Market Daily Update

25 AUGUST 2026

Interest Rates

Australia		**Δ bp**
90-day Bill	4.49	-1
3-year Bond	4.55	0
10-year Bond	5.03	-1
US		
2-year	4.25	3
10-year	4.70	-1
Other 10-year		
Japan	2.89	-1
Germany	3.25	0
UK	5.06	0

FX

AUD/USD	0.7158	-0.2%
AUD/JPY	113.91	0.0%
AUD/EUR	0.6134	0.0%
AUD/GBP	0.5249	-0.1%
AUD/NZD	1.2002	0.0%
AUD/CNY	4.8049	-0.4%
EUR/USD	1.1669	-0.1%
USD/JPY	159.13	0.2%
USD/CNY	6.7219	0.0%

Commodities

WTI Crude Oil	85.11	-$0.95
Brent Crude Oil	92.08	-$1.28
Mogas95*	111.80	-$2.46
CRB Index	402.89	-3.35
Gold	4695.33	$90.06
Silver	69.58	$0.57
Iron Ore (61% Fe)**	97.85	$1.15
Iron Ore (26-27 Average)	97.18	$0.04
Copper	14273.00	$57.50

RBA Policy

O/N Cash Rate Target	4.35
Interbank O/N Cash Rate	4.35
Probability of a 25bps Hike in Sep	10.0%
RBA Bond Holdings (31 Jul)	A$227.4b

Equities

ASX200	9151	64
Dow Jones	53417	140
S&P500	7653	-22
Stoxx600	654	0
CSI300	4563	-56

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

Wall Street remained driven by volatility in technology shares, with the S&P 500 closing lower despite gains across most of the index. Semiconductor stocks again weighed heavily, led by Nvidia which fell for the seventh day in a row. The 10-year US Treasury yield fell alongside oil prices, although yields have opened higher this morning, particularly at the short end of the curve.

The US dollar recovered a small share of last week's losses after the US announced it would cut US dollar funding for companies trading with Iran. The Canadian dollar was the weakest G10 currency after Washington escalated its trade dispute with Canada, announcing 50% tariffs on car, truck, automotive parts and steel imports into the US. However, the measures are not due to take effect until 1 January 2027.

The decline in US equities followed a mixed session in Europe, where the Stoxx 600 closed flat. Asia-Pacific markets were mostly lower, weighed down by negative sentiment toward the technology sector. South Korea's Kospi, which has heavy exposure to semiconductors, fell 3.1%. Locally, the ASX 200 bucked the trend, rising 0.50% yesterday as strong gains in miners more than offset losses across the big four banks and other financials. The Australian market has opened higher again this morning.

Australian government bond yields fell during yesterday's session but have opened a little higher this morning, while the Australian dollar edged lower amid weaker risk appetite.

Oil prices retreated as investors took profits following last week's strong gains, with traders appearing relatively unconcerned by overnight US threats of new measures against Iran. The decline appeared to be driven more by positioning than by any reduction in Middle East supply risks, which continue to support elevated crude prices.

In other commodities, gold continued to rise, while iron ore futures reached their highest level since late July.

The ANZ-Roy Morgan weekly consumer confidence index rose by 1.0 point to 77.5 in the week ending 23 August, its highest level since the start of the Middle East conflict, although it remains firmly in pessimistic territory. Weekly inflation expectations increased by 0.3 percentage points to 6.1%, their highest level since early June.

The Chicago Fed National Activity Index, compiled from 85 separate activity indicators, fell to -0.04, while the three-month moving average also declined to -0.04, suggesting below-trend growth in the US economy.

Economic Data Review

- **AU:** ANZ-Roy Morgan Weekly Consumer Confidence (w/e 23 Aug) – Actual 77.5, Previous 76.5
- **US:** Chicago Fed National Activity Index (Jul) – Actual -0.08, Expected -0.05, Previous 0.06

Economic Data Preview

- **AU:** RBA Monetary Policy Board Meeting Minutes (Aug).
- **US:** Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index (Aug) – Expected 90.2, Previous 90.8