

Week Ahead

	<i>Current</i> April 17	<i>Last Week</i> April 10	<i>Last month</i> March 18	<i>Last year</i> April 17 2018
Cash Rate (%)	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
90 day bills (%)	1.68	1.69	1.84	2.08
10 year bonds (%)	1.96	1.88	1.98	2.77
AUD/USD	0.7200	0.7144	0.7115	0.7771
Gold (US\$/ounce)	1276.80	1313.90	1301.50	1349.50
Iron Ore (US\$/tonne)	92.50	94.30	87.80	64.45
Oil (US\$/barrel)	63.76	64.61	59.09	66.52
All Ordinaries	6350.3	6316.5	6283.6	5934.3

Australia

Date	Event	Consensus	Last release
Wednesday April 24	Skilled job vacancies (trend, March)	~	-0.9%
Wednesday April 24	Detailed job data (March)	~	~
Wednesday April 24	Consumer price index (quarter/annual, March quarter)	+0.2%/+1.5%	+0.5%/+1.8%
Friday April 26	Producer prices (March quarter)	~	+0.5%/+2.0%
Friday April 26	Export & import prices (quarter, March quarter)	~	+4.4%/+0.5%

International

Date	Event	Consensus	Last release
Monday April 22	US Existing home sales (March)	5.3 million	5.51 million
Tuesday April 23	US New home sales (March)	650,000	667,000
Tuesday April 23	US Home price index (February)	~	+0.6%
Tuesday April 23	US Richmond Federal Reserve index	+13	+10
Wednesday April 24	Weekly mortgage finance	~	~
Thursday April 25	US Durable goods orders (March)	+0.4%	-1.6%
Friday April 26	US Economic growth (March quarter)	1.8%	2.2%
Friday April 26	US Consumer sentiment (April)	97.0	98.4

- Another shortened week in Australia due to **Easter Monday and ANZAC Day** public holidays. The all-important Consumer Prices Index (CPI) data is issued on Wednesday.
- The week actually kicks off on **Wednesday** when Australian Bureau of Statistics releases the CPI data together with detailed jobs data for March. Also the weekly consumer sentiment index is issued by ANZ and Roy Morgan. And the Department of Employment releases March data on skilled job vacancies.
- A raft of data covering the US housing market is released in the coming week. Investors will also be focussed on the personal income/spending data on Friday.
- The week begins on **Monday in the US** when the Chicago Federal Reserve releases the March reading of the national activity index. The index has fallen in four of the past five months.

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