# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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### **Record bounce from historic low**

- Confidence posted a jump of 10.1% last week, the biggest gain since the survey shifted to a weekly basis in 2008. All the subcomponent rose, with the exception of a small decline in 'future economic conditions.'
- 'Current economic conditions' was up by a massive 24.6%. Despite this gain, this subcomponent is still 50% below its level six weeks back.
- 'Current financial conditions' gained 8.8%, while future financial conditions rose 11.4%.
  - 'Time to buy a major household item' gained 17.5% compared to a drop of 23.8% previously. The four-week moving average for 'inflation expectations' was stable at 4.1%. The weekly reading dipped to 4.1% from 4.3%.

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

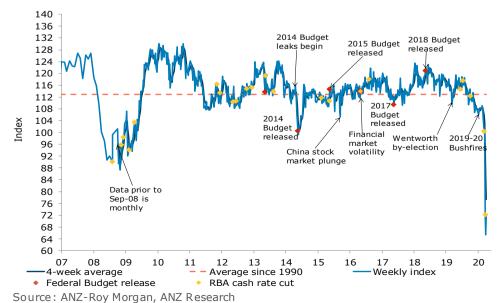
Last weekend (4–5 Apr)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
71.9	10.1%	77.4	113	4.1%

This weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,491 interviews conducted online and over the telephone on the weekend. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

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

The 10.1% jump in confidence recorded in this survey was the biggest since it became a weekly survey in 2008. We think it represents a strong endorsement of the Government's massive wage subsidy package, announced on 30 March. Better news about the flattening of the 'pandemic curve' may also have contributed. The bounce needs to be kept in perspective – confidence is still around the lows seen in 1990 during the last recession. So consumers can hardly be said to be cheerful or ready to spend. But it is nice to be commenting on some better news.

#### Confidence bounces back from its record low



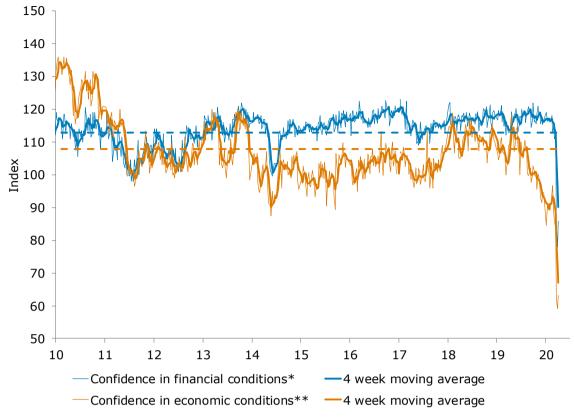


Figure 1. 'Financial' and 'economic' conditions rose in unison

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

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.

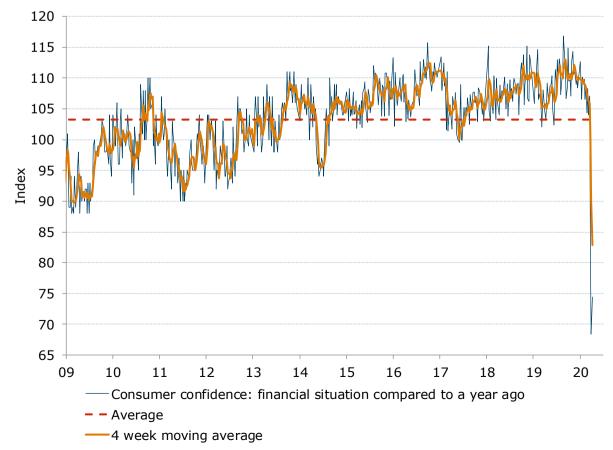
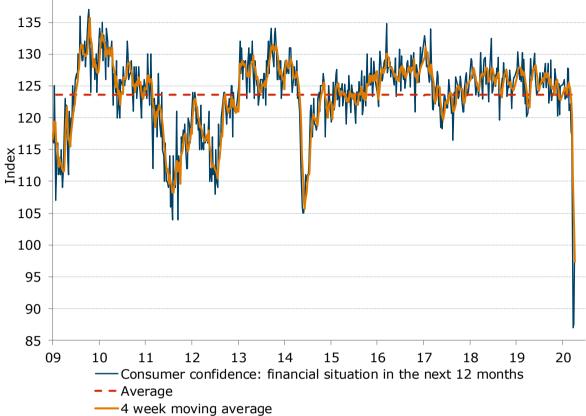


Figure 2. 'Current finances' lifted

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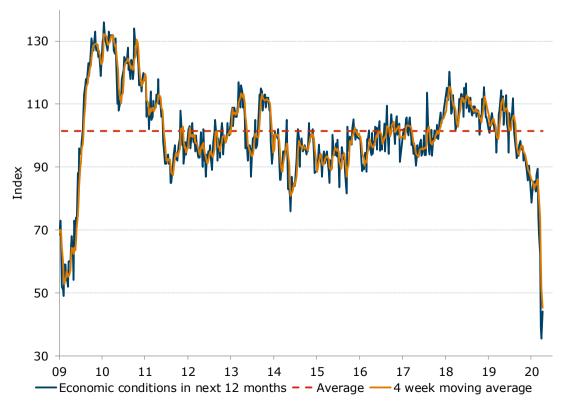
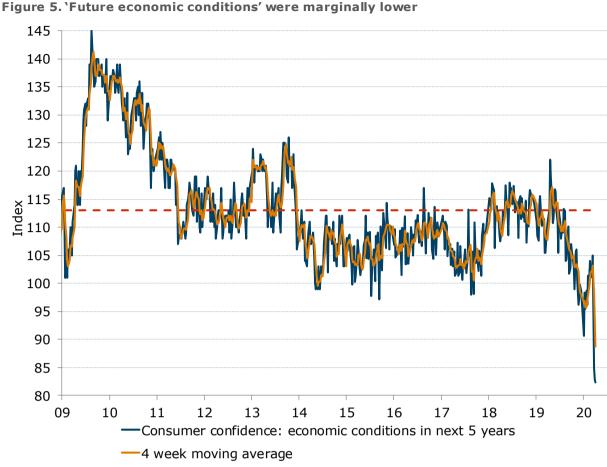


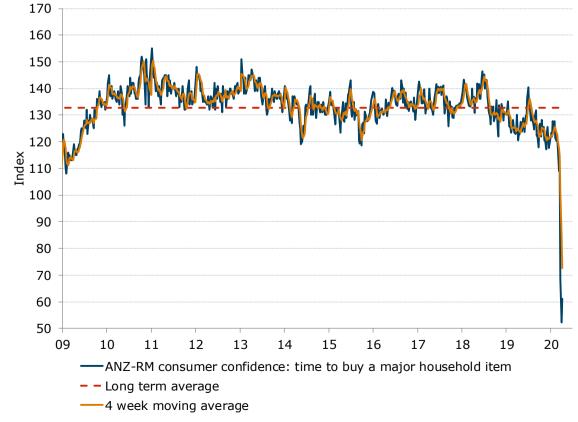
Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' gained 24.6% after five weeks of falls

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



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Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' gained 17.5% after falling more than 50% over the past two weeks



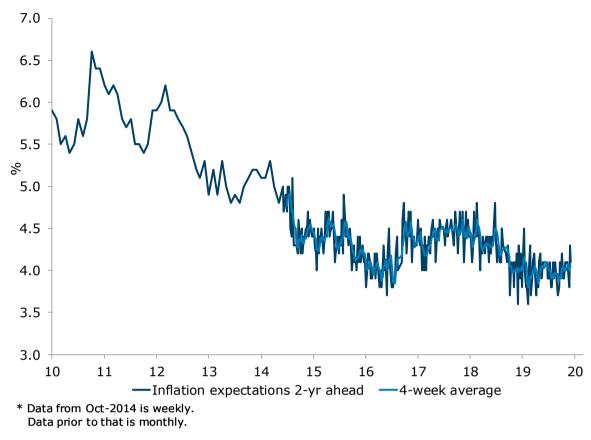
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	Headline	e index		Inflation Expectations				
	Last week	4-week moving average	1. Financial situation compared to a year ago	2. Financial situation next year	3. Economic conditions next year	4. Economic conditions next 5 years	5. Time to buy a major household item	6. Inflation expectations 2-year ahead (%)
Avg since								
2001	116	-	103	124	105	113	134	-
2011 avg	114	-	97	117	101	116	140	6.0
2012 avg	113	-	99	118	97	113	138	5.8
2013 avg	119	-	104	128	106	118	139	5.0
2014 avg	111	-	104	121	94	106	132	4.9
2015 avg	112	-	107	124	94	106	131	4.4
2016 avg	115	-	109	127	99	108	134	4.1
2017 avg	114	-	105	124	100	105	135	4.4
2018 avg	119	-	108	126	109	113	135	4.4
2019 avg	114	-	109	126	101	109	126	4.0
7-Jul-19	117.6	116.3	113.0	127.1	103.3	110.9	133.8	3.9
14-Jul-19	115.9	116.7	110.0	125.2	102.3	108.0	133.8	4.1
21-Jul-19	116.3	117.2	113.1	125.6	105.8	109.1	127.9	4.2
28-Jul-19	118.5	117.1	112.1	127.1	111.9	109.1	132.4	4.0
4-Aug-19	115.8	116.6	107.3	124.7	105.1	113.2	128.9	3.7
11-Aug-19	115.5	116.5	110.1	127.7	100.6	112.9	126.3	3.9
18-Aug-19	112.8	115.7	110.3	128.5	96.8	104.0	124.5	3.8
25-Aug-19	114.1	114.6	116.8	124.7	95.4	104.2	129.5	4.1
1-Sep-19	114.4	114.2	113.0	126.3	92.8	108.2	131.7	4.2
8-Sep-19	113.3	113.7	111.7	128.5	94.1	110.1	122.3	4.0
15-Sep-19	109.3	112.8	106.6	122.3	93.5	101.7	122.6	3.9
22-Sep-19	110.1	111.8	108.6	124.3	96.9	102.7	118.0	4.1
29-Sep-19	114.7	111.9	114.9 109.5	129.1	98.3	107.0	124.3	4.1
6-Oct-19	112.3 110.9	111.6		122.7 123.5	96.6 95.6	105.8	126.8	4.1 4.1
13-Oct-19 20-Oct-19	111.6	112.0 112.4	109.7 107.1	123.5	95.9	104.0 102.9	121.9 128.1	4.1
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27-Oct-19	110.4	111.5	112.5	124.5	92.1 94.5	105.7	125.5	3.9
3-Nov-19 10-Nov-19	115.5	111.0	114.5	125.6	93.0	105.7	125.5	4.1
17-Nov-19	109.9	111.7	110.0	125.8	90.6	100.8	120.0	3.8
24-Nov-19	109.9	111.2	110.9	120.3	89.4	96.2	117.1	3.8
1-Dec-19	100.0	109.0	109.0	125.4	85.7	97.2	123.3	4.1
8-Dec-19	109.0	109.0	110.1	120.5	89.0	99.8	125.6	3.9
15-Dec-19	109.0	108.0	108.4	124.9	90.4	98.6	117.6	4.1
5-Jan-20	106.2	103.0	112.7	125.3	78.7	90.6	123.3	3.7
12-Jan-20	107.3	107.6	106.5	126.0	83.5	98.4	121.9	3.8
19-Jan-20	108.3	107.5	110.1	122.9	85.3	95.4	127.6	4.1
26-Jan-20	108.0	107.5	109.5	123.5	83.8	98.7	124.5	4.0
2-Feb-20	108.5	108.0	109.8	123.1	85.6	96.2	127.8	4.2
9-Feb-20	107.8	108.2	106.5	127.8	82.1	101.3	121.4	3.9
16-Feb-20	107.8	108.4	108.6	127.7	87.4	101.3	120.3	3.9
23-Feb-20	108.3	108.4	104.3	121.1	89.5	101.0	120.5	4.1
1-Mar-20	104.8	107.5	104.5	122.2	74.6	101.0	117.8	4.1
8-Mar-20	104.0	107.5	100.5	117.8	68.6	101.0	109.1	4.1
15-Mar-20	100.0	103.4	107.1	117.2	62.2	104.9	108.9	4.0
22-Mar-20	72.2	94.4	81.5	87.0	39.1	84.9	68.4	3.8
29-Mar-20	65.3	84.5	68.4	87.5	35.4	82.9	52.1	4.3
5-Apr-20	71.9	77.4	74.4	97.5	44.1	82.4	61.2	4.1

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