# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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# **Confidence highest since late July**

- ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence rose by 1.9% last week, bringing the index to its highest level since late July.
- Households' perception of current financial conditions rose 3.3% last week, while sentiment regarding the future financial situation rose by 0.9%.
- Sentiment towards current economic conditions fell by 1.9%, while future economic conditions jumped by 3.3%. Both these indices fell last week.
- The 'time to buy a household item' sub-index registered its third consecutive weekly gain, increasing by 3.6%. Four-week moving average inflation expectations edged higher at 4.4%.

# ANZ's Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

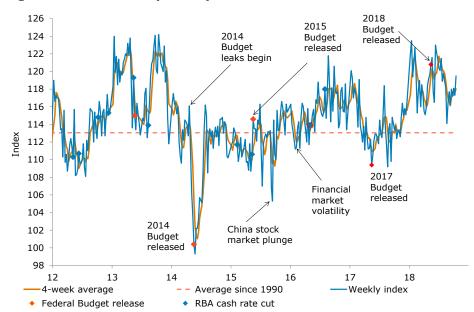
"Confidence rose by 1.9% this week, pushing it to its highest level since late July and above the average for 2018 as a whole. This rise in confidence came despite ongoing strength in petrol prices as well as sharp weakness in equity markets. Regardless, the key takeaway is that consumer sentiment remains resilient despite a number of potentially negative influences. With the strength in the labour market providing clear support to confidence, this week's employment numbers will be closely watched."

## **ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations**

Last week (13–14 Oct)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)	
119.5	1.9%	118.0	113.1	4.4%	

Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

### Figure 1. Confidence up solidly





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Confidence in financial conditions (4 week moving average)

Confidence in economic conditions (4 week moving average)

Long run average

Long run average

Figure 2. Confidence in financial conditions at the highest for some time

Note: Financial conditions index is an average of 'financial situation compared to a year ago' and 'financial situation next year' sub-indices. Economic conditions index is an average of 'economic conditions in 12 months' and 'economic conditions in five years' sub-indices.

Consumer confidence: financial situation compared to a year ago – – Average — 4 week moving average

Figure 3. Views towards current finances are at the highest point since mid-January



Figure 4. Views towards future financial conditions have recently improved

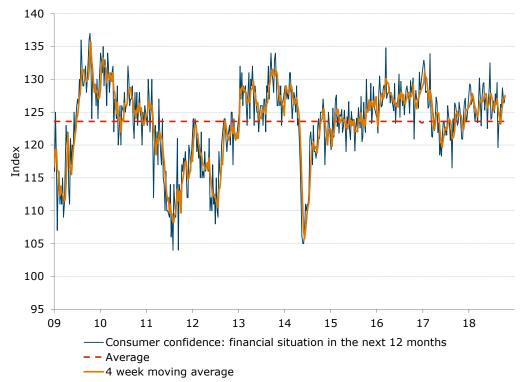


Figure 5. Sentiment towards current economic conditions is stabilising ...

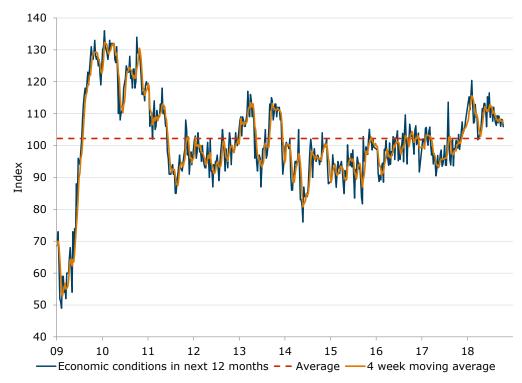




Figure 6. ...and views towards future economic conditions are close to their long term average

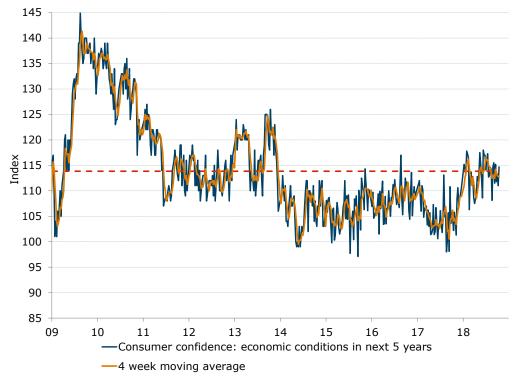


Figure 7. The 'time to buy a household item' bounced 3.6%

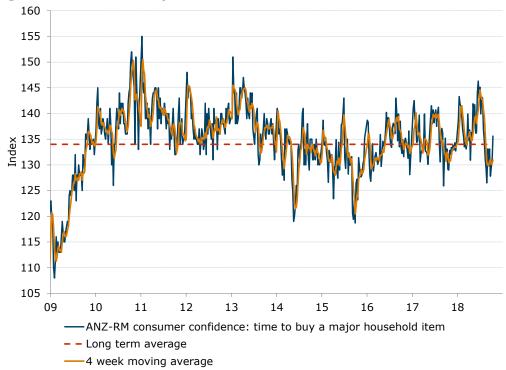
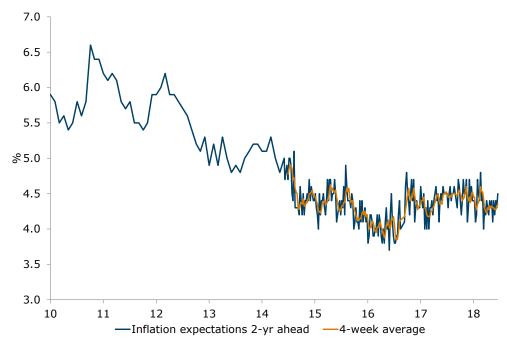




Figure 8. Four-week moving average inflation expectations increased by 0.1 ppts to 4.4%



\* Data from Oct-2014 is weekly. Data prior to that is monthly.



Table 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence

	Last week	4-week moving	1. Financial situation compared to	2. Financial situation	3. Economic conditions	4. Economic conditions	5. Time to buy a major household	6. Inflation expectations 2-yea
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