



Mortgage Market Update

Economic Climate Overview

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.3% in the September 2025 quarter, bringing annual inflation to 3.2%, up from 2.1% in Q2 2025. The trimmed mean CPI, the RBA's preferred measure, increased 1.0% quarterly and 3.0% annually, exceeding the RBA's forecast of 0.6%.

Key contributors to inflation include a 9.0% surge in electricity prices, a 6.3% rise in housing costs, and increased travel expenses. Employment remains strong, with unemployment holding steady at 4.1%, reflecting a resilient labour market.

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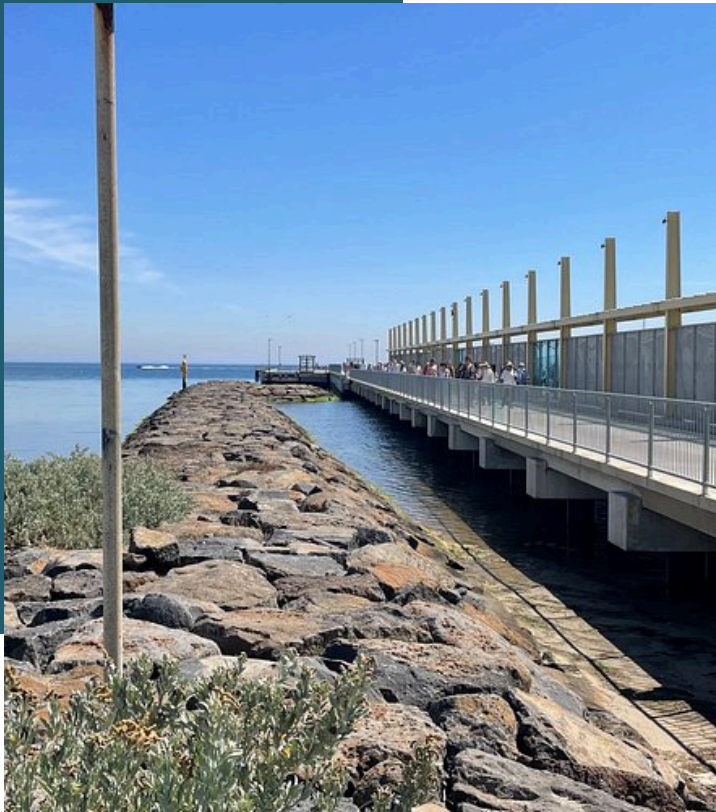
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Important dates for November 2025

- 01Nov2025 – If you don't have a tax agent and you have not lodged your 2025 tax return, **GET HELP!**
- 04Nov2025 – RBA interest rate announcement.
- 25Nov2025 – Due date for BAS Statements for electronic or agent lodgement.



Joke of the Month.....

An accountant was having difficulty sleeping and went to see his doctor.

"Doctor, I just cannot get to sleep at night."

"Have you tried counting sheep?"

"That's the problem – I make a mistake and then I spend three hours trying to find it."

Expert Opinions

CBA has ruled out further cuts this cycle, citing strong inflation and consumer demand. Westpac is reassessing its forecast, previously expecting three more cuts. ANZ and NAB now forecast the next cut in early 2026, not November 2025. The consensus is that the RBA will maintain a wait-and-see approach.

RBA Interest Rate Outlook

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) is scheduled to announce its interest rate decision on Tuesday, 4 November 2025. Given the stronger-than-expected inflation data, major banks including CBA, Westpac, NAB, and ANZ now expect the RBA to hold the cash rate at 3.60%. RBA Governor Michele Bullock described the trimmed mean result as a 'material miss', indicating a cautious stance from the Board.



Quote of the Month.....

