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## Investor Signposts: Week beginning April 13, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

### Australia

Tuesday April 14	◆ Westpac Consumer Confidence Index (April)	+1.2% in prior month
Tuesday April 14	◆ NAB Business confidence (March)	-1 in Feb
Tuesday April 14	◆ RBA Deputy Governor fireside chat in US	Andrew Hauser at New York University
Thursday April 16	◆ Labour force (March)	Unemployment tipped at 4.2%
Thursday April 16	◆ RBA Deputy Governor panel participation in US	Andrew Hauser at Washington forum
Friday April 17	◆ RBA Assistant Governor (Economic) panel talks in US	Sarah Hunter at IMF and World Bank

### Overseas

Tuesday April 14	◆ US Producer Price Index (March)	+0.7% MoM in Feb
Wednesday April 15	◆ US Empire State Manufacturing Index (April)	-0.2% in Mar
Wednesday April 15	◆ US Conference Board Leading Index (February)	-0.1% in Jan
Wednesday April 15	◆ France inflation rate (March)	+0.9% YoY in Feb
Thursday April 16	◆ Chinese data – GDP, retail sales, unemployment	4.6% GDP growth forecast for March qtr
Thursday April 16	◆ Europe final inflation rate (March)	2.5% in Feb
Thursday April 16	◆ US initial jobless claims (weekly)	202k in prior week
Thursday April 16	◆ US industrial production (March)	+0.2% MoM in Feb

## Investors weigh events in Iran and the impact on inflation ahead of RBA talks

- Markets will remain focused on the Iran situation and whether discussions progress between the US and Iran. They will also be eyeing the war's potential effects on inflation and economies. On inflation, we will get a better insight into how the war has impacted prices in Europe, with inflation data for the EU and individual countries out during the week. The US Producer Price Index could provide insights into the war's inflationary impact too.
- The RBA Deputy Governor, Andrew Hauser, and Assistant Governor (Economic), Sarah Hunter, will give insider perspectives on what the central bank is thinking at this juncture in a series of panel discussions in the US.
- Other key economic data includes a slew of Chinese releases including GDP, retail sales, and unemployment figures. Investors will be looking for signs of a pick-up in consumer spending and the broader economy.
- There are a host of ASX companies making dividend payments this week, including CAR Group, Cochlear (**Monday**); Chorus, Pepper Money (**Tuesday**); Endeavour Group, Qantas, Ramelius Resources (**Wednesday**); Rio Tinto, Flight Centre, Hearts and Minds Investments (**Thursday**); MAAS Group, ARB, Lindsay Australia, QBE (**Friday**).
- **In the US**, Q1 2026 earnings season kicks off with the major banks. It will be interesting to see the impact of the war on company results, though the banks are likely to be less impacted. Blackrock's result will be closely watched for any insights into its private credit business, with sector-wide concerns over valuations and further possible write downs. There are earnings reports from Goldman Sachs, Fastenal (**Monday**); JP Morgan, Johnson & Johnson, Wells Fargo, Citigroup, Blackrock, CarMax (**Tuesday**); Bank of America, Morgan Stanley, Progressive, PNC Financial, M&T Bank (**Wednesday**); Netflix, PepsiCo, Abbott Labs, Charles Schwab, Bank of New York Mellon, March McLennan, U.S. Bancorp, Travelers, Key Corp, Prologis (**Thursday**); State Street, and Fifth Third Bancorp (**Friday**).

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