Market Daily Update

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Interest Rates			FX			Commodities		
Australia		∆ bp	AUD/USD	0.6971	-0.2%	WTI Crude Oil	82.44	$0.86
90-day Bill	4.55	0	AUD/JPY	114.10	-0.3%	Brent Crude Oil	87.46	-$0.08
3-year Bond	4.56	-8	AUD/EUR	0.6120	-0.4%	Mogas95*	113.67	-$1.69
10-year Bond	4.95	-5	AUD/GBP	0.5245	-0.2%	CRB Index	379.19	-4.30
			AUD/NZD	1.2055	-0.4%	Gold	4024.05	-$36.89
			AUD/CNY	4.7219	-0.1%	Silver	57.22	-$0.81
US			EUR/USD	1.1389	0.1%	Iron Ore (61% Fe)**	97.65	-$0.35
2-year	4.30	-1	USD/JPY	163.68	-0.1%	Iron Ore (26-27 Average)	98.61	-$0.05
10-year	4.62	-2	USD/CNY	6.7702	0.1%	Copper	13685.00	-$47.50
			RBA Policy			**Equities**		
			O/N Cash Rate Target		4.35	ASX200	9048	180
Other 10-year			Interbank O/N Cash Rate		4.35	Dow Jones	52747	537
Japan	2.78	0	Probability of a 25bps Hike in Aug		24.8%	S&P500	7429	16
Germany	3.10	-3	RBA Bond Holdings (30 Jun)		A$229.9b	Stoxx600	647	2
UK	4.94	-5				CSI300	4570	-133

*Mogas95 is the Singapore benchmark petrol price closely linked to Australian domestic fuel prices.
**Iron ore is the second SGX futures contract.

Wall Street saw mixed results last night, as hopes for de-escalation in the Middle East were offset by concerns over valuations in the information technology sector. The tech-heavy Nasdaq closed marginally lower, while the broader S&P 500 posted a 0.2% gain. This followed gains in Europe, but also heavy losses across the Asia-Pacific region, with the Korean Kospi — which is heavily dependent on information technology — plunging by 10%.

Hopes for de-escalation in the Middle East continued to drag oil prices lower, with Brent futures falling below US$83 a barrel at one point overnight. However, breaking news this morning that the US military had allegedly intercepted Iranian missiles, following several days with no exchange of fire, led to a small rebound in oil prices, with Brent futures back above US$87 a barrel at the time of writing.

The Australian dollar depreciated against all major currencies, while Commonwealth bond yields fell more than their US equivalents, as RBA Governor Michele Bullock delivered a well-balanced speech on oil shocks and the monetary policy outlook. Investors are also awaiting the June CPI figures scheduled for release later today. The ASX 200 rose by 0.6% yesterday, with gains across all sectors except energy and utilities, and opened even higher this morning.

Data-wise, US Conference Board consumer confidence fell by 1.5% in July, dragged down by a deterioration in the assessment of current conditions, while expectations remained unchanged at a depressed level. The gap between respondents assessing jobs as ‘plentiful’ and ‘hard to get’ was the narrowest since early 2021, indicating a possible renewed easing in US labour market conditions.

Among earlier releases, the Case-Shiller house price index for the 20 major US cities rose by 0.2% in May, to be up 1.1% through the year. US house prices have been quite volatile over the past year.

At home, RBA Governor Michele Bullock gave her annual speech at the Anika Foundation, focusing on oil supply shocks. She compared the current shock with that of the 1970s, stressing that the economy is now less dependent on oil than it was 50 years ago, central banking frameworks are much more credible in keeping inflation expectations anchored, and economies are more agile and adaptable. This means the impact of the oil shock should be less pronounced this time.

Governor Bullock stressed that underlying inflation, while evolving broadly in line with May expectations, is still ‘too high’, reiterating that this reflects not only the US-Iran conflict but also capacity pressures that preceded the war. She noted that the full impact of cash rate hikes from earlier this year is yet to materialise, while also underscoring that the RBA Monetary Policy Board is prepared to raise rates further if needed.

Economic Data Review

- **US:** Conference Board Consumer Confidence (Jul) – Actual 90.8, Expected 92.4, Previous 92.2 (revised).
- **US:** Case-Shiller House Prices 20 Cities (MoM, May) – Actual 0.2%, Expected 0.0%, Previous 0.0%.

Economic Data Preview

- **AU:** CPI (YoY, Jun) – Expected 4.0%, Previous 4.0%.
- **US:** FOMC Decision (IoER) – Expected 3.65%, Previous 3.65%.