

Week Ahead

	<i>Current</i> April 11	<i>Last Week</i> April 4	<i>Last month</i> March 11	<i>Last year</i> April 11 2018
Cash Rate (%)	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
90 day bills (%)	1.69	1.74	1.86	2.05
10 year bonds (%)	1.88	1.88	2.03	2.68
AUD/USD	0.7163	0.7111	0.7044	0.7749
Gold (US\$/ounce)	1293.30	1294.30	1291.10	1341.90
Iron Ore (US\$/tonne)	95.00	92.90	83.00	64.20
Oil (US\$/barrel)	63.58	62.10	56.79	66.82
All Ordinaries	6294.1	6320.4	6263.3	5925.8

Australia

Date	Event	Consensus	Last release
Tuesday April 16	Weekly consumer sentiment	~	-1.3%
Tuesday April 16	Reserve Bank Board minutes	~	~
Wednesday April 17	CBA Business sales index (March)	~	~
Thursday April 18	CBA 'flash' purchasing managers index	~	~
Thursday April 18	Employment/unemployment (March)	+20,000/4.9%	+4,600/4.9%
Friday April 19	Good Friday public holiday	~	~

International

Date	Event	Consensus	Last release
Monday April 15	◆ US Empire State Manufacturing Index (April)	+6.0	+3.7
Tuesday April 16	◆ US Industrial production (March)	+0.3%	+0.0%
Tuesday April 16	◆ US NAHB Housing Market Index (April)	63	62
Wednesday April 17	◆ China Economic growth (March quarter)	6.3%	6.4%
Wednesday April 17	◆ China investment/production/sales (March, year)	6.3%/5.8%/8.3%	6.1%/5.3%/8.2%
Wednesday April 17	◆ US International trade balance (February)	-US\$53.7bn	-US\$51.1bn~
Wednesday April 17	◆ US Federal Reserve Beige Book	~	~
Thursday April 18	◆ 'Flash' Markit purchasing managers' indexes	~	~
Thursday April 18	◆ US Retail sales (March)	+0.8%	-0.2%
Thursday April 18	◆ US Conference Board Leading Index (March)	~	0.2%
Thursday April 18	◆ US Philadelphia Federal Reserve index	+10.3	+13.7
Friday April 19	◆ US Housing starts (March)	1.23 million	1.162m
Friday April 19	◆ US Building permits (March)	1.299m	1.296m

- It's a shortened week in Australia due to the **Good Friday** public holiday. The all-important jobs report is released. And minutes of the April 2 Reserve Bank Board meeting are issued.
- The much-anticipated Chinese economic growth and monthly activity data are released on Wednesday. In the US, consumer and manufacturing surveys, together with retail and international trade data are of most interest.

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