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### The Australian

#### ▶ [Retail sales at lowest since December](#)

Weakened consumer sentiment and persistent concerns over the Abbott government's first budget continue to weigh on the retail sector...

### Sydney Morning Herald

#### ▶ [Building approvals rose 9.9% in May](#)

Home building approvals have posted their strongest monthly gain in eight months, a sign the housing sector will be the main driver for the economy when mining investment fades.

## ▶▶▶ Currencies

### New Zealand Herald

#### ▶ [NZ dollar hits two-month Aussie high](#)

The New Zealand dollar rose to a two-month high against its trans-Tasman counterpart after Reserve Bank of Australia governor Glenn Stevens called his nation's currency overvalued.

### Investing.com

#### ▶ [Australian dollar weaker ahead of data, RBA Gov remarks](#)

The Australian dollar held weaker early Thursday in Asia and the Japanese yen steady ahead of a fairly busy data day.

## ▶▶▶ Top Videos

### Euronews

#### ▶ [Al-Maliki offers amnesty while Iraqi mobilisation continues](#)

Iraqi politics remain in uproar after the new parliament's failure to form a government on Wednesday.

### CNBC

#### ▶ [July 4th gas prices highest in 6 years](#)

Prices usually drop in June just in time for peak driving season. This year they've risen as conflicts in Iraq have pushed oil prices higher...

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### Bloomberg

#### ▶ [ECB Watchers in the Dark Look to Draghi for Illumination](#)

A month after the European Central Bank president unveiled a bevy of standard and non-standard fixes for the euro area's faltering recovery...

### The New York Times

#### ▶ [Putin Warns Again of Force as Ukraine Fighting Spreads](#)

The simmering standoff in eastern Ukraine exploded into warfare early Tuesday, pushing the conflict to a dangerous new phase and prompting President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia to warn...

## ▶▶▶ Markets

### The Economic Times

#### ▶ [Australian shares rise to 3-week high on stronger global data](#)

Figures showing a surprise pick-up in UK construction growth helped give stocks boost on Wednesday morning, though upside was limited as investors awaited a wave of key economic data.

### The Wall Street Journal

#### ▶ [Asian Shares Mixed Ahead of U.S. Jobs Data](#)

Asian stocks were mixed on Thursday, with Hong Kong moderating after a sharp gain in the previous session.

## ▶▶▶ Opinions

### Matt Kwong

#### ▶ [Iraq Crisis: ISIS social media blitz could be its downfall](#)

In the wired age, "Twitter bombs" that spam feeds with militant propaganda are as much a part of the modern jihadi's arsenal as bullets.

### David Berger, Joseph Vavra

#### ▶ [Durable consumption during recessions](#)

Various stimulus programmes have been implemented in a response to the decline in consumption of durables since the Recession.





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