

#### The week that was

- US economic data was again on the weaker side last week, suggesting that the economy and labour market softened in June. Employment growth in the private sector (excluding health care) has slowed noticeably in recent months and the unemployment rate has risen to 4.1%. The subdued data, combined with the minutes from the US Federal Reserve's June meeting being less hawkish than investors had expected, saw US 10-year bond yields end the week 12bps lower and the S&P500 gain 2%.
- Central bankers in the US, Europe and Australia expect inflation to continue to fall towards their respective targets. However, they reiterated that they need to see more progress before lowering rates (for the first time in the US and Australia, and the second time for the European Central Bank).
- The ASX200 rose by 0.7%, with mining companies performing strongly alongside the rise in many commodity prices. The Australian dollar appreciated by 1.2% against the US dollar, the highest level since the start of this year.
- Political developments drove European financial markets last week. Investors were relieved about the outcome of elections in France and the UK and equity markets rose. Investors have also begun to focus more on the economic impacts of the US election results later this year.

#### **Economic calendar**

Monday 08/07	AU: Housing lending, May
Tuesday	AU: Consumer sentiment, Jul; NAB
09/07	Business survey, Jun
Wednesday 10/07	NZ: Reserve Bank of New Zealand policy meeting CH: Inflation, Jun
Thursday	US: CPI, Jun
11/07	GE: CPI, Jun (final)
Friday	US: PPI, Jun
12/07	GR: CPI, Jun (final)

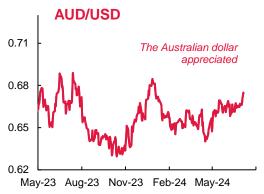
## The week ahead

- Markets will focus on US inflation data for June, with investors expecting another encouraging print that shows inflationary pressures gradually easing. Inflation data will also be released in Europe and China.
- Locally, survey data will provide updated reads on consumer and business sentiment. Consumer sentiment has been very weak for the past 2 years, in response to the higher cost of living. While business conditions have been more resilient, they have been weakening, suggesting that domestic demand remained soft in the June quarter.
- US corporate earnings season commences on Friday with reports from large banks.

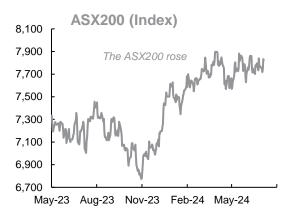
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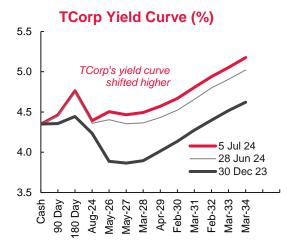
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### Financial markets charts









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# Financial markets data: Week ending 5 July 2024

INTEREST RATES	CLOSE (%)	1 WEEK (BPS)		YTD (BPS)	
RBA Cash Rate	4.35	0	_	0	_
90-day BBSW	4.46	2	<b>A</b>	10	<b>A</b>
3-year Australian Bond Yield	4.16	8		55	
10-year Australian Bond Yield	4.40	9		45	
20-year Australian Bond Yield	4.79	22	<b>A</b>	55	<b>A</b>
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	2.44	2	<b>A</b>	-13	▼
10-year Australian Real Yield	1.96	7	<b>A</b>	58	
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	5.25	0	-	0	_
2-year US Treasury Yield	4.60	-15	▼	35	<b>A</b>
10-year US Treasury Yield	4.28	-12	<b>V</b>	40	<b>A</b>
30-year US Treasury Yield	4.48	-8	<b>V</b>	45	
10-year German Bund Yield	2.56	6	<b>A</b>	53	
NSW TCorp Bonds 5.00% 20 August 2024	Close (%) 4.39	1 Week (bps)	•	YTD (bps) 16	•
1.25% 20 March 2025	4.50	5		47	
4.00% 20 May 2026	4.50	10	_	62	
3.00% 20 May 2027	4.50	11	<b>A</b>	60	<b>A</b>
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3.00% 20 March 2028	4.49	13	<b>A</b>	60	•
3.00% 20 April 2029	4.57	14	<b>A</b>	56	<b>A</b>
3.00% 20 February 2030	4.67	15	<u> </u>	53	
2.00% 20 March 2031	4.81	15	<b>A</b>	53	<b>A</b>
1.50% 20 February 2032	4.94	14	<u> </u>	54	
2.00% 8 March 2033	5.05	15	<b>A</b>	53	<b>A</b>
1.75% 20 March 2034	5.18	15	<b>A</b>	55	
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	1.99	5	<b>A</b>	93	<b>A</b>
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	2.62	8	_	55	<u> </u>
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10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	5.15	15		60	
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	0.08	1		-3	<b>V</b>
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	0.01	-1	▼	9	
Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	7,822	0.7%		3.0%	
S&P500 (US)	5,567	2.0%		16.7%	
FTSE 100 (UK)	8,204	0.5%		6.1%	
DJ Stoxx600 (Europe)	517	1.0%		7.9%	
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	40,912	3.4%		22.3%	
Shanghai Composite (China)	2,950	-0.6%	▼	-0.8%	▼
Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.675	1.2%	<b>A</b>	-0.9%	▼
EUR/USD	1.084	1.2%	<b>A</b>	-1.8%	▼
USD/JPY	160.75	-0.1%	▼	14.0%	<b>A</b>
GBP/USD	1.28	1.3%	<b>A</b>	0.7%	
US\$ Index	104.88	-0.9%	•	3.5%	
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	86.54	0.2%	<b>A</b>	12.3%	<b>A</b>
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	110.99	4.2%	<b>A</b>	-18.6%	▼
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	207.20	0.0%	▼	-24.8%	▼
Gold (US\$/oz)	2,392.16	2.8%		16.0%	

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