

ANZ-ROY MORGAN AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE MEDIA RELEASE

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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE: WEATHERS THE STORM

- ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence bounced 2.3%, partially recovering from the 3.5% fall the previous week. The details were broadly positive, with four out of five sub-indices posting gains.
- Views towards current economic conditions firmed 0.4% after sharp losses in the previous two weeks. While views toward current economic conditions have only stabilised after these falls, they remain above their long term average. Consumers were more optimistic about future conditions, with this sub-index bouncing 6% last week and almost offsetting the 8.8% drop in the previous week.
- Views towards current finances jumped 6% bringing the subindex to a six-week high of 110.4. The recovery in sentiment around future conditions was more modest (1.5%), offsetting the 1.3% fall in the previous week.
- Sentiment around the 'time to buy a household item' continues its downward trend, slipping 1.5% to 133.5. Inflation expectations edged up to 4.5% on a four-week basis.

ANZ'S HEAD OF AUSTRALIAN ECONOMICS, DAVID PLANK, COMMENTED:

"It is encouraging to see confidence recover after being hit by equity market volatility and domestic political uncertainty in consecutive weeks. A broad based improvement suggests that confidence remains supported by strong fundamentals, underneath the weekly volatility.

Following our recent focus on household finances and the headwinds households face, we note that overall financial conditions have moved up last week, driven by a turn in views towards current conditions. This is particularly encouraging given that the RBA has flagged household consumption as a key area of uncertainty in its outlook for 2018.

Though economic conditions have fallen from their peak, some correction was not unexpected given their rapid run up since November. Even now, aggregate economic conditions remain well above their long term average, consistent with a robust labour market and strong activity.

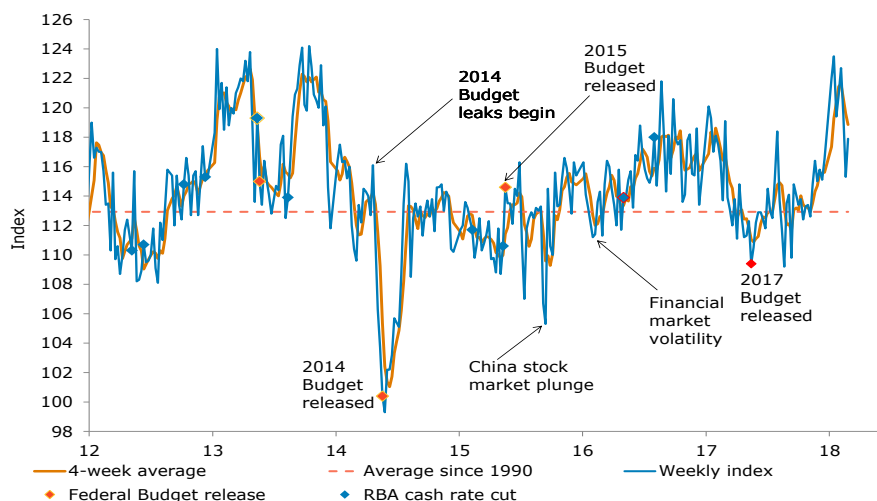
The resolution of events in Canberra may support confidence in the coming week, barring any new triggers."

Figure 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence & inflation expectations

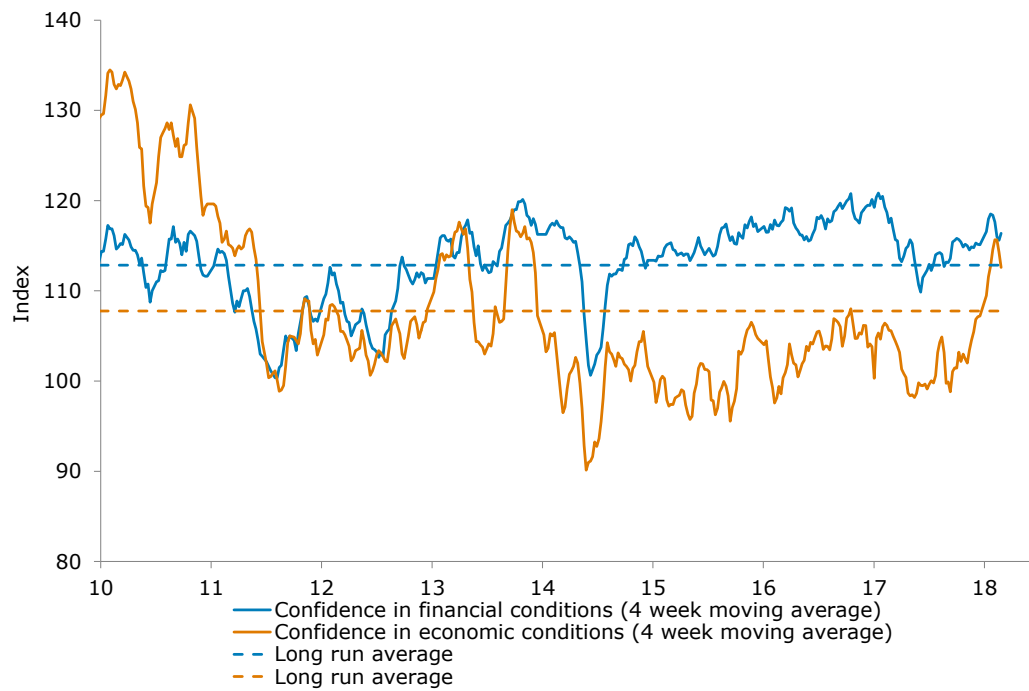
Last week (24–25 Feb)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four- week ma)
117.9	2.3%	118.9	112.9	4.5%

Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews.
Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 5.

Figure 2. Confidence recovers after two consecutive falls

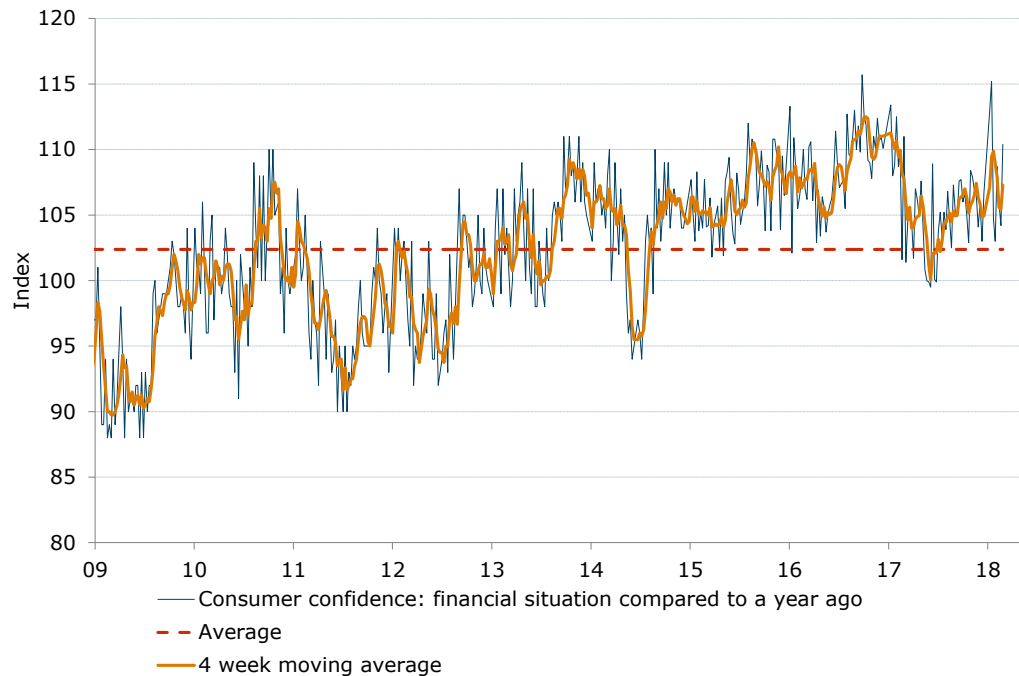


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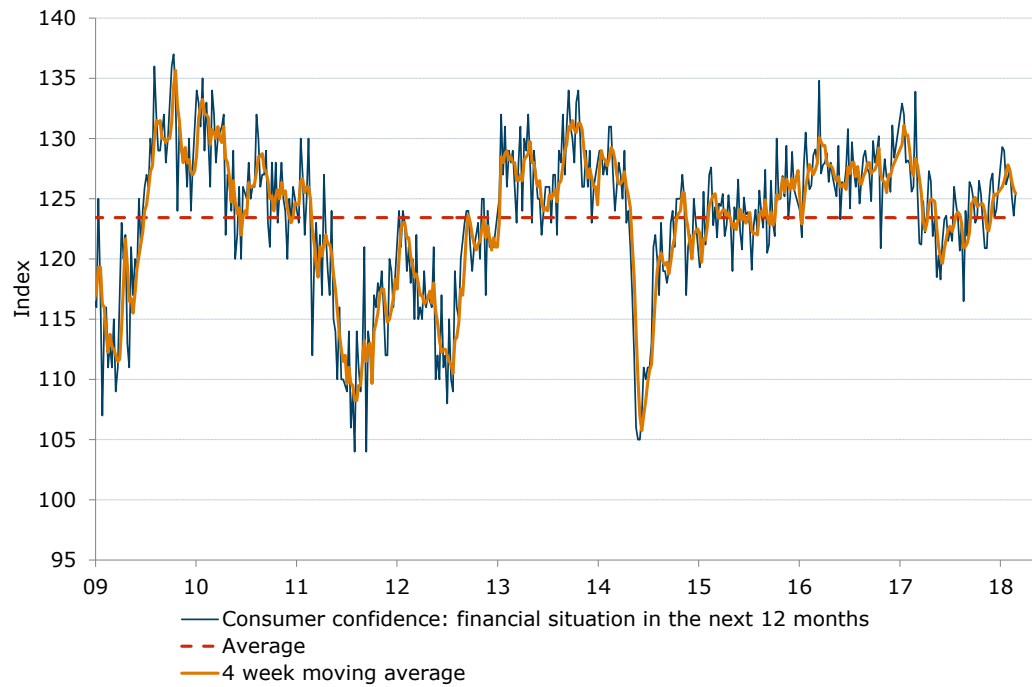
Figure 3. Confidence in aggregate financial conditions ticks up...

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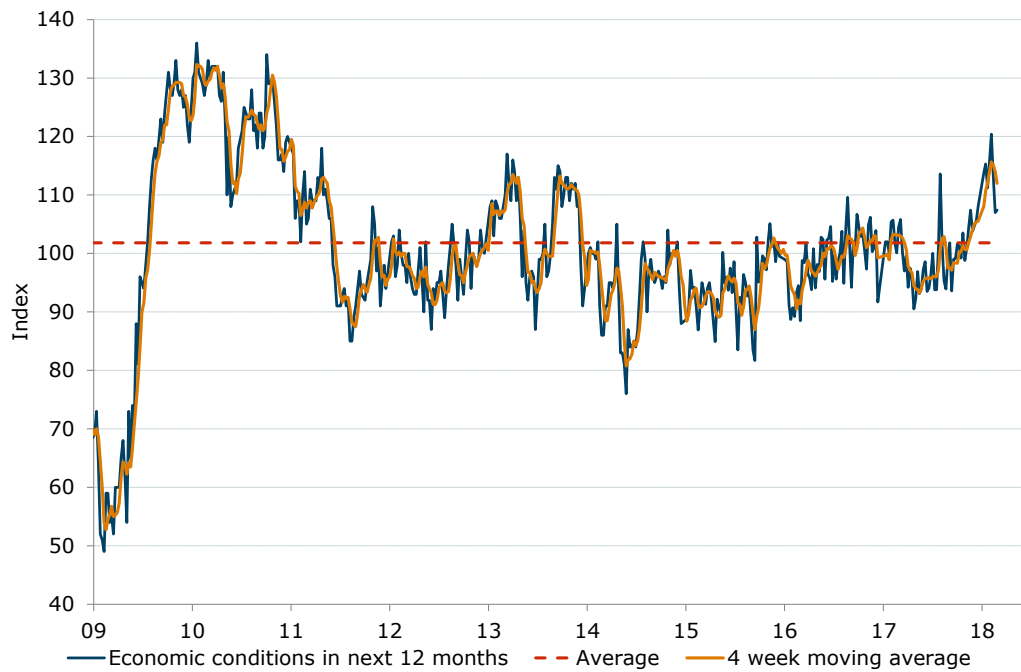
Note: Financial conditions index is an average of 'financial situation compared to a year ago' and 'financial situation next year' sub-indices. Economic conditions index is an average of 'economic conditions in 12 months' and 'economic conditions in five years' sub-indices.

Figure 4. ...led by an improvement in views towards current finances.

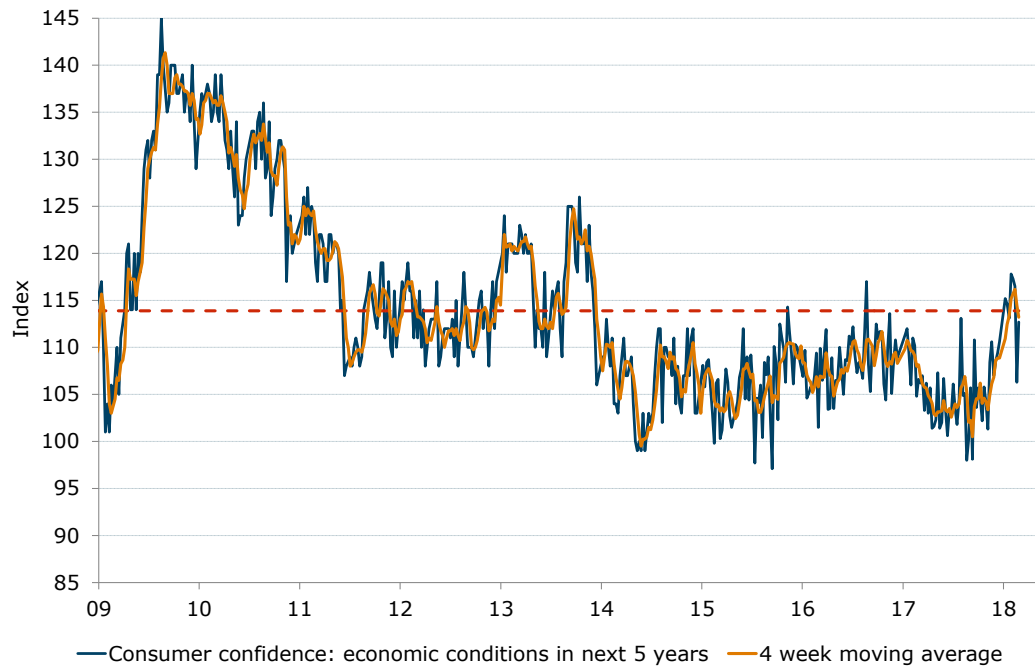
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Figure 5. Views around future financial conditions rose 1.5% last week

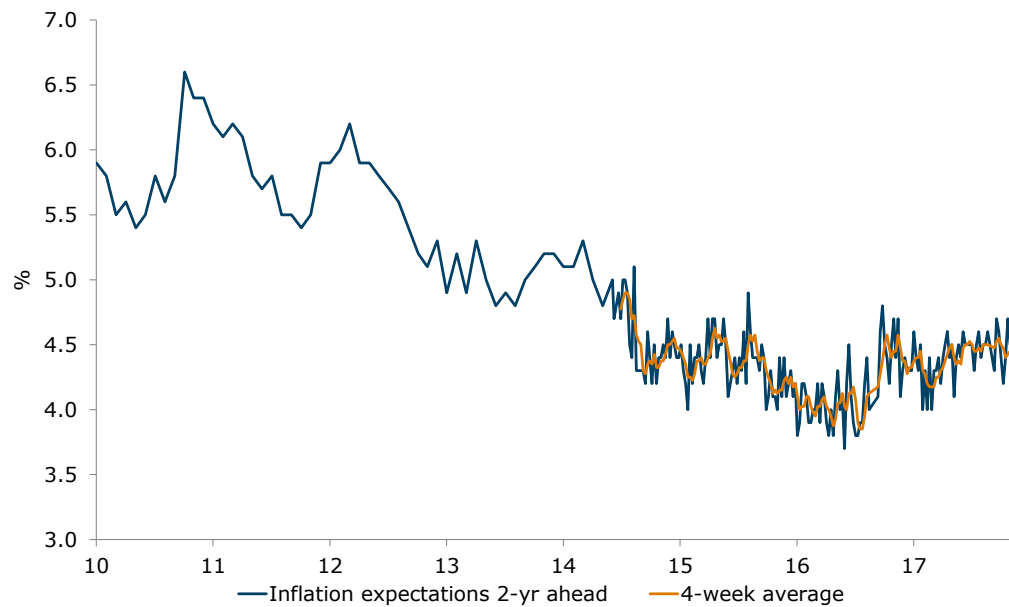
Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 6. Sentiment around current economic conditions edged up 0.4%

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 7. Sentiment towards future economic conditions bounced 6% last week

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 8. Four-week moving average inflation expectations edge up to 4.5%

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

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Table 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence

	Headline index		Subindices				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	-	102	124	105	114	135	-
2010 avg	124	-	101	127	124	130	139	5.7
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
6-Mar-16	114.8	113.5	106.2	127.9	98.8	109.9	131.7	4.4
13-Mar-16	116.4	114.2	110.2	134.8	98.4	106.5	132.4	4.1
20-Mar-16	116.0	114.6	110.6	127.1	101.6	109.4	131.2	4.4
27-Mar-16	114.5	115.4	106.1	127.8	96.5	111.9	130.1	4.1
3-Apr-16	113.4	115.1	108.9	128.0	95.7	103.4	130.8	4.2
10-Apr-16	112.0	114.0	102.9	128.8	93.8	103.5	131.0	4.3
17-Apr-16	115.8	113.9	106.9	126.4	100.8	108.9	135.9	4.1
24-Apr-16	111.7	113.2	103.4	128.0	94.1	103.5	129.7	4.2
1-May-16	113.9	113.4	106.4	126.8	98.1	106.5	131.7	3.8
8-May-16	113.9	113.8	105.6	126.0	96.9	106.5	134.6	3.9
15-May-16	115.1	113.7	103.7	125.2	102.8	110.0	133.7	4.2
22-May-16	115.7	114.7	105.1	129.4	102.4	107.6	134.0	4.2
29-May-16	113.2	114.5	105.8	123.3	95.6	105.0	136.5	4.1
5-Jun-16	116.8	115.2	106.3	126.4	102.3	108.7	140.2	3.9
12-Jun-16	116.4	115.5	108.1	126.0	102.6	108.6	137.0	3.9
19-Jun-16	118.8	116.3	111.4	127.4	104.6	111.2	139.2	4.0
26-Jun-16	116.8	117.2	108.8	130.8	95.2	110.3	139.0	4.0
3-Jul-16	115.8	117.0	107.1	124.2	99.7	112.2	135.6	4.2
10-Jul-16	115.2	116.7	107.4	129.7	95.6	109.2	133.9	3.9
17-Jul-16	114.9	115.7	107.6	127.4	98.6	107.3	133.4	4.2
24-Jul-16	115.5	115.4	105.5	126.0	100.1	108.4	137.3	4.1
31-Jul-16	118.0	115.9	112.7	127.6	103.8	107.8	138.1	3.9
7-Aug-16	114.7	115.8	109.6	124.6	94.9	106.7	137.6	3.8
14-Aug-16	117.6	116.5	109.5	126.7	104.0	111.6	136.1	4.0
21-Aug-16	121.8	118.0	110.9	128.5	109.6	117.0	143.0	3.8
28-Aug-16	118.4	118.1	113.0	129.0	101.9	108.2	140.1	4.1
4-Sep-16	114.3	118.0	110.0	127.5	94.2	105.3	134.7	4.3
11-Sep-16	118.1	118.2	111.8	127.1	101.8	110.1	139.9	4.0
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25-Sep-16	120.6	117.1	115.7	129.8	106.7	112.5	138.5	3.7
2-Oct-16	117.9	118.0	112.6	128.0	104.5	110.9	133.3	4.2
9-Oct-16	117.5	117.9	111.9	128.9	102.9	111.7	132.2	4.5
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11-Dec-16	113.4	115.7	110.1	128.4	91.7	108.9	128.1	4.0
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