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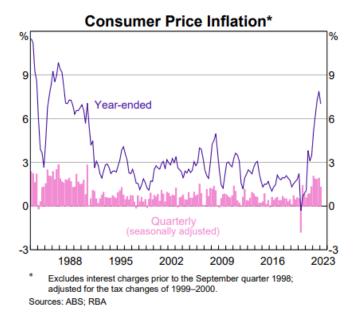
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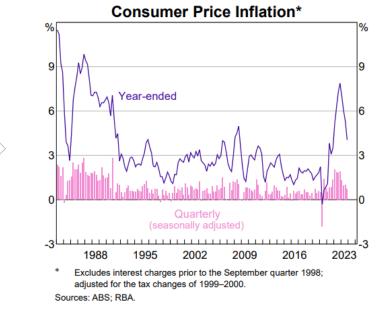
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#### AUSTRALIA'S INFLATION CHALLENGE

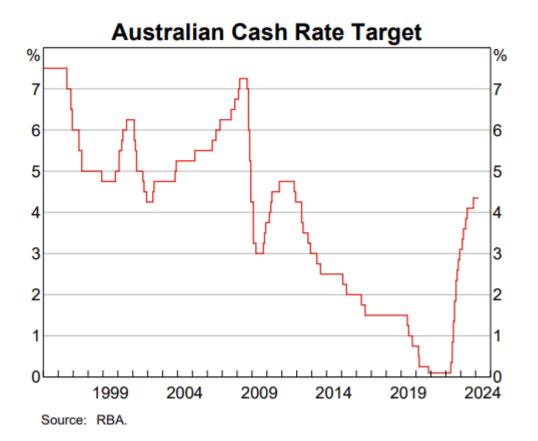






Source: Reserve Bank of Australia

#### **RBA CASH RATE IN CONTEXT**





### IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT INFLATION

() The Guardian

### Australia's inflation rate slows less than expected to 3.6%, dimming hopes of interest rate relief

Economists had tipped CPI growth for the March quarter of 0.8%, and an annual inflation rate of 3.5%



#### Proof Taylor Swiftinspired boost over

#### ANALYSIS

The Reserve Bank doesn't raise interest rates lightly, but inflation has it worried — and worse is on the way

What's worrying the Reserve Bank is that inflation seems to have become completely detached from the bank's target band. And for homebuyers, that means there's no relief in sight, writes Peter Martin.

M Australian Broadcasting Corporation

### Big four banks warn first rate cut won't come until November, as 'incredibly strong' migration makes the RBA's task ...

Surprisingly strong inflation, but exceptionally weak retail spending, has major bank economists predicting the Reserve Bank won't cut...



### AND EVEN MORE SO ABOUT RATES....

# Powell signals rates will stay higher for longer



The Federal Reserve has kept rates unchanged but chairman Jerome Powell said inflation was still too high despite "sufficiently restrictive" policy.

- CBA tips one rate cut this year as retail sales ease fears of a rise
- ▶ Bullock must warn that interest rates may rise again
- ▶ Market bets the RBA will raise rates by August
- ▶ Traders see zero chance of RBA rate relief
- ▶ How Boomers are busting hopes for rate cuts

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Markets push interest rate cuts beyond the next election



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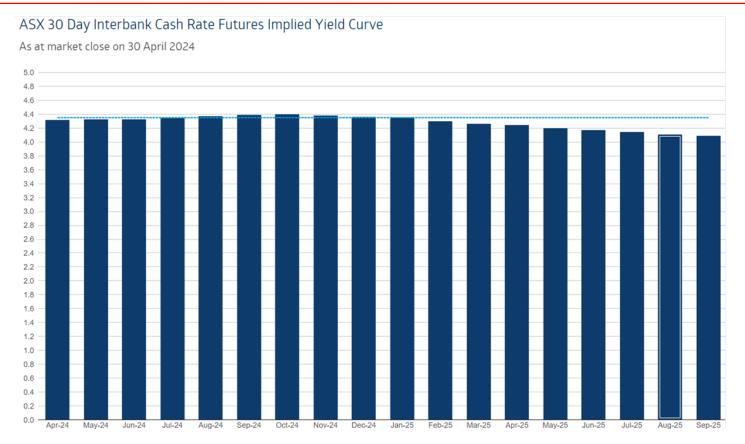
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Rate cut hopes fade but talk of hikes 'excessive'



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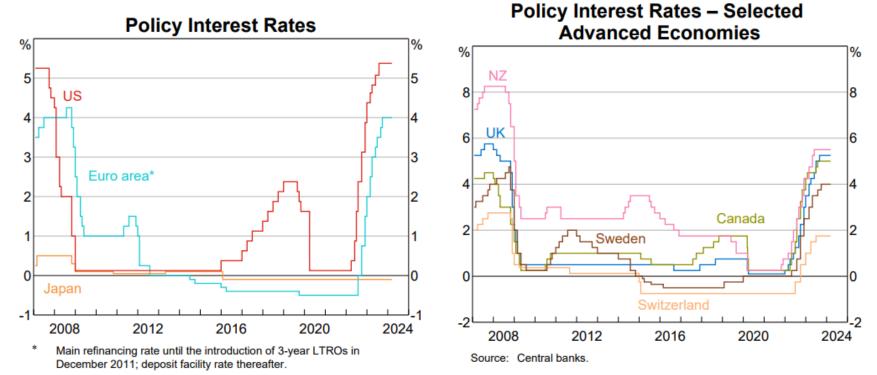
### WHERE ARE RATES HEADED?





Source: ASX

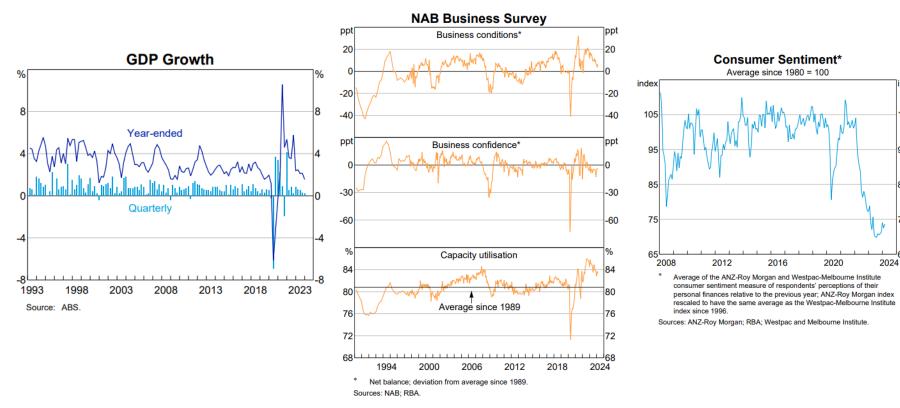
#### WE'RE STILL A BIT BEHIND ON THIS



Source: Central banks.



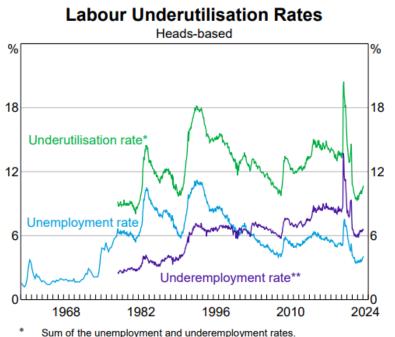
# *WE'RE NOT IN A RECESSION – DESPITE THE HEADLINES*





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#### UNEMPLOYMENT IS LOW AND WAGES ARE RISING – A BIT



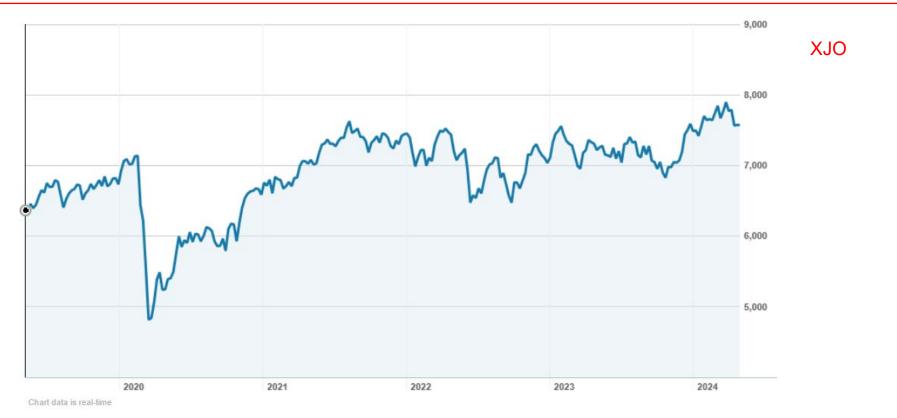
\*\* Employed people who want, and are available, to work more hours.

Source: ABS.

Wage Price Index Growth\* % %  $\sim \sim$ 3 3 Year-ended 2 2 Quarterly 2003 2008 2013 2023 1998 2018 Total pay excluding bonuses. \* Source: ABS.



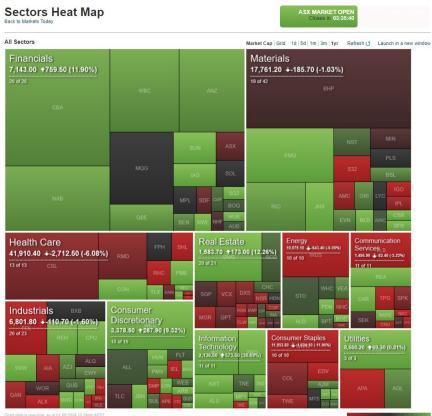
#### EQUITIES HAVE BEEN DOING FINE



Source: nabtrade, Refinitiv. Price performance only; dividends excluded.



### SOME SECTORS ARE DOING BETTER THAN OTHERS



#### ASX200 over twelve months

0.00% 20%

-20%



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#### THE US IS DOING REALLY WELL – OR IS IT?



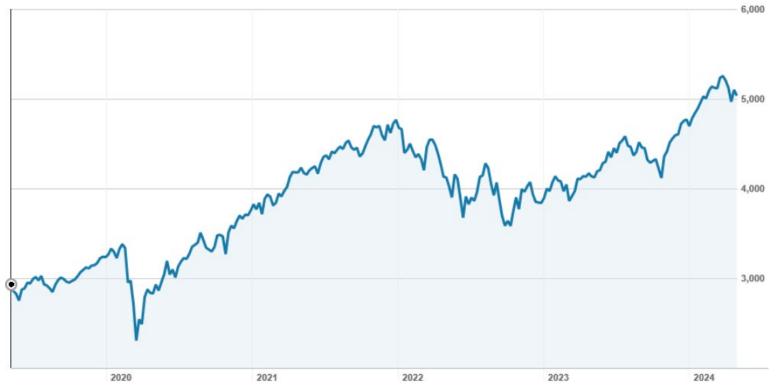


#### **EXPECTATIONS VS REALITY**





#### *S&P500 OVER FIVE YEARS*



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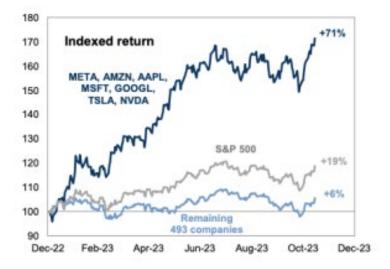
#### US MEGACAPS ARE DRIVING THE MARKET - AGAIN

Exhibit 22: Share of largest seven companies' market cap in S&P 500 is at an all-time high

30% 29% 28% Seven largest companies as share of S&P 500 total market cap 26% 24% 22% 20% 18% 16% 14% 12% 2010 2015 2020 1980 1990 1995 2000 2005 2025 2030 1985

Source: Compustat, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 23: The Magnificent 7 have led the index higher in 2023



Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research



- Asset class diversification matters again
- Protect the downside
- Focus on quality



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