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Investor Signposts: Week beginning August 3, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Monday August 3	◆ Melbourne Institute inflation gauge (July)	-0.4% MoM in June
Tuesday August 4	◆ ANZ job advertisements (July)	-0.2% MoM in June
Tuesday August 4	◆ Household spending (June)	5.5% YoY in May
Thursday August 6	◆ Goods trade balance (June)	-\$3.02bn in May

Overseas

Monday August 3	◆ US ISM manufacturing PMI (July)	54.0 forecast
Tuesday August 4	◆ US factory orders (June)	-1.3% MoM in May
Tuesday August 4	◆ US JOLTS job openings (June)	7.59m in May
Wednesday August 5	◆ US ADP employment change (July)	75k predicted
Wednesday August 5	◆ US ISM services PMI (July)	54.3 tipped
Thursday August 6	◆ US weekly jobless claims	197k in previous week
Friday August 7	◆ US non-farm payrolls (July)	90k expected
Friday August 7	◆ US unemployment rate	4.3% forecast

Aussie and US earnings season takes centre stage

- Company earnings will remain the biggest market focus this week, with a number of major Australian and US companies reporting their latest financial results.
- In Australia, fund manager **Pinnacle** reports on Wednesday. The market will focus on FY26 net flows and whether 1H26 momentum continues. Its international growth will also be a focus.
- **REA Group**, which owns realestate.com.au, reports on Thursday. The key questions are whether it can keep increasing advertising prices despite a cooler housing market, how it's using AI to grow the business, and whether its financial services division continues to gain traction.
- **ResMed** will report earnings on Friday, Australian time. Investors will be looking for signs that demand for its sleep apnoea devices remains resilient as weight-loss drugs become more widely used.
- Other Australian companies reporting this week include Credit Corp, Charter Hall Social Infrastructure REIT (**Tuesday**); Argo Investments, Light & Wonder (**Wednesday**); Beach Energy, AMP, Block (**Thursday**); Charter Hall Retail REIT, James Hardie, Avita Medical, and Nick Scali (**Friday**).
- In the US, investors will keep a close eye on **SpaceX's** maiden result on Tuesday. The stock remains below its IPO price, and investors will be looking for signs the business can build momentum.
- **Palantir** will also be closely watched. The AI software company has fallen around 30% this year as investors worry about slowing growth. The market will be looking for stronger growth in its US business and signs that demand for its AI products remains healthy.
- Another major result comes from **Eli Lilly**, the maker of popular diabetes and weight-loss drugs. Investors will focus on how quickly sales volumes are growing around the world and whether that growth can offset pricing pressure in some markets.
- Other key US companies reporting this week include Berkshire Hathaway, Marriott (**Monday**); AMD, Caterpillar, Merck, Amgen, Pfizer, McDonald's, Booking Holdings, Archer-Daniels (**Tuesday**); Walt Disney, Shopify, Western Digital, SanDisk, Uber, CVS Health, MercadoLibre, DoorDash, eBay, News Corp (**Wednesday**); ConocoPhillips, Datadog, Airbnb, Republic Services, and Fiserv (**Thursday**). *James Gruber, CommSec Equity Market Strategist*

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