

October 9, 2026

Investor Signposts: Week beginning October 12, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Tuesday October 13	◆ RBA meeting minutes (Sept)	<i>RBA increased rates by 25bps</i>
Tuesday October 13	◆ NAB Business Confidence (Sept)	<i>-8pts in August</i>
Tuesday October 13	◆ NAB Business Conditions (Sept)	<i>-1pt in August</i>
Wednesday October 14	◆ Westpac Leading Index (Sept)	<i>Previously -0.04%</i>
Thursday October 15	◆ Labour force data (Sept)	<i>Jobless rate 4.6% in August</i>
Friday October 16	◆ CBA Household spending insights (Sept)	<i>Spending rose 0.1% in August</i>

Overseas

Tuesday October 13	◆ US NFIB Small Business Index (Sept)	<i>Previously 98.7 in August</i>
Tuesday October 13	◆ US Existing home sales (Sept)	<i>-0.4% expected</i>
Wednesday October 14	◆ US Consumer Price Index (Sept)	<i>Forecast +3.6% y/y and +0.6% m/m</i>
Wednesday October 14	◆ US EIA weekly crude oil inventories	<i>US inventories rose 922k barrels last week</i>
Wednesday October 14	◆ China CPI inflation rate (Sept)	<i>1.1% annual growth expected</i>
Wednesday October 14	◆ China Balance of trade (Sept)	<i>US\$117.3b surplus anticipated in Sept</i>
Thursday October 15	◆ US weekly initial jobless claims	<i>First time claims for unemployment benefits</i>
Thursday October 15	◆ US Retail sales advance (Sept)	<i>0.3% predicted</i>
Thursday October 15	◆ US PPI final demand (Sept)	<i>0.5% predicted</i>
Thursday October 15	◆ Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook (Oct)	<i>Expected to drop to 27.8 in Oct</i>

Aussie jobs data set to headline a busy week, as US earnings season kicks off

- Investors will focus on several key domestic indicators that could provide a clearer picture on the health of the Australian economy. Firstly, the RBA's September meeting minutes will offer further insight into policymakers' thinking following the decision to raise the cash rate by 25bp at its latest meeting. Markets are pricing in a ~25% chance of a Melbourne Cup Day rate hike (as at Thursday 8 October). On Thursday, the September jobs data will give more insight on the resilience of the jobs market. The jobless rate is forecast to remain steady at 4.6% with 20,000 jobs expected to be added to the economy.
 - In the US, inflation will be firmly in focus. Consumer and producer price data for September could provide clues on the path of US interest rates. Retail sales figures will also be watched as a measure of the US consumer and a key driver for the world's largest economy.
 - US earnings season kicks off with results from JPMorgan Chase, Johnson & Johnson, Goldman Sachs, Wells Fargo, Citigroup, UnitedHealth (**Tuesday**); Bank of America, Morgan Stanley, BlackRock, State Street Corp. (**Wednesday**); TSMC, Charles Schwab and Alcoa (**Thursday**).
 - Locally, Evolution Mining will release a quarterly update on Wednesday, while Bank of Queensland will release full-year earnings on Thursday.
 - AGM season starts in Australia, with several major ASX companies set to meet shareholders. Investors will be looking for updates on trading conditions and earnings expectations. AGMs also provide shareholders with an opportunity to vote on executive remuneration and the election or re-election of directors. AGMs are scheduled for Telstra, Baby Bunting (**Tuesday**); Commonwealth Bank, Origin Energy, Orora, The Lottery Corporation (**Wednesday**); ARB, Treasury Wine Estates, South32 (**Thursday**); Silex Systems, Perenti and Imdex (**Friday**).
- James Tao, CommSec Equity Market Commentator**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DISCLAIMER FOR RETAIL CLIENTS

This content is prepared, approved and distributed in Australia by Commonwealth Securities Limited ABN 60 067 254 399 AFSL 238814 (CommSec) a wholly owned but non-guaranteed subsidiary of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 AFSL 234945 (the Bank) and a Market Participant of ASX Limited and TMX Australia Exchange Pty Limited. All information contained herein is provided on a factual or general advice basis and is not intended to be construed as an offer, solicitation or investment recommendation in any way. It has been prepared without taking into account your individual objectives, financial situation or needs. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. CommSec, the Bank, our employees and agents may receive a commission and / or fees from transactions and / or deal on their own account in any securities referred to in this communication and may make investment decisions that are inconsistent with the recommendations or views expressed within this communication. Any comments, suggestions or views presented herein may differ from those expressed elsewhere by CommSec and / or the Bank. The content may not be used, distributed or reproduced without prior consent and any unauthorised use of the content may breach copyright provisions. CommSec does not give any representation or warranty as to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of any content including any third-party sourced data, nor does it accept liability for any errors or omissions. CommSec is not liable for any losses or damages arising out of the use of information contained in this communication. This communication is not intended to be distributed outside of Australia.