

Interest Rates (%)			FX			Commodities US\$		
Australia		Δ bp	AUD/USD	0.6386	-0.6%	WTI Crude Oil	60.31	-\$1.60
	90-day Bill	3.87	AUD/JPY	90.85	-0.5%	Brent Crude Oil	64.13	-\$1.54
	3-year Bond	3.28	AUD/EUR	0.5607	-0.4%	Mogas95*	75.44	-\$1.26
	10-year Bond	4.18	AUD/GBP	0.4763	-0.4%	CRB Index	294.23	-3.65
US			AUD/NZD	1.0763	-0.1%	Gold	3316.55	-\$14.77
	2-year	3.65	AUD/CNY	4.6434	-0.8%	Silver	33.03	-\$0.05
	10-year	4.17	EUR/USD	1.1389	-0.2%	Iron Ore (62% Fe)**	98.40	\$0.05
			USD/JPY	142.26	0.0%	Iron Ore (24-25 Average)	101.66	-\$0.02
Other 10-year			USD/CNY	7.2714	-0.2%	Copper	9440.00	\$62.00
			RBA Policy			Equities		
			O/N Cash Rate Target	4.10		ASX200	8099	69
			Interbank O/N Cash Rate	4.09		Dow Jones	40528	300
Japan	1.33	1	Probability of a 50bps Cut in May	59.2%		S&P500	5561	32
Germany	2.50	-2	RBA Bond Holdings (31 Mar)	A\$297.4b		Stoxx600	525	2
UK	4.48	-3				CSI300	3775	-7

*Mogas95 is the Singapore benchmark petrol price closely linked to Australian domestic fuel prices.

**Iron ore is the second SGX futures contract.

US stocks continued to climb last night, thanks to a rise in the second half of the session in anticipation of tariff relief for automakers. The rise in US equity prices came despite further evidence of the negative impact of tariffs on US confidence and the broader economy, with the US Q1 GDP figures due tonight expected to show stagnation. US Treasury yields continued to fall, however, while the US dollar appreciated.

US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order easing some tariffs on automobile parts that are components of US final car production and making the exemption on USMCA-compliant car parts permanent. The move is meant to ease transition in the US car industry, and prevent stacking of tariffs on car parts and import taxes on steel and aluminium.

US President also spoke at a rally this morning and again claimed that his administration is negotiating new trade deals with many countries. Ahead of the rally, he hinted that these talks may be held with Australia.

The Australian dollar depreciated against all the major currencies, dragged down by lower commodity prices. Commonwealth bond yields declined slightly ahead of Q1 CPI figures scheduled for later this morning. The ASX 200 rose by 0.9% yesterday, with gains in all sectors except for consumer staples, and opened higher again this morning.

Data-wise, the Conference Board US consumer confidence index dropped to a five-year low in April, dragged down by the expectations component which reached the lowest level since 2011. The difference between jobs plentiful and jobs hard to get is the smallest since September, as were March US JOLTS job openings contained in a separate set of data.

At the same time, advance figures suggest that US goods trade deficit was the widest on record in March, driven by a sharp increase in goods imports as companies rushed to order goods ahead of the tariffs.

The Case-Shiller house price index for the 20 major US cities rose by another 0.4% in February, to be up by 4.5% through the year and at a fresh record high.

Economic Data Review

- **US:** Goods Trade Balance (Mar, adv.) – Actual -US\$162.0b, Expected -US\$145.0b, Previous -US\$147.8b.
- **US:** Case-Shiller 20-City House Price Index (MoM, Feb) – Actual 0.4%, Expected 0.4%, Previous 0.4% (revised).
- **US:** JOLTS Job Openings (Mar) – Actual 7,192k, Expected 7,500k, Previous 7,568k.
- **US:** Conference Board Consumer Confidence (Apr) – Actual 86.0, Expected 88.0, Previous 93.9 (revised).

Economic Data Preview

- **AU:** CPI (QoQ, Q1) – Expected 0.8%, Previous 0.2%.
- **CH:** NBS Composite PMI (Apr) – Previous 51.4.
- **CH:** Caixin Manufacturing PMI (Apr) – Expected 49.7, Previous 51.2.
- **EZ:** GDP (QoQ, Q1, flash) – Expected 0.2%, Previous 0.2%.
- **US:** ADP Employment (monthly change, Apr) – Expected 115k, Previous 155k.
- **US:** GDP (QoQ annualised, Q1, adv.) – Expected -0.2%, Previous 2.4%.
- **US:** Personal Spending (MoM, Mar) – Expected 0.6%, Previous 0.4%.
- **US:** PCE Price Index (MoM, Mar) – Expected 0.0%, Previous 0.3%.