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# Confidence gain loses momentum

- Confidence has strengthened for the fourth week running, though the gain of 1% was much smaller than over the prior three weeks. Reflecting this loss of momentum, the performance of the sub-indices was mixed.
- 'Current finances' gained 0.4%, while 'future finances' fell 3.3%, the first decline after four straight weekly gains.
- 'Current economic conditions' strengthened by 13% for its fourth straight weekly gain, while 'future economic conditions' declined 5.9%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' also saw its fourth straight weekly gain, up 8.2%, while the four-week moving average for 'inflation expectations' fell 0.1ppt to its lowest ever level of 3.7%, even though the weekly reading lifted to 3.6%.

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

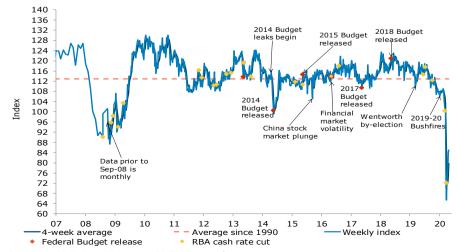
Last weekend (25-26 Apr)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
85	1%	79.8	112.9	3.7%

This weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,591 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:

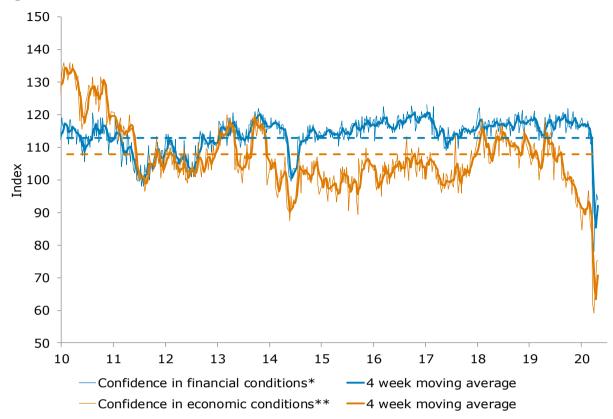
Confidence is showing signs of consolidation after the strong gains of the prior three weeks. It remains well below average, however, as do all of the subcomponents. We are at an important stage in Australia's response to the pandemic, with a number of states relaxing some restrictions. If successful, that could set the stage for a further gain in consumer sentiment. Unfortunately, confidence is likely to be challenged by the publication of some very negative economic data over the coming month, after a period in which the data has not caught up with the severity of the economic impact from the lockdowns.

#### Confidence gains 1%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan, ANZ Research

Figure 1. 'Financial' and 'economic' conditions mixed



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' up a notch

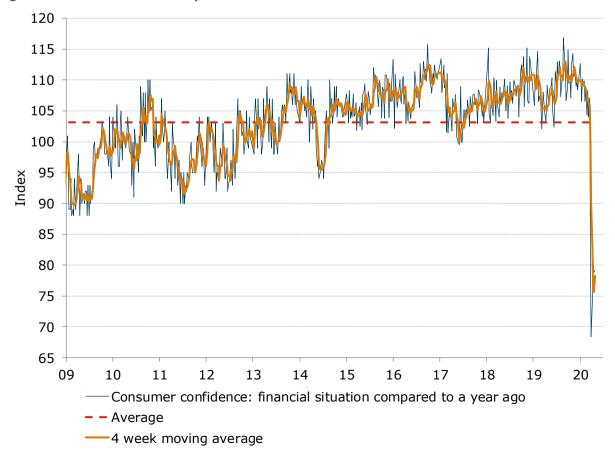


Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' declined 3.3%, after four straight weekly gains

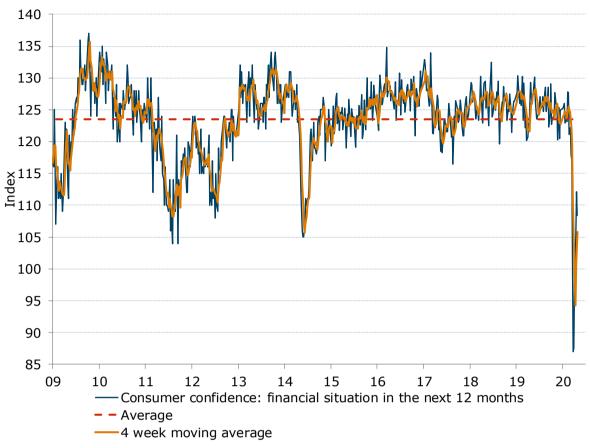


Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' gained 13%

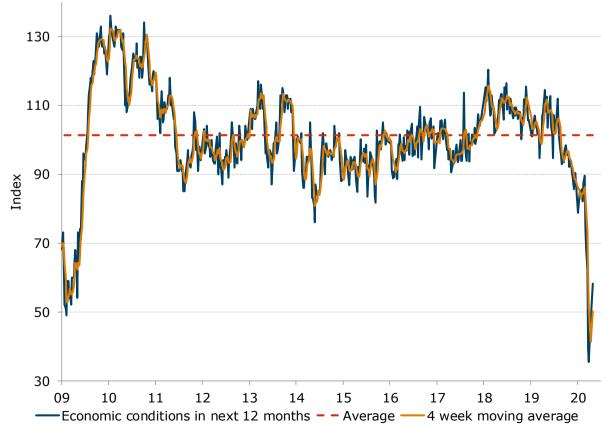




Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' declined by 5.9%

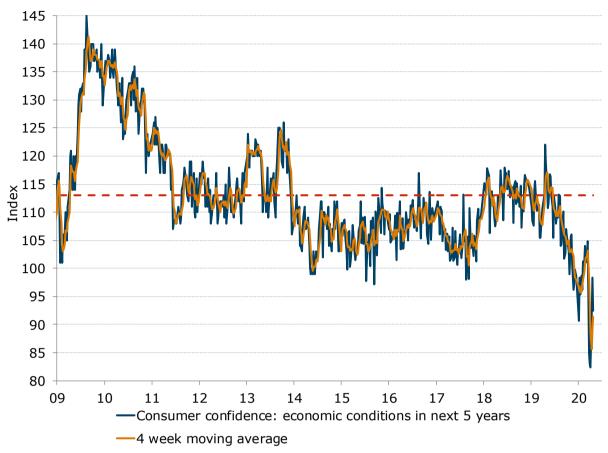


Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' gained 8.2%, up by a massive 21.5% on the previous reading

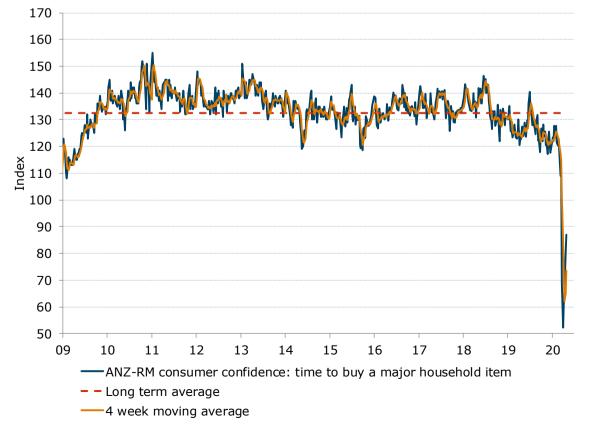
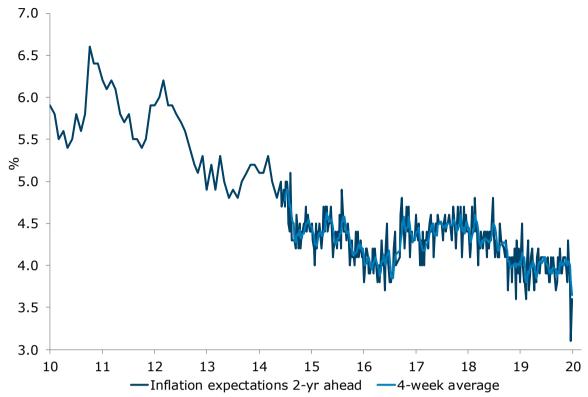




Figure 7. Four-week moving average 'inflation expectations' down 0.1ppt to 3.7%



<sup>\*</sup> Data from Oct-2014 is weekly. Data prior to that is monthly.



Table 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence

	Headline index			Subindicies			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	<del>-</del>	
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	129.1	98.3	107.0	124.3	4.1	
6-0ct-19	112.3	111.6	109.5	122.7	96.6	105.8	126.8	4.1	
13-Oct-19	110.9	112.0	109.7	123.5	95.6	104.0	121.9	4.1	
20-Oct-19	111.6	112.4	107.1	124.0	95.9	102.9	128.1	4.1	
27-Oct-19	110.4	111.3	112.5	124.5	92.1	99.0	123.9	3.9	
3-Nov-19	113.5	111.6	114.3	127.7	94.5	105.7	125.5	3.9	
10-Nov-19	111.1	111.7	110.6	125.6	93.0	106.0	120.6	4.1	
17-Nov-19	109.9	111.2	110.9	125.8	90.6	100.8	121.1	3.8	
24-Nov-19	106.8	110.3	110.8	120.3	89.4	96.2	117.1	3.8	
1-Dec-19	108.1	109.0	109.0	125.4	85.7	97.2	123.3	4.1	
8-Dec-19	109.0	108.5	110.1	120.5	89.0	99.8	125.6	3.9	
15-Dec-19	108.0	108.0	108.4	124.9	90.4	98.6	117.6	4.1	
5-Jan-20	106.2	107.8	112.7 106.5	125.3	78.7 83.5	90.6	123.3	3.7 3.8	
12-Jan-20	107.3	107.6	110.1	126.0		98.4	121.9	4.1	
19-Jan-20	108.3	107.5		122.9	85.3	95.4	127.6	4.0	
26-Jan-20	108.0	107.5 108.0	109.5 109.8	123.5	83.8 85.6	98.7 96.2	124.5	4.0	
2-Feb-20	108.5 107.8		109.8	123.1	82.1	101.3	127.8	3.9	
9-Feb-20 16-Feb-20	107.8	108.2 108.4	108.6	127.8 127.7	87.4	101.3	121.4 120.3	3.9	
23-Feb-20	109.1	108.4	104.3	121.1	89.5	101.3	120.3	4.1	
1-Mar-20	104.8	107.5	104.3	122.2	74.6	101.0	117.8	4.1	
8-Mar-20	104.8	107.5	104.0	117.8	68.6	101.0	109.1	4.1	
15-Mar-20	100.4	103.7	104.0	117.0	62.2	102.7	109.1	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	94.4 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	
12-Apr-20	78.2	71.9	80.9	105.2	46.9	92.1	66.1	3.8	
19-Apr-20	84.2	74.9	78.8	112.1	51.4	98.3	80.3	3.1	
26-Apr-20	85.0	79.8	79.1	108.4	58.1	92.5	86.9	3.6	
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