

#### The week that was

- The US Federal Reserve left its policy rate unchanged for the first time in this tightening cycle, while the European Central Bank raised its policy rate by 25bps. Both central banks signalled that further interest rate hikes are likely and that rate cuts should not be expected any time soon.
- US consumer price inflation was in line with expectations in May and showed that core inflation continues to fall slowly but remains well above the Fed's target rate. US 10-year bond yields rose 12bps and the S&P500 gained 2.6%.
- The Bank of Japan left its monetary policy settings unchanged at its meeting. In contrast, the People's Bank of China cut 2 key interest rates by 10bps, amid concerns around slowing economic momentum.
- Locally, the labour market remains very tight, with employment rising by more than expected in May and the unemployment rate declining to 3.6%. In contrast, business sentiment deteriorated in May and consumer sentiment remained weak. Australian bond yields rose, with 3-year and 10-year yields now at around 4%. The ASX200 rose 1.8% and the Australian dollar appreciated by 2%.
- A technical recession in New Zealand has been confirmed, with the economy contracting by 0.1% in the March quarter and 0.7% the previous quarter

#### **Economic calendar**

Monday 19/06	US: NAHB Housing Market Index, Jun
Tuesday 20/06	AU: RBA Minutes, June; RBA Deputy Governor speech US: Building permits & housing starts, May
Wednesday 21/06	US: Fed Chair Powell's congressional testimony (Wed & Thurs) UK: CPI & RPI, May CA: Retail sales, Apr
Thursday 22/06	UK: Bank of England policy decision US: Jobless claims, weekly; Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index, May; Existing home sales, May; Leading index, May
Friday 23/06	Global: PMIs, June (prelim) JN: National CPI, May UK: Retail sales, May

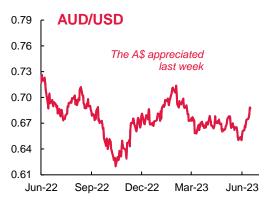
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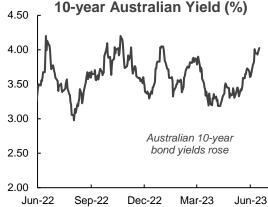
- Investors will pay close attention to the minutes from the Reserve Bank of Australia's June meeting and US Fed Chair Powell's congressional testimony for any insights on the future direction of Australian and US monetary policy.
- The Bank of England's policy decision and latest inflation data will also receive attention.

# Weekly Economic Report

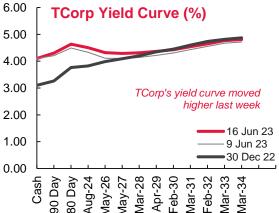
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#### Financial markets charts









## Financial markets data: Week ending 16 June 2023

INTEREST RATES	CLOSE (%)	1 WEEK (BPS)		YTD (BPS)	
RBA Cash Rate	4.10	0	_	100	<b>A</b>
90-day BBSW	4.30	10	<b>A</b>	104	<b>A</b>
3-year Australian Bond Yield	4.02	20	<b>A</b>	52	<b>A</b>
10-year Australian Bond Yield	4.03	8	<b>A</b>	-2	▼
20-year Australian Bond Yield	4.32	5	<b>A</b>	-5	<b>V</b>
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	2.53	8	<b>A</b>	7	<b>A</b>
10-year Australian Real Yield	1.49	0	<b>V</b>	-10	▼
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	5.00	0	_	75	<b>A</b>
2-year US Treasury Yield	4.71	12	<b>A</b>	29	<b>A</b>
10-year US Treasury Yield	3.76	2	<u> </u>	-11	<b>V</b>
30-year US Treasury Yield	3.85	-3	<b>—</b>	-11	. ¥
10-year German Bund Yield	2.47	10		-10	<b>V</b>
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NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
1.00% 8 February 2024	4.52	16	<u> </u>	78	<u> </u>
5.00% 20 August 2024	4.50	17	<b>A</b>	68	<b>A</b>
1.25% 20 March 2025	4.46	20		62	
4.00% 20 May 2026	4.32	21	<u> </u>	33	<b>A</b>
3.00% 20 May 2027	4.29	18	<u> </u>	20	<u> </u>
3.00% 20 March 2028	4.31	17	<u> </u>	11	<b>A</b>
3.00% 20 April 2029	4.37	15	<u> </u>	2	
3.00% 20 February 2030	4.43	12	<b>A</b>	-2	<b>V</b>
2.00% 20 March 2031	4.54	11	<u> </u>	-6	
1.50% 20 February 2032	4.65	10	<b>A</b>	-9	<b>V</b>
2.00% 8 March 2033	4.76	9	<b>A</b>	-5	▼
3.50% 20 March 2034	4.80	9	<b>A</b>	-7	<b>V</b>
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	1.27	10	<b>A</b>	46	<b>A</b>
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	2.29	0	_	-9	-
2.30 /6 20 November 2033 CIB	2.29	U	_	-9	•
10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	4.76	10		0	
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	0.02	1		-2	▼
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	-0.11	2		-5	▼
Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	7,251	1.8%	<b>A</b>	3.0%	<b>A</b>
S&P500 (US)	4,410	2.6%	<b>A</b>	14.8%	<b>A</b>
FTSE 100 (ÚK)	7,643	1.1%	<b>A</b>	2.6%	<b>A</b>
DJ Stoxx600 (Europe)	467	1.5%	<b>A</b>	9.9%	<b>A</b>
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	33,706	4.5%	<b>A</b>	29.2%	<b>A</b>
Shanghai Composite (China)	3,273	1.3%		6.0%	
Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.688	2.0%		0.9%	<b>A</b>
EUR/USD	1.094	1.7%		2.2%	<u> </u>
USD/JPY	141.82	1.7%		8.2%	
GBP/USD	1.28	1.9%	<u> </u>	6.1%	_
US\$ Index	102.24	-1.3%	<b>V</b>	-1.2%	<b>V</b>
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	76.61	2.4%		-10.8%	_
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	113.80	0.0%		2.3%	<b>X</b>
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	200.58	17.0%		-44.3%	-
Gold (US\$/oz)	1,957.98	-0.2%	<b>*</b>	7.3%	•
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