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Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia			
Tuesday February 17	◆	RBA minutes of February monetary policy meeting	*RBA hiked the cash rate by 25 basis points*
Wednesday February 18	◆	Wage price index (WPI, December quarter)	*WPI could lift 0.8% in the fourth quarter*
Thursday February 19	◆	Labour force (January)	*Around 20,000 jobs could be created*
Thursday February 19	◆	Population growth (September quarter 2025)	*Australia's population grew 1.5% over the year*
Friday February 20	◆	S&P Global purchasing managers (PMIs, February)	*Manufacturing and services sector activity*
Overseas	◆		
Tuesday February 17	◆	Empire State manufacturing index (February)	*Expected to edge up to 8.7 from 7.7*
Wednesday February 18	◆	US durable goods orders (December)	*Tipped to fall 1.7%*
Wednesday February 18	◆	US housing starts & building permits (December)	*Starts could increase 6.3% with permits up 0.6%*
Wednesday February 18	◆	US industrial production (January)	*Output is expected to lift 0.4%*
Wednesday February 18	◆	US Federal Reserve (FOMC) meeting minutes	*Commentary from the January 28 meeting*
Thursday February 19	◆	US advance goods trade balance (December)	*Deficit of US$85.1bn is expected*
Friday February 20	◆	US personal income & spending (December)	*Core PCE price index could lift 0.3%*
Friday February 20	◆	US economic growth (GDP, December quarter)	*Annualised GDP rate of 2.8% is expected*

Aussie wages and jobs data in focus as the ASX earnings season ramps up

- Mining behemoths BHP and Rio Tinto are likely to dominate headlines with earnings reports **on Tuesday** and **Thursday**, respectively. Both are expected to benefit from soaring copper prices and still strong iron ore prices. There will be questions around guidance for both, and potential future growth options, given both have had big deals scuppered – BHP with Anglo American and Rio with Glencore.
- Profit reporting from JB Hi-Fi **(Monday)** and Wesfarmers **(Thursday)** will give key insights into the state of consumer spending **in Australia**. Guidance will also be important given the recent interest rate rise and the potential that may have on shopping habits. Telco giant, Telstra is also due to report results.
- Economic data to look out for includes **Australian** wages and employment figures **on Wednesday and Thursday**.
- The Reserve Bank (RBA) and US Federal Reserve (FOMC) both release their monetary policy meeting minutes during the week. The RBA hiked its cash rate target by 25 basis points to 3.85% last week - the first rate rise in two years.
- Here is the full list of **Australian** companies scheduled to report earnings: JB Hi-Fi, Treasury Wines, The a2 Milk Company, Aurizon, BlueScope Steel, GPT, Stockland, Ansell, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank **(Monday)**; Baby Bunting, HealthCo Healthcare and Wellness REIT, BHP, Challenger, Reliance Worldwide, SEEK, Sims **(Tuesday)**; Suncorp, Mirvac, Fletcher Building, Santos, The Lottery Corporation, Magellan Financial, Spark New Zealand, Vicinity, Dexus **(Wednesday);** Rio Tinto, Ventia, Telstra, Articore, HUB24, Transurban, APA Group, Lifestyle Communities, Charter Hall, Downer EDI, Goodman Group, IPH, Auckland International Airport, Brambles, Insignia Financial, Sonic Healthcare, SkyCity Entertainment, Whitehaven Coal, Zip Co, PLS, Lovisa, Sandfire Resources, Wesfarmers, Medibank, NRW Holdings, Regis Resources, Telix Pharmaceuticals, Bega Cheese **(Thursday)**; and Healius, QBE, Megaport, Netwealth, Qube, Inghams, Latitude Group, Polynovo, Mineral Resources, Perseus Mining **(Friday).**
- **US** quarterly earnings continue, with key companies due to report including Medtronic and Palo Alto Networks **(Tuesday);** Booking Holdings and Occidental Petroleum **(Wednesday)**; Walmart, Deere, Anglogold Ashanti, Alibaba and Newmont **(Thursday)**; and Berkshire Hathaway **(Friday)**. ***James Gruber, Equity Market Strategist***

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