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Investor Signposts: Week beginning August 10, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Tuesday August 11	◆	RBA interest rate decision	*Markets forecast rates to stay at 4.35%*
Tuesday August 11	◆	NAB business confidence (July)	*-5 in prior month*
Thursday August 13	◆	Assistant RBA Governor Christopher Kent speaks	*At Reuters event in Sydney*
Friday August 14	◆	RBA Governor Michele Bullock testifies	*Appears before government committee*

Overseas

Tuesday August 11	◆	US NFIB small business index (July)	*97.4 in June*
Tuesday August 11	◆	US existing home sales (July)	*4.07m tipped*
Wednesday August 12	◆	US CPI (July)	*+3.5% YoY forecast*
Thursday August 13	◆	US PPI (July)	*+0.2% MoM expected*
Thursday August 13	◆	US weekly jobless claims	*197k in previous week*
Thursday August 13	◆	China new loans/M2 money supply (July)	*10,620tn yuan in new loans YTD forecast*
Friday August 14	◆	US retail sales (July)	*+0.3% MoM predicted*
Friday August 14	◆	Europe flash GDP (second quarter)	*-1.2% in prior quarter*

Aussie earnings and RBA rates decision in focus

- It's a big week for the Australian market with the RBA handing down its interest rate decision on Tuesday and the Commonwealth Bank reporting 2026 financial year results on Wednesday.
- On the RBA decision, the market is factoring in 5% odds of a rate hike. In fact, the market currently expects the cash rate to remain on hold at 4.35% for the remainder of this year and throughout 2027. The CBA economics team forecasts differently, suggesting that there will be two rate cuts next year, in May and August. Investors will also closely watch the RBA commentary that follows Tuesday's rate decision.
- On Commonwealth Bank results, consensus estimates a 6% increase in earnings per share for the financial year, with dividends per share to rise by 3.5%. Markets will be watching whether margins hold up in the face of increased mortgage competition, if there is any tick up in bad debts, and discussion on AI-related productivity benefits.
- Other Australian companies reporting this week include Car Group **(Monday)**; Life360, Helia Group, SGH, Amotiv, Southern Cross Media **(Tuesday)**; AGL, Computershare, Arena REIT, SEEK, Suncorp **(Wednesday)**; Homecare Daily Needs REIT, Insurance Australia Group, ASX, Orora, Origin Energy, Treasury Wine Estates, Telstra, Transurban **(Thursday)**; QBE, and Baby Bunting **(Friday)**.
- There are also third quarter updates from Westpac **(Monday)** and ANZ **(Thursday)**.
- In the US, earnings season starts to wind down, though there are still plenty of companies reporting. They include Rocket Lab, Simon Property **(Monday);** Lumentum, Cardinal Health, CoreWeave, Super Micro Computer **(Tuesday)**; Nebius, Cisco Systems **(Wednesday)**; Applied Materials, JD.com, Ross Stores, and Tapestry **(Thursday)**.
- In US economic data, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI) will be key indicators of cost pressures amid the ongoing Iran war. Retail sales for July will also provide insights into the health of US consumers amid geopolitical uncertainty and talk of possible interest rate hikes in America.

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