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## Investor Signposts: Week beginning April 6, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

### Australia

Monday April 6	◆ Easter holiday	ASX closed
Tuesday April 7	◆ Purchasing Manufacturing Index (March)	Composite PMI was 47.0 in Feb
Tuesday April 7	◆ Melbourne Institute inflation gauge (March)	+3.6% annual rate in Feb
Tuesday April 7	◆ Job advertisements (March)	Feb was +3.2% MoM
Tuesday April 7	◆ Household spending (February)	+4.6% YoY in Jan
Friday April 10	◆ Building approvals (February)	-7.2% MoM in Jan

### Overseas

Monday April 6	◆ US ISM Services Index (March)	54.9 expected
Tuesday April 7	◆ US durable goods orders (February)	-1.4% MoM in Jan
Wednesday April 8	◆ US Federal Reserve meeting minutes	March meeting where rates were left on hold
Thursday April 9	◆ US PCE Price Index (February)	+2.8% YoY expected
Thursday April 9	◆ US GDP – final (4Q25)	0.7% forecast
Thursday April 9	◆ US initial jobless claims (weekly)	212k tipped
Friday April 10	◆ China CPI (March)	+1.3% YoY in Feb
Friday April 10	◆ US CPI (March)	+3% YoY forecast
Friday April 10	◆ US factory orders (February)	0.1% MoM in Jan
Friday April 10	◆ University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment (April)	53.3 tipped

## Investors await US and China inflation data to gauge Iran war impact

- Markets have been sweating on the impact of higher oil prices on inflation and future interest rates. This week may provide some answers to the issue. First, the Melbourne Institute's inflation gauge for March is released on Tuesday, an early indicator of inflation pressures. Then, China will report its inflation rate for March on Friday. Lastly, the US will release its Consumer Price Index on Friday. US inflation is expected to increase to a 3% annual rate in March, compared to 2.4% in February.
- There are a handful of ASX companies trading ex-dividend this week, including Gowing Brothers (**Tuesday**); Clime Capital, Myer (**Wednesday**); and Horizon Oil (**Thursday**).
- There are numerous ASX companies making dividend payments this week, including K&S Corporation, Adairs, Perpetual (**Tuesday**); Regis Resources, IRESS, News Corporation, NIB Holdings (**Wednesday**); Ventia, HMC Capital, Bhagwan Marine, Atlas Arteria, SGH, Capricorn Metals, Regis Healthcare, Perpetual Equity Investment Company, Fat Prophets Global Contrarian Fund, Fleetwood, Brambles, CVC, CSL, 360 Capital Mortgage REIT, Qube Holdings, Pacific Current Group, NRW Holdings (**Thursday**); Vita Life Sciences, Service Stream, Spark New Zealand, SRG Global, NAOS Small Cap Opportunities Company, Austin Engineering, Finbar Group, Macmahon Holdings, Kingsgate, WiseTech Global, Civmec, Gryphon Capital Income Trust, Perpetual Credit Income Trust, Wiseway Group, NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company, Monash IVF, WOTSO, Tourism Holdings, and IPD Group (**Friday**).
- In the US, there are also some company earnings reports, from Delta Airlines, Constellation Brands (**Wednesday**); Progressive (**Thursday**); and Blackrock (**Friday**).

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