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Investor Signposts: Week beginning September 14, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Monday September 14	RBA Assistant Governor Sarah Hunter speaks	*At regional summit in Canberra*
Wednesday September 16	Melbourne Institute Leading Index (August)	*+0.03% MoM in July*
Friday September 18	RBA Governor Michele Bullock speaks	*At a Federal Parliament committee*

Overseas

Tuesday September 15	China retail sales/employment/industrial prodn	*Retail sales forecast to rise 0.6% YoY in Aug*
Tuesday September 15	US Empire State manufacturing index (Sept)	*12.1 tipped*
Wednesday September 16	US retail sales (August)	*+0.8% MoM forecast*
Wednesday September 16	US Federal Reserve interest rate decision	*25bp rate hike to 3.75-4.0% predicted*
Thursday September 17	US Philly Fed manufacturing index (Sept)	*32.1 expected*
Thursday September 17	US weekly jobless claims	*First time claims for unemployment benefits*
Thursday September 17	US housing starts (August)	*1315k tipped*
Friday September 18	US industrial production (August)	*+0.3% MoM predicted*
Friday September 18	US Conference Board Leading Index (August)	*+0.2% expected*
Friday September 18	Bank of Japan interest rate decision	*25bps rate rise to 1.25% tipped*

US and Japan interest rate rises could be on the cards

- Investors will focus on central bank decisions this week. On Wednesday, the US Federal Reserve is expected to raise rates by 25bps to 3.75-4.0%, which would mark its first rate increase since July 2023. The market is assigning a ~62% chance of a 25bp rate hike at this meeting (as at Thursday, September 10), and another rate increase by early next year. It comes amid rising inflationary pressures from the Middle East conflict, which has now dragged on for more than six months.
- On Friday, the Bank of Japan (BoJ) will hand down its interest rate decision. It is tipped to raise rates by 25bps to 1.25%. This follows higher-than-expected inflation in Japan, with a 1.9% year-on-year increase in July.
- US earnings include homebuilder Lennar **(Wednesday);** and cruise operator, Carnival Corp **(Thursday)**.
- In Australia, attention will turn to several public appearances by RBA senior officials, including from Governor Michele Bullock at a Federal Parliament committee on Friday. Investors will be closely watching for any clues on the economic outlook, ahead of an RBA meeting to decide on interest rates on September 28-29. Markets are currently pricing a ~75% chance of a September rate hike (as at Thursday, September 10).
- A long list of ASX companies will trade ex-dividend this week including Virgin Australia, Chorus, Kelsian, Saunders International, Credit Corp **(Monday);** Data#3, Neuren Pharmaceuticals, Ramelius Resources, Qantas, Red Hill Minerals, Duratec, Westgold Resources, Lovisa, Guzman Y Gomez **(Tuesday);** Inghams, PWR, Aurelia Metals, Capricorn Metals, Servcorp, Service Stream, Imdex, Auckland International Airport **(Wednesday);** Embelton, Flight Centre, Supply Network, EDU Holdings, Lycopodium, SKS Technologies, a2 Milk, South32, Tourism Holdings **(Thursday);** Adrad, Vita Life, Centrepoint Alliance, Macmahon **(Friday)**.
- Companies paying dividends this week include Computershare, Accent Group **(Monday);** Whitehaven Coal **(Tuesday)**; Vicinity, LendLease, Magellan, Helloworld, Codan, APA **(Wednesday)**; Challenger, Ansell, Sonic Healthcare, Ingenia **(Thursday);** Yancoal, Hansen Technologies, Eagers and Argo Investments **(Friday)**.

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