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Investor Signposts: Week beginning July 27, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Tuesday July 28	◆ RBA Governor Michele Bullock speaks	<i>Anika Foundation fundraising lunch, Sydney</i>
Wednesday July 29	◆ Consumer Price Index (June)	<i>+4.0% YoY in May</i>
Thursday July 30	◆ Building approvals (June)	<i>-1.1% MoM in May</i>
Thursday July 30	◆ Assistant RBA Governor Sarah Hunter speaks	<i>At Barrenjoey conference in Sydney</i>
Friday July 31	◆ Producer Price Index (June quarter)	<i>+3.0% YoY in previous quarter</i>
Friday July 31	◆ Private sector credit (June)	<i>+8.2% YoY in May</i>

Overseas

Monday July 27	◆ US durable goods orders (June)	<i>+1.3% MoM predicted</i>
Tuesday July 28	◆ US Conference Board consumer confidence (July)	<i>92.0 tipped</i>
Wednesday July 29	◆ US Federal Reserve interest rate decision	<i>Expected to keep target rate at 3.50-3.75%</i>
Thursday July 30	◆ US advance GDP (June quarter)	<i>+2.3% QoQ predicted</i>
Thursday July 30	◆ US PCE Price Index (June)	<i>+3.7% YoY forecast</i>
Thursday July 30	◆ US weekly jobless claims	<i>208k in prior week</i>
Friday July 31	◆ Bank of Japan interest rate decision	<i>Tipped to hold at 1%</i>
Friday July 31	◆ Revised Uni. of Michigan consumer sentiment (July)	<i>54.4 in prior month</i>

Investors eye US megacap tech results and Australian inflation data

- US tech earnings will be a key focus this week, with four of the Magnificent Seven reporting results – Microsoft and Meta on Wednesday, and Apple and Amazon on Thursday. Recently, Apple briefly overtook Nvidia as the world's most valuable company as investors are seemingly rewarding those companies spending less rather than more on AI. We will see if that pattern holds after these results.
- There are also a host of chip-related stocks reporting, including Seagate and KLA (Tuesday), as well as Lam Research and Arm (Wednesday), which will provide key insights into the demand for AI.
- Other US company results scheduled this week include Visa, Coca-Cola, Boeing, S&P Global, UPS, Hilton Worldwide, PayPal, CoStar, Ford (**Tuesday**); Starbucks, General Dynamics, CBRE, Etsy, Procter & Gamble (**Wednesday**); Mastercard, Altria, Bristol-Myers, Stryker, KKR, ICE, Live Nation, Yum Brands, Coinbase (**Thursday**); AbbVie, Chevron, Eaton, Colgate-Palmolive, Cboe, T Rowe, and Moderna (**Friday**).
- The ASX reporting season is also unofficially kicking off with Rio Tinto on Wednesday. Rio has had a spectacular run up over the past 12 months as investors see copper-exposed miners as key AI beneficiaries. There are also a number of ASX companies providing quarterly updates, including Stanmore Resources (**Monday**); Aeris Resources, Genesis Minerals, IGO Ltd, Iluka, Whitehaven Coal (**Tuesday**); Atlas Arteria, Liontown, Mineral Resources, Northern Star, Woodside Energy, Nickel Industries (**Wednesday**); Boss Energy, PLS Group, Perseus Mining, Strike Energy, Vulcan Energy, Champion Iron (**Thursday**); Origin, Coronado Global, and Fortescue (**Friday**).
- Alongside earnings reports, a busy slate of economic news will command attention. In Australia, the Consumer Price Index for June (month and quarter) will be released on Wednesday. The market will be hoping for pricing relief to ease the pressure on the RBA to further raise interest rates. RBA Governor Michele Bullock will also speak at a fundraiser.
- In the US, the Federal Reserve will make a decision on interest rates on Wednesday, US time. It is expected to keep the target rate at 3.50-3.75%. **James Gruber, CommSec Equity Market Strategist**

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