# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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## Seventh consecutive gain

- Confidence gained 0.4% last week, its seventh straight weekly gain. A strong gain of 5.8% in 'Time to buy a household item' supported the index, with aggregate financial and economic conditions easing last week.
- Aggregate financial conditions eased as the 0.8% gain in 'current financial conditions' was not enough to offset the 2.1% drop in 'future financial conditions'. This drop came after five straight gains.
- Similar to the direction of the financial conditions components, 'current economic conditions' gained 0.4% while 'future economic conditions' declined 1.7%.
- The four-week moving average of 'Inflation expectations' remained stable at 3.5%.

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

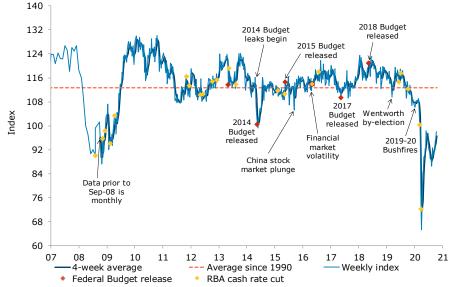
| Last weekend Weekly (17-18 Oct) change, % |      | Four-week<br>average | Monthly<br>average<br>since 1990 | Inflation<br>expectations<br>(four-week ma) |
|---|------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 98.1                                      | 0.4% | 96.6                 | 112.6                            | 3.5%  |

This weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,541 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:

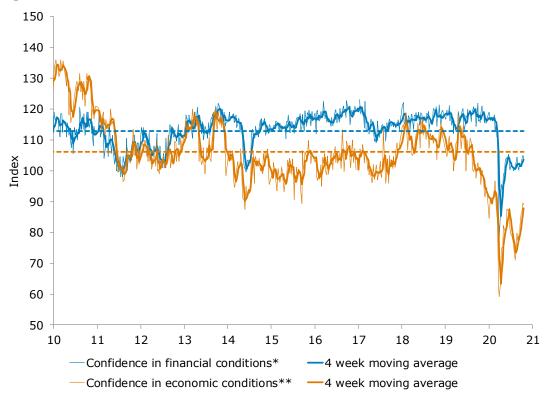
Building on the momentum from the Budget, confidence gained for the seventh week in a row. Barring Tasmania, New South Wales and Victoria all the states are above the neutral level of 100. Among the major cities, Melbourne weakened while confidence in Brisbane and Sydney surged. Further easing of COVID-19 induced restrictions should support the index over this week as it seeks to move back to its pre-pandemic level.

#### Confidence up 0.4%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan, ANZ Research

Figure 1. Financial and economic conditions declined



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 financial conditions' gained 0.8%

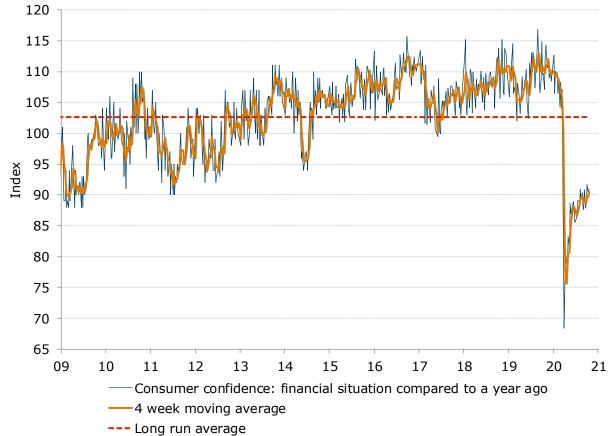


Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' declined 2.1%

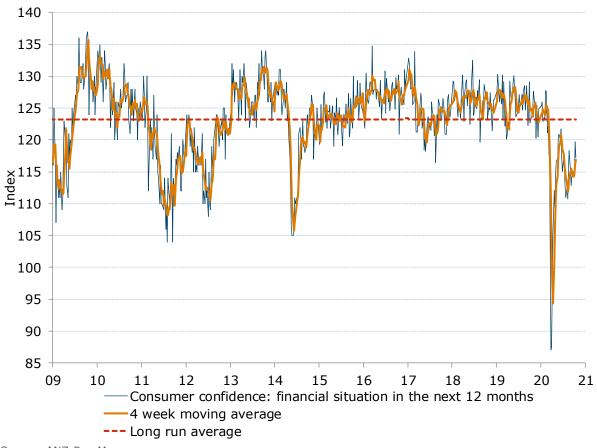


Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' gained

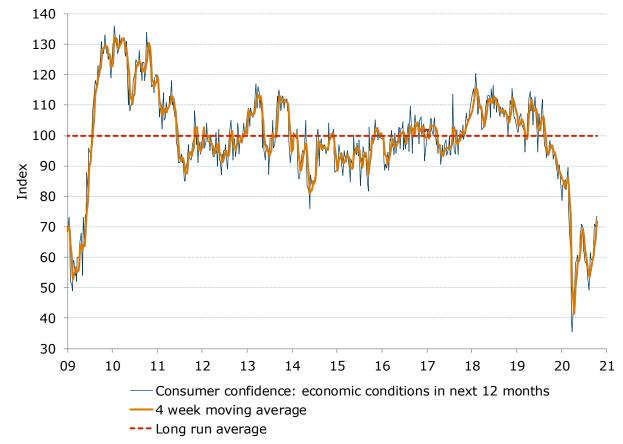




Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' declined after rising for four straight weeks 110 H Y 105 Consumer confidence: economic conditions in next 5 years -4 week moving average --- Long run average

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' gained 5.8%

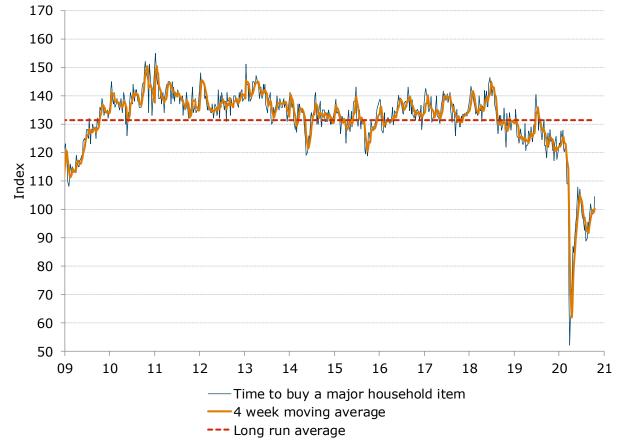
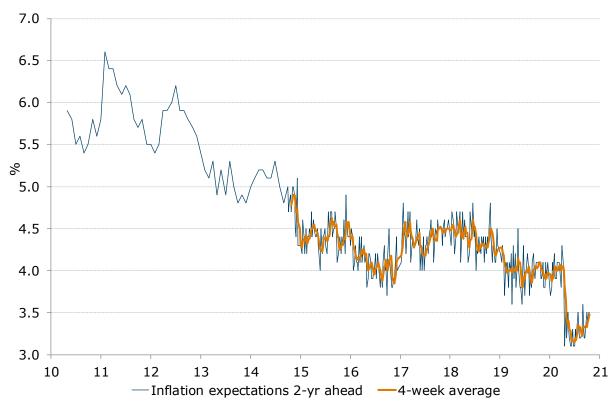




Figure 7. 'Inflation expectations' stable at 3.5% (four-week moving average)



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



**Table 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence** 

|           | Headline index Subindices Inflation expectation |                             |   |                                  |                                  |   |  |  |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
|           | Last week                                       | 4-week<br>moving<br>average | 1. Financial situation compared to a year ago | 2. Financial situation next year | 3. Economic conditions next year | 4.<br>Economic<br>conditions<br>next 5<br>years | 5. Time to<br>buy a major<br>household<br>item | 6. Inflation expectations 2-year ahead (%) |
| Avg since |   |                             |   |                                  |                                  | -   |  |  |
| 2001      | 115   | -                           | 103   | 124                              | 104                              | 113   | 133  | -  |
| 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  |
| 03-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  |
| 01-Dec-19 | 108.1   | 109.0                       | 109.0   | 125.4                            | 85.7                             | 97.2  | 123.3  | 4.1  |
| 08-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  |
| 05-Jan-20 | 106.2   | 107.8                       | 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  |
| 02-Feb-20 | 108.5   | 108.0                       | 109.8   | 123.1                            | 85.6                             | 96.2  | 127.8  | 4.2  |
| 09-Feb-20 | 107.8   | 108.2                       | 106.5   | 127.8                            | 82.1                             | 101.3   | 121.4  | 3.9  |
| 16-Feb-20 | 109.1   | 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                             | 104.0   | 122.4  | 4.1  |
| 01-Mar-20 | 104.8   | 107.5                       | 108.3   | 122.2                            | 74.6                             | 101.0   | 117.8  | 4.1  |
| 08-Mar-20 | 100.4   | 105.7                       | 104.0   | 117.8                            | 68.6                             | 102.7   | 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  |
| 05-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  |
| 03-May-20 | 89.5  | 84.2                        | 83.3  | 114.8                            | 59.4                             | 105.2   | 84.7   | 3.2  |
| 10-May-20 | 90.3  | 87.3                        | 81.4  | 116.8                            | 60.7                             | 100.9   | 91.6   | 3.5  |
| 17-May-20 | 92.3  | 89.3                        | 88.6  | 117.0                            | 58.5                             | 102.4   | 94.9   | 3.3  |
| 24-May-20 | 92.7  | 91.2                        | 87.0  | 120.7                            | 58.7                             | 99.9  | 97.3   | 3.2  |
| 31-May-20 | 98.3  | 93.4                        | 87.5  | 120.9                            | 67.9                             | 107.4   | 107.9  | 3.1  |
| 07-Jun-20 | 97.0  | 95.1                        | 88.5  | 120.0                            | 69.0                             | 105.7   | 101.7  | 3.1  |
| 14-Jun-20 | 97.5  | 96.4                        | 88.9  | 121.7                            | 70.8                             | 103.0   | 103.0  | 3.3  |
| 21-Jun-20 | 97.5  | 97.6                        | 87.4  | 117.3                            | 69.7                             | 105.8   | 107.2  | 3.1  |
| 28-Jun-20 | 93.0  | 96.3                        | 85.5  | 115.1                            | 62.3                             | 100.3   | 102.0  | 3.1  |
| 05-Jul-20 | 92.1  | 95.0                        | 86.1  | 117.3                            | 60.9                             | 97.6  | 98.8   | 3.3  |
| 12-Jul-20 | 91.6  | 93.6                        | 87.1  | 115.7                            | 58.8                             | 99.4  | 96.9   | 3.2  |
| 19-Jul-20 | 90.7  | 91.9                        | 89.1  | 112.8                            | 57.9                             | 96.7  | 96.8   | 3.4  |
| 26-Jul-20 | 89.0  | 90.9                        | 89.0  | 111.0                            | 56.5                             | 95.9  | 92.7   | 3.5  |
| 02-Aug-20 | 88.6  | 90.0                        | 88.5  | 112.8                            | 53.6                             | 90.8  | 97.2   | 3.2  |
| 09-Aug-20 | 86.5  | 88.7                        | 90.9  | 110.7                            | 49.2                             | 92.8  | 88.8   | 3.2  |
| 16-Aug-20 | 88.6  | 88.2                        | 89.2  | 115.3                            | 54.4                             | 94.3  | 89.7   | 3.2  |
| 23-Aug-20 | 92.7  | 89.1                        | 90.4  | 118.4                            | 61.5                             | 98.0  | 95.4   | 3.3  |
| 30-Aug-20 | 90.2  | 89.5                        | 88.1  | 115.2                            | 59.3                             | 95.4  | 93.1   | 3.6  |
| 06-Sep-20 | 91.1  | 90.7                        | 87.6  | 112.9                            | 58.9                             | 99.3  | 96.7   | 3.2  |
| 13-Sep-20 | 92.4  | 91.6                        | 90.8  | 114.3                            | 59.2                             | 96.1  | 101.8  | 3.2  |
| 20-Sep-20 | 93.5  | 91.8                        | 87.9  | 114.8                            | 64.2                             | 100.8   | 99.9   | 3.4  |
| 27-Sep-20 | 95.0  | 93.0                        | 88.8  | 115.1                            | 70.8                             | 101.3   | 98.9   | 3.5  |
| 04-Oct-20 | 95.7  | 94.2                        | 91.7  | 115.4                            | 70.0                             | 102.9   | 98.4   | 3.4  |
| 11-Oct-20 | 97.7  | 95.5                        | 90.3  | 119.7                            | 73.2                             | 106.1   | 98.9   | 3.5  |
| 18-Oct-20 | 98.1  | 96.6                        | 91.0  | 117.2                            | 73.5                             | 104.3   | 104.6  | 3.5  |

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