

The week that was

- Treasurer Frydenberg provided an update on the upheaval of COVID-19 on the economy. Forecasts were bleak with household consumption expected to fall 16%, while business and housing investment could drop 18%. The Budget has been deferred to October.
- Unemployment in Australia increased 1ppt to 6.2% in April. While this was a smaller rise than consensus expectation, the devil is in the detail. The underemployment rate spiked 4.9ppts to 13.7% and the participation rate slumped 2.4ppts to 63.5%. Hours worked also plunged 9.2% during April.
- Industrial production in the US suffered its largest ever decline, down 11.2% in April. Retail sales also fell a sharp 16.4%. While the NY Fed manufacturing index showed some improvement rising 30pts, it remained firmly negative at -48.5.
- China's recovery continues to make strides with industrial production up 3.9% y/y and business investment increasing 1% y/y. The services sector and retail sales remain negative over the year, but have improved since March.

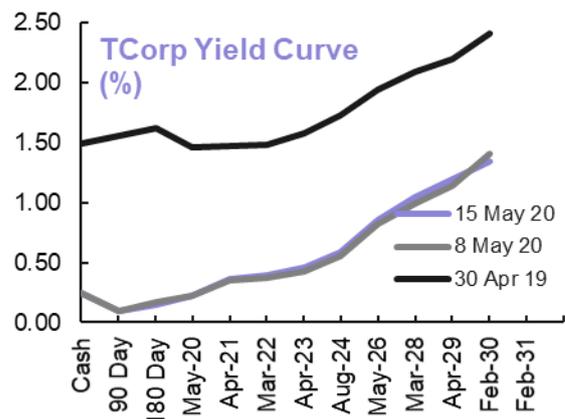
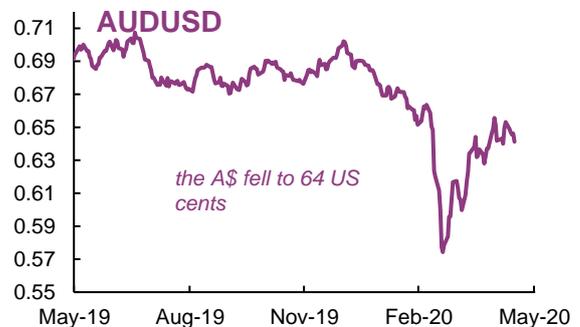
Economic calendar

Monday 18/05	AU: ABS Household Impact of COVID-19 JP: GDP, 1Q20
Tuesday 19/05	AU: RBA Monetary Policy Minutes AU: ABS Weekly Payrolls
Wednesday 20/05	AU: ABS Preliminary Retail Trade, Apr
Thursday 21/05	US: FOMC Minutes AU: RBA Governor – panel on regulation US: Manufacturing & Services PMIs, May
Friday 22/05	EC: Manufacturing & Services PMIs, May

The week ahead

- As economies begin to emerge from lockdowns in May, the expectation is the contraction in April PMIs will mark the trough of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, global PMIs for May, released this week, should show some improvement.
- Payrolls data to be published by the ABS will cover the last two weeks of April – notably before any easing of restrictions – so further job and wage losses are expected.
- Preliminary retail trade for April is expected to decline sharply following March's spike in sales of household staples.

Financial markets charts



Financial markets data: Week ending 15 May 2020

Interest Rates	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
RBA Cash Rate	0.25	0	–	-50	▼
90-day BBSW	0.10	0	▲	-82	▼
3-year Australian Bond Yield	0.24	1	▲	-66	▼
10-year Australian Bond Yield	0.91	2	▲	-46	▼
20-year Australian Bond Yield	1.59	-2	▼	-28	▼
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	0.80	15	▲	-61	▼
10-year Australian Real Yield	0.11	-14	▼	15	▲
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	0.00	0	–	-150	▼
2-year US Treasury Yield	0.15	-1	▼	-142	▼
10-year US Treasury Yield	0.64	-4	▼	-127	▼
30-year US Treasury Yield	1.33	-6	▼	-106	▼
10-year German Bund Yield	-0.53	1	▲	-35	▼
NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
6.00% 1 May 2020	0.22	0	–	-71	▼
4.00% 8 April 2021	0.37	1	▲	-64	▼
6.00% 1 March 2022	0.39	2	▲	-67	▼
4.00% 20 April 2023	0.46	3	▲	-71	▼
1.00% 8 February 2024	0.57	4	▲	-71	▼
5.00% 20 August 2024	0.59	3	▲	-69	▼
4.00% 20 May 2026	0.86	3	▲	-60	▼
3.00% 20 May 2027	1.04	5	▲	-53	▼
3.00% 20 March 2028	1.19	5	▲	-47	▼
3.00% 20 April 2029	1.34	5	▲	-44	▼
3.00% 20 February 2030	1.46	5	▲	-38	▼
2.00% 20 March 2031	1.60	4	▲	-36	▼
2.00% 20 March 2032	1.84	3	▲	n/a	n/a
2.00% 20 March 2033	1.84	3	▲	-36	▼
3.75% 20 August 2020 CIB	-1.30	2	▲	-60	▼
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	0.51	1	▲	42	▲
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	1.11	-2	▼	n/a	n/a
10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	1.52	6	▲	-32	▼
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	-0.10	0	▼	-8	▼
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	-0.02	1	▲	-5	▼
Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX 200 (Australia)	5,405	0.3%	▲	-19.1%	▼
S&P 500 (US)	2,864	-2.3%	▼	-11.4%	▼
FTSE 100 (UK)	5,800	-2.3%	▼	-23.1%	▼
DJ Stoxx 600 (Europe)	328	-3.8%	▼	-21.1%	▼
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	20,037	-0.7%	▼	-15.3%	▼
Shanghai Composite (China)	2,868	-0.9%	▼	-6.0%	▼
Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.641	-1.8%	▼	-8.7%	▼
EUR/USD	1.082	-0.2%	▼	-3.5%	▼
USD/JPY	107.06	0.4%	▲	-1.4%	▼
GBP/USD	1.21	-2.4%	▼	-8.6%	▼
US\$ Index	100.40	0.7%	▲	4.2%	▲
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	32.50	4.9%	▲	-50.8%	▼
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	90.66	4.0%	▲	-1.0%	▼
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	1,225.00	-2.0%	▼	1.5%	▲
Gold (US\$/oz)	1,743.67	2.4%	▲	14.9%	▲

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