Market Daily Update

15 JULY 2026

Interest Rates			FX			Commodities		
Australia		**Δ bp**	AUD/USD	0.6983	0.9%	WTI Crude Oil	80.24	$0.26
90-day Bill	4.46	0	AUD/JPY	113.21	0.8%	Brent Crude Oil	85.89	$0.76
3-year Bond	4.47	-4	AUD/EUR	0.6109	0.5%	Mogas95*	105.78	$2.62
10-year Bond	4.88	-4	AUD/GBP	0.5211	0.6%	CRB Index	377.46	2.99
			AUD/NZD	1.1997	0.1%	Gold	4057.19	$54.41
			AUD/CNY	4.7229	0.6%	Silver	58.90	$1.43
US			EUR/USD	1.1430	0.4%	Iron Ore (61% Fe)**	100.10	$1.20
2-year	4.19	-10	USD/JPY	162.13	-0.1%	Iron Ore (26-27 Average)	98.66	$0.24
10-year	4.59	-3	USD/CNY	6.7716	-0.1%	Copper	13643.00	$102.00
			RBA Policy			**Equities**		
			O/N Cash Rate Target	4.35		ASX200	8857	88
Other 10-year			Interbank O/N Cash Rate	4.35		Dow Jones	52508	10
Japan	2.69	-10	Probability of a 25bps Hike in Aug	21.7%		S&P500	7544	28
Germany	3.11	0	RBA Bond Holdings (30 Jun)	A$229.9b		Stoxx600	642	1
UK	4.98	1				CSI300	4797	101

*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 rose modestly, while US Treasury yields fell, as the downside surprise in US CPI inflation eased concerns about imminent monetary policy tightening in the US, pushing concerns over the war in the Middle East aside.

Towards the end of the trading day, US President Donald Trump also withdrew his threat to impose a 20% levy on cargo crossing the Strait of Hormuz. However, with the US naval blockade resumed today, oil prices picked up a little further.

The Australian dollar benefited from the improvement in global market sentiment, appreciating against all major currencies. Commonwealth bond yields rose across the yield curve. The ASX 200 closed flat yesterday, having recovered its early losses, and surged at the open this morning.

US CPI fell by 0.4% in June, the most since early 2020 and more than the 0.1% decline expected by the market consensus, dragged lower by energy prices ahead of the recent escalation in the US-Iran conflict. Core CPI was steady, against expectations of a 0.2% gain. Annual inflation declined to 3.5% for the headline index and 2.9% for the core index, implying that PCE inflation, which is targeted by the Fed, remained above its goal.

Speaking before the House of Representatives Financial Services Committee, Fed Chair Kevin Warsh cautioned against drawing conclusions from a single inflation report and vowed to bring inflation back to target, while highlighting the Fed's independence.

Across the Pacific, China's trade surplus surged to US$125.6b in June, reflecting an acceleration in export growth to a whopping 27.0% YoY, with particularly strong gains in rare earths, semiconductors, electronics and electric vehicles. Processing goods imports drove debits 36.0% higher through the year, the fastest growth since mid-2021, while iron ore import growth turned positive (+6.4% YoY), which pushed iron ore futures back above US$100 a tonne.

At home, NAB business conditions remained unchanged at a subdued 3 points in June, with a marginal deterioration in employment conditions offset by profitability turning negative again. The report also suggested an acceleration in labour costs, likely due to expectations of higher wages following the minimum and award wage hike, while growth in purchase costs and final prices slowed. Business confidence improved, but remained negative at -5 points.

Economic Data Review

- **AU:** NAB Business Conditions (Jun) – Actual 3, Previous 3.
- **AU:** NAB Business Confidence (Jun) – Actual -5, Previous -14.
- **CN:** Trade Balance (Jun) – Actual US$125.6b, Expected US$120.1b, Previous US$105.4b.
- **US:** CPI (MoM, Jun) – Actual -0.4%, Expected -0.1%, Previous 0.5%.

Economic Data Preview

- **CN:** GDP (QoQ, Q2) – Expected 4.5%, Previous 5.0%.
- **CN:** Retail Sales (YoY, Jun) – Expected -0.1%, Previous -0.6%.
- **CN:** Industrial Production (YoY, Jun) – Expected 4.6%, Previous 4.5%.
- **CN:** Urban Fixed Asset Investment (YoY YtD, Jun) – Expected -5.0%, Previous -4.1%.
- **US:** PPI (MoM, Jun) – Expected 0.0%, Previous 1.1%.
- **US:** Beige Book.