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Investor Signposts: Week beginning September 21, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Tuesday September 22	RBA Governor Michele Bullock speaks	*CEDA fireside chat in Sydney*
Tuesday September 22	RBA Assistant Governor Sarah Hunter speaks	*Podcast interview*
Wednesday September 23	Flash Composite PMI (Sept)	*Prior 52.7*
Thursday September 24	Employment data (August)	*July unemployment rate was 4.5%*

Overseas

Monday September 21	China 1-year & 5-year Loan Prime Rate	*Expected to hold 1-year rate at 3.0%*
Tuesday September 22	US Richmond Manufacturing Index (Sept)	*4 in August*
Wednesday September 23	EU Flash Composite PMI (Sept)	*Prior 52.0*
Wednesday September 23	US Flash Composite PMI (Sept)	*Prior 56.0*
Thursday September 24	US weekly initial jobless claims	*First time claims for unemployment benefits*
Thursday September 24	US new home sales (August)	*613k predicted*
Friday September 25	US Durable Goods Orders (August)	*-0.4% forecast*
Friday September 25	US Michigan consumer sentiment - final (Sept)	*47.8 in August*

Jobs data in focus ahead of RBA interest rate decision next week

- It is a fairly quiet week on the economic front for investors following a number of central bank decisions last week and the RBA rate decision coming up next week.
- In Australia, there are several public appearances by RBA officials, including Governor Michele Bullock and Assistant Governor Sarah Hunter on Tuesday. Investors will be closely watching for any potential clues on the economic outlook, ahead of the RBA's next rate meeting on September 28-29.
- Investors will also be looking out for the August unemployment numbers to be released on Thursday, which could influence the upcoming rate decision. The unemployment rate was 4.5% in July, and while the labour market has eased in recent months, the RBA Monetary Policy Board stated at its August meeting that "the unemployment rate remained low and conditions were still considered a little tight."
- US earnings will be relatively light, with results scheduled from Cintas, General Mills **(Wednesday);** and Costco **(Thursday).**
- There will be several ASX companies releasing results including Tuas Limited **(Wednesday);** Washington H. Soul Pattinson **(Thursday)**, and Premier Investments **(Friday)**.
- A number of companies will trade ex-dividend this week including Cochlear, New Hope **(Monday);** Southern Cross Electrical Engineering, Fleetwood, Latitude **(Tuesday);** Genesis Energy, IPD Group, St Barbara **(Wednesday);** PRL Global, Bisalloy Steel and Wiseway **(Thursday).**
- Companies paying dividends include ASX Ltd, Aussie Broadband **(Monday);** Sigma Healthcare, Suncorp Group, Tabcorp, Meridian Energy, MyState, Michael Hill, Coles, Deterra Royalties **(Tuesday);** Regis Healthcare, Smartgroup Corp, Contact Energy, Santos, BHP, Aurizon, Australian Clinical Labs **(Wednesday);** Amcor, Ramsay Health Care, Rio Tinto, ResMed, Monadelphous, Iluka Resources, AGL Energy, Telstra, PLS Group, The Lottery Corp **(Thursday);** Steadfast, Pinnacle, Woolworths, Woodside Energy, AMP, GQG Partners and Credit Corp **(Friday).**

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