

Interest Rates			FX			Commodities		
Australia		Δ bp	AUD/USD	0.7058	-0.1%	WTI Crude Oil	82.16	\$3.36
90-day Bill	4.51	0	AUD/JPY	112.36	0.7%	Brent Crude Oil	87.76	\$3.34
3-year Bond	4.57	3	AUD/EUR	0.6112	0.0%	Mogas95*	107.46	-\$0.51
10-year Bond	5.04	3	AUD/GBP	0.5223	-0.3%	CRB Index	390.15	9.32
			AUD/NZD	1.1987	-0.2%	Gold	4413.96	\$76.28
			AUD/CNY	4.7606	-0.1%	Silver	66.20	\$2.54
US			EUR/USD	1.1548	-0.1%	Iron Ore (61% Fe)**	95.15	\$0.30
2-year	4.24	3	USD/JPY	159.20	0.8%	Iron Ore (26-27 Average)	97.51	-\$0.07
10-year	4.71	4	USD/CNY	6.7463	0.0%	Copper	14160.00	\$84.00
			RBA Policy			Equities		
			O/N Cash Rate Target		4.35	ASX200	9243	6
Other 10-year			Interbank O/N Cash Rate		4.35	Dow Jones	53976	-61
Japan	2.83	1	Probability of a 25bps Hike in Aug		3.1%	S&P500	7753	-5
Germany	3.18	5	RBA Bond Holdings (31 Jul)		A\$227.4b	Stoxx600	660	0
UK	4.99	7				CSI300	4702	8

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

**Iron ore is the second SGX futures contract.

The S&P 500 eased from its record high last night, while oil prices and government bond yields rose amid further signs of a stalemate in US-Iran negotiations.

Following Iran's weekend announcement of conditions for reopening the Strait of Hormuz, US President Donald Trump demanded that Iran compensate for the war damage caused across the Middle East. He added that the US is currently only 'semi-negotiating' with Iran and is waiting for signs of economic damage from the US blockade of Iranian ports.

Oil prices bounced around 4% overnight, taking Brent futures back above US\$85 a barrel, while WTI futures rose above US\$80 a barrel. Iron ore and copper futures also increased for unrelated reasons, while gold reached a new two-month high.

US Treasury yields rose in response to higher oil prices, with 10- and 30-year yields approaching recent highs. Two-year yields also increased, supported by hawkish Fed speak. Cleveland Fed President Beth Hammack, one of three dissenters at the recent FOMC meeting, said the current level of interest rates is not 'meaningfully restrictive' and that 'some number' of rate hikes would be needed to bring inflation down.

Australian dollar exchange rates were mixed overnight, with slight depreciation against the US dollar, solid appreciation against the British pound, and no change against the euro.

The ASX 200 fell 0.3% yesterday, dragged down by losses in financials amid reports of a decline in mortgage applications. The Australian share market opened flat this morning.

Commonwealth bond yields followed their US counterparts higher ahead of the RBA meeting later today. No change in interest rates is expected, but market participants will closely examine the updated economic projections for signs that recent tightening is feeding through to the economy and for any forward guidance.

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence rose a further 0.4% last week, supported by an improved assessment of the economic outlook. However, views on household finances deteriorated, while inflation expectations increased to 5.7% in response to higher fuel prices following the end of the fuel excise cut.

Economic Data Review

- AU:** ANZ Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence (w/e 8 Aug) – Actual 75.0, Previous 74.7.

Economic Data Preview

- AU:** RBA Monetary Policy Board Decision (Cash Rate) – Expected 4.35%, Previous 4.35%.
- AU:** Statement on Monetary Policy (Aug).
- AU:** Public Appearance by RBA Governor Michele Bullock.
- AU:** NAB Business Conditions (Jul) – Previous 3.
- AU:** NAB Business Confidence (Jul) – Previous -5.