

The week that was

- Bond yields rose sharply as investors interpreted an upside surprise to Australian inflation in May as likely to increase rate hikes further. This interpretation was downplayed by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Deputy Governor, noting that the monthly data only provides a partial read on inflation and that the RBA focuses on a broad range of economic information when setting policy. Australian 10-year bond yields ended the week 10bps higher and the Australian dollar appreciated 0.4% against the US dollar. The ASX200 fell 0.4%, with higher bond yields weighing on some interest rate-sensitive sectors.
- As expected, US inflation was subdued in May, indicating that inflation is continuing to ease. This also reassured investors, expecting the Federal Reserve to deliver 1 or 2 rate cuts this year. US 10year bond yields ended the week 14bps higher, largely reflecting rebalancing for month and quarterend. The S&P500 was little changed.
- The Japanese Yen has continued to face depreciation pressures and is now at its lowest level against the US dollar since the mid-1980s.
- Oil prices rose 1.4%, with heightened tensions in the Middle East contributing, despite signs of weaker US oil demand.

Economic calendar

Monday	US: ISM Manufacturing, Jun			
01/07	EU: ECB Central Banking Forum			
Tuesday	AU: RBA Board minutes, Jun			
02/07	EC: CPI, Jun (preliminary)			
Wednesday	US: ISM Services, Jun; FOMC			
03/07	meeting minutes; Jun			
	AU: Retail sales, May; Building			
	approvals, May			
	Global: PMIs, Jun (final)			
Thursday				
04/07				
Friday	US: Non-farm payrolls, Jun			
05/07	·			

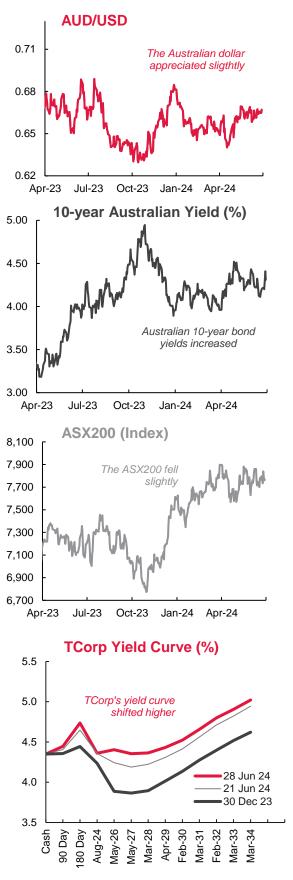
The week ahead

- Markets will focus on US payrolls, which have been increasing solidly despite other employment measures suggesting a larger slowing in labour market conditions. ISM surveys will also provide updated reads on economic activity.
- In Europe, markets could also react to election results in France and the UK, inflation data, and comments from central bankers at the European Central Bank's annual central banking forum.
- Minutes from the RBA Board's June meeting will show whether the Board has become more concerned about inflation remaining elevated for longer. Retail trade and building approvals data are expected to show continued weakness.

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Financial markets charts



Financial markets data: Week ending 28 June 2024

INTEREST RATES	CLOSE (%)	1 WEEK (BPS)		YTD (BPS)	
RBA Cash Rate	4.35	0	_	0	-
90-day BBSW	4.45	4		9	
3-year Australian Bond Yield	4.08	17		47	
10-year Australian Bond Yield	4.31	10		36	
20-year Australian Bond Yield	4.58	7		33	
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	2.42	7		-15	•
10-year Australian Real Yield	1.89	3		51	
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	5.25	0	-	0	_
2-year US Treasury Yield	4.75	2		50	
10-year US Treasury Yield	4.40	14		52	
30-year US Treasury Yield	4.56	16		53	
10-year German Bund Yield	2.50	9		48	
NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
5.00% 20 August 2024	4.36	0		13	
1.25% 20 March 2025	4.45	12		42	
4.00% 20 May 2026	4.40	16		52	
3.00% 20 May 2027	4.36	17		49	
3.00% 20 March 2028	4.36	14		47	
3.00% 20 April 2029	4.43	12		42	
3.00% 20 February 2030	4.52	11		39	
2.00% 20 March 2031	4.66	10		38	
1.50% 20 February 2032	4.80	9		40	
2.00% 8 March 2033	4.91	8		39	
1.75% 20 March 2034	5.02	8		40	
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	1.94	6		88	
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	2.54	3		47	
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10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	5.01	8		45	
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	0.07	2 0		-4	
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	0.01			10	
Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	7,767	-0.4%	•	2.3%	
S&P500 (US)	5,460	-0.1%	•	14.5%	
FTSE 100 (UK)	8,164	-0.9%	•	5.6%	
DJ Stoxx600 (Europe)	511	-0.7%	•	6.8%	
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	39,583	2.6%		18.3%	
Shanghai Composite (China)	2,967	-1.0%	▼	-0.3%	V
Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.667	0.4%		-2.1%	•
EUR/USD	1.071	0.2%		-3.0%	•
USD/JPY	160.88	0.7%		14.1%	
GBP/USD	1.26	0.0%	—	-0.7%	•
US\$ Index	105.87	0.1%		4.5%	
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	86.41	1.4%		12.2%	
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	106.51	-0.1%	•	-21.9%	▼
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	207.23	4.7%		-24.8%	•
Gold (US\$/oz)	2,326.75	0.2%		12.8%	

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