

March 27, 2026

Investor Signposts: Week beginning March 30, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Tuesday March 31	◆ RBA minutes of March policy meeting	25bp rate hike to 4.10%
Tuesday March 31	◆ Private sector credit (February)	+7.7% YoY tipped
Wednesday April 1	◆ Building approvals (February)	+4.5% MoM expected
Thursday April 2	◆ Goods trade balance (February)	\$2.63bn in Jan
Friday April 3	◆ Financial markets closed	Good Friday

Overseas

Tuesday March 31	◆ US JOLTS job openings (February)	6.9m in Jan
Wednesday March 31	◆ US ADP employment change (March)	63k in Feb
Wednesday March 31	◆ US retail sales (February)	-0.2% MoM forecast
Wednesday March 31	◆ US ISM manufacturing PMI (March)	52.1 predicted
Thursday April 2	◆ US unemployment claims (weekly)	211k forecast for week
Friday April 3	◆ US non-farm payrolls (March)	51k tipped
Friday April 3	◆ US unemployment rate (March)	4.4% forecast, in line with Feb
Friday April 3	◆ US Purchasing Managers Index- final (March)	Preliminary composite PMI was 51.4

Investors eye signs of Middle East de-escalation ahead of holiday-shortened week

- **In Australia**, it's a light week on the economic front. RBA minutes of the March policy meeting may provide insights into the 5-4 split decision by Board members to lift the cash rate by 25 basis points to 4.10%.
- There are dozens of ASX companies trading ex-dividend this week, including Wiseway Group, Waypoint REIT, Sequoia Financial Group, 360 Capital REIT, Rural Funds, Centuria Industrial REIT, Charter Hall Social Infrastructure REIT, Charter Hall Retail, Dexu Convenience Retail REIT, Dexu Industria REIT (**Monday**); MA Credit Income Trust, Maas Group, New Hope, Staude Capital Global Value Fund, GenusPlus Group (**Tuesday**); Ridley Corp, Lindsay Australia, Harvey Norman, and ARB (**Wednesday**).
- Dividend payments also start to ramp up over the course of this week, including Coles, GTN, Iluka Resources, Fortescue, Commonwealth Bank (**Monday**); CTI Logistics, Bendigo Adelaide Bank, Beach Energy, Data3, Pengana Capital, Karoon Energy, Po Valley Energy, Suncorp, Dandon Capital, EDU Holdings, Thorney Opportunities, Wesfarmers, Briscoe Group, Spheria Emerging Companies, Viva Energy, Comms Group, Plato Income Maximiser, Echelon Resources, Whitefield Income, Australian Clinical Labs, Guzman y Gomez (**Tuesday**); Freightways, SEEK, Generation Development Group, Mercury NZ, Servcorp, Reece (**Wednesday**); Perseus, Super Retail, Supply Network, Lycopodium, Downer EDI, Ampol, Auckland Airport, AMP, Integral Diagnostics, IVE Group, a2 Milk, South32, Bega Cheese, Woolworths, AUB, Symal, Big River Industries, Inghams Group, Jupiter Mines, Tribeca Global Natural Resources, Propel Funeral, Reliance Worldwide, TPG Telecom, and Orora (**Thursday**);
- **In the US**, there is a slew of economic data during the week. On Wednesday, US retail sales for February are tipped to fall by 0.2% month-on-month. On Friday, non-farm payrolls will be closely watched, with consensus forecasting a 51,000 net change for March, month-on-month.
- In the US, there are also some company earnings reports, from Nike, McCormick & Co, FactSet Research (**Tuesday**); Conagra Brands and Lamb Weston (**Wednesday**).

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