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Investor Signposts: Week beginning October 26, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Monday October 26	◆ RBA Assistant Governor Brad Jones speaks
Wednesday October 28	◆ Consumer Price Index (Sept)
Wednesday October 28	◆ RBA Governor Michele Bullock speaks
Friday October 30	◆ Producer Price Index (Sept Qtr)
Friday October 30	◆ Private Sector Credit (Sept)

Panel participation at AFR Summit
Headline inflation rose 4% YoY in August
Appearing at Senate Economics Committee
Final demand rose 3.6% YoY in June Qtr
Prior +0.6% MoM

Overseas

Monday October 26	◆ US Dallas Fed Manufacturing index (Oct)
Tuesday October 27	◆ US Final Building permits (Sept)
Tuesday October 27	◆ US Durable goods orders (Sept)
Tuesday October 27	◆ US Conference Board Consumer Confidence (Oct)
Tuesday October 27	◆ US New home sales (Sept)
Wednesday October 28	◆ US EIA weekly crude oil inventories
Wednesday October 28	◆ US Fed interest rate decision
Thursday October 29	◆ US weekly initial jobless claims
Thursday October 29	◆ US Core PCE Price Index (Sept)
Thursday October 29	◆ US Personal Income & Spending (Sept)
Thursday October 29	◆ US Advance GDP Annualised (Sept Qtr)
Friday October 30	◆ US Chicago PMI (Oct)

9.8 in prior month
1.4m expected
-0.1% last month
Forecast 80.3
652k expected
US inventories fell 3.1m barrels last week
Rates expected to hold steady at 3.75-4%
First time claims for unemployment benefits
+3.1% YoY anticipated for Sept
Personal spending forecast +0.5% mom
3% QoQ tipped
Previous 58.8

Aussie inflation and Fed decision in focus, as US earnings season heats up

- Investors will be focused on Australia's Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures for the September quarter on Wednesday. The report has taken on added significance after recent comments from RBA Deputy Governor Andrew Hauser highlighted concerns around persistent inflation pressures. Market expectations have risen to ~65% (as of Thursday 22 Oct) for a 0.25% Melbourne Cup Day rate hike, although the futures have been volatile of late.
- In the US, the spotlight will be on the Federal Reserve's interest rate decision. While markets are widely expecting rates to remain unchanged, investors will be listening to Fed chair Kevin Warsh's comments for clues on the timing and likelihood of future rate moves. The Core PCE price index - the Fed's preferred measure of inflation - will also be closely monitored as it could influence interest rate decision-making.
- US earnings season enters one of its busiest weeks, with results due from Verizon (**Monday**); SK Hynix, Visa, Coca-Cola, Boeing, Hilton Worldwide Holdings, UPS, Freeport McMoran, S&P Global (**Tuesday**); Alphabet, Microsoft, KLA Corp, T-Mobile (**Wednesday**); Amazon, Eli Lilly, Mastercard, Intel, Shell, Caterpillar, SanDisk (**Thursday**); Exxon Mobil and Chevron (**Friday**).
- Locally, AGM season remains in full swing with meetings for Cochlear, Nick Scali (**Monday**); CSL (**Tuesday**); Data#3, Vicinity Centres, Fortescue, Dexus (**Wednesday**); Woolworths, Challenger, Perpetual, JB Hi-Fi, Super Retail, Wesfarmers (**Thursday**); Pinnacle Investment, Endeavour Group, Tabcorp, Reece and CAR Group (**Friday**).
- Quarterly updates will also be in focus, with reports due from Perseus Mining, Elevra Lithium, Stanmore Resources, Sandfire Resources (**Tuesday**); Pilbara Minerals, Boss Energy, Woolworths, Iluka Resources, Vulcan Energy (**Wednesday**); Lynas Rare Earths, IGO, Suncorp Group (**Thursday**); ResMed, Origin Energy and Coles Group (**Friday**).

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