium
fallen to long term support line	diamonds
surge higher	silver
free falling	gold
 at highs again	tin, nickel
rising	bauxite
off its lows	nickel
breached steepest uptrend	mineral sands
back to trend line	diamonds, rubies
still in downtrend	mineral sands
turning up	REE
at final resistance line	gold
breached uptrend	gold
fallen out of ST uptrend	gold

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Oklo Resources	OKU	
Orecorp	ORR	
Orinoco Gold	OGX	
Orocobre	ORE	
Oz Minerals	OZL	
Paladin Energy	PDN	
Pacific American Coal	PAK	
Pantoro	PNR	
Panoramic Res	PAN	
Paringa Resources	PNL	
Peel Mining	PEX	
Peninsula Energy	PEN	
Perseus Mining	PRU	
Pilbara Minerals	PLS	
PNX Metals	PNX	
Potash West	PWN	
Red River Resources	RVR	
Regis Resources	RRL	
Resolute Mining	RSG	
Reward Minerals	RWD	
RIO	RIO	
RTG Mining	RTG	
Rum Jungle	RUM	
Salt Lake Potash	SO4	
Saracen Minerals	SAR	
St Barbara	SBM	
Sandfire Resources	SFR	
Santana Minerals	SMI	
Santos	STO	
Sheffield Resources	SFX	
Silver Lake Resources	SLR	
Silver Mines	SVL	
Sino Gas & Energy	SEH	
Southern Gold	SAU	
Stanmore Coal	SMR	
Sundance Energy	SEA	
Syrah Resources	SYR	
Talga Resources	TLG	
Tanami Gold	TAM	
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Tempo Australia	TGZ	
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Troy Resources	TRY	
Tyranna Resources	TYX	
Vimy Resources	VMY	
West African Resources	WAF	

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rolling over coal	
gentle uptrend copper	
slump uranium	
correcting down gold	
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Weekly Commentary

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Westwits	WWI		testing downtrend	gold exploration/development
Western Areas	WSA		recovering from lows	nickel
White Rock	WRM		hitting resistance	silver
Whitehaven Coal	WHC		testing uptrend	coal
WPG Resources	WPG		testing downtrend	gold
Wolf Minerals	WLF		sideways at the lows	tungsten
Totals	36%	53	Uptrend	
	25%	37	Downtrend	
		147	Total	

### **Guides to Chart Interpretations**

- Charts usually go pass from one trend (up or down) into the other via a period of indecision and uncertainty during which the trend can either recover or change. This period is signified by the orange colour. The orange represent both the greatest risk and greatest reward possibilities.
- Once a chart is in confirmed up or downtrends it is not uncommon for 10-20% of that trend to have already transpired.
- There are trends within trends. The focus of this chart review is the immediate trend that affects the sentiment i.e. it can be a downtrend within a long-term uptrend.
- · Not every chart warrants a new comment every week. The new comments are in bold type. Grey type comments may be dated.
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  valuable. Not many stocks can swim against the tide.
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Amber Lights in Tables: Just a reminder if when the amber light is used in the table – it is when the charts are ambiguous or when there is a change of trend taking place. If a chart is breaching a downtrend it can either be a positive sign or a trap. Only once it has done more work can it be confirmed as a new uptrend. Maybe it is a new uptrend (or conversely a new downtrend); the risk takers can decide to jump on board early (or sell). They will maximise their profits (or minimise their losses if indeed it is the start of the new uptrend (downtrend). More risk-averse investors should wait a little longer, being prepared to give up some of the gains in return for greater certainty.

Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts					
Sector	No. of Companies	Weighting			
Gold	33	22.4%			
Copper	13	8.8%			
Gold Exploration	13	8.8%			
Coal	10	6.8%			
Oil/Gas	9	6.1%			
Potash/Phosphate	7	4.8%			
Mineral Sands	7	4.8%			
Graphite	6	4.1%			
Silver	6	4.1%			
Zinc	5	3.4%			
Lithium	5	3.4%			
Nickel	5	3.4%			
Uranium	5	3.4%			
Cobalt	4	2.7%			
Tin	2	1.4%			
Bauxite	3	2.0%			
Diamonds	2	1.4%			
Iron Ore	1	0.7%			

Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts				
Other	11			
Total	147			

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