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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***