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Consumer sentiment regains lost ground

- ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence continues recovering from the dive seen the weekend of the Wentworth by-election. Indeed, this week's 2.6% rise means confidence is now higher than it was heading into the by-election.
- Performance across both financial and economic conditions was positive. Households' perceptions of current financial conditions and future financial situation rose by 3.9% and 2.2% respectively. Views about current financial conditions are close to the highest level seen since the GFC. At the same time, current and future economic conditions jumped by 7% and 4.5% respectively.
- The 'time to buy a household item' sub-index fell by 3.1%, only partial reversing the prior week's sharp gain of more than 9%. Four-week moving average inflation fell by 0.1 ppt to 4.4%.

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

"Consumer confidence registered its third consecutive gain after the sharp fall recorded during the Wentworth by-election weekend. In fact, confidence has more than regained that fall and is at its highest level since late July.

Last week's RBA Statement on Monetary Policy was quite upbeat on the Australian economy. At the same time, the Bank's message of no near-term hikes in the interest rate was reassuring for households. Sentiment might have received boosts from the recent easing in petrol prices and the rebound in equity markets.

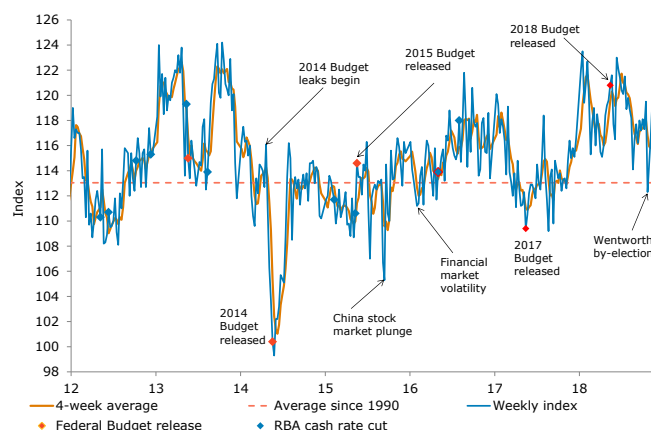
There is some important data this week that may impact household sentiment, not least Q3 wage data. We think this will be boosted by the rise in the minimum wage and the finalising of some enterprise agreements."

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

Last week (10-11 Nov)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
119.8	2.6%	115.9	113	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.

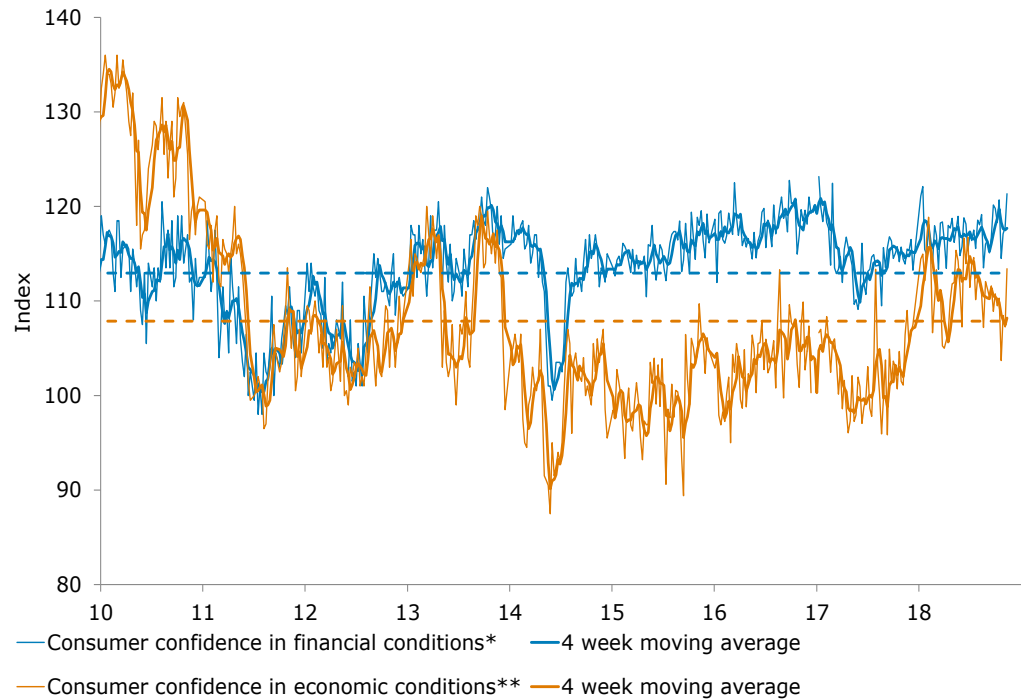
Figure 1. Consumer confidence continues to move higher



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



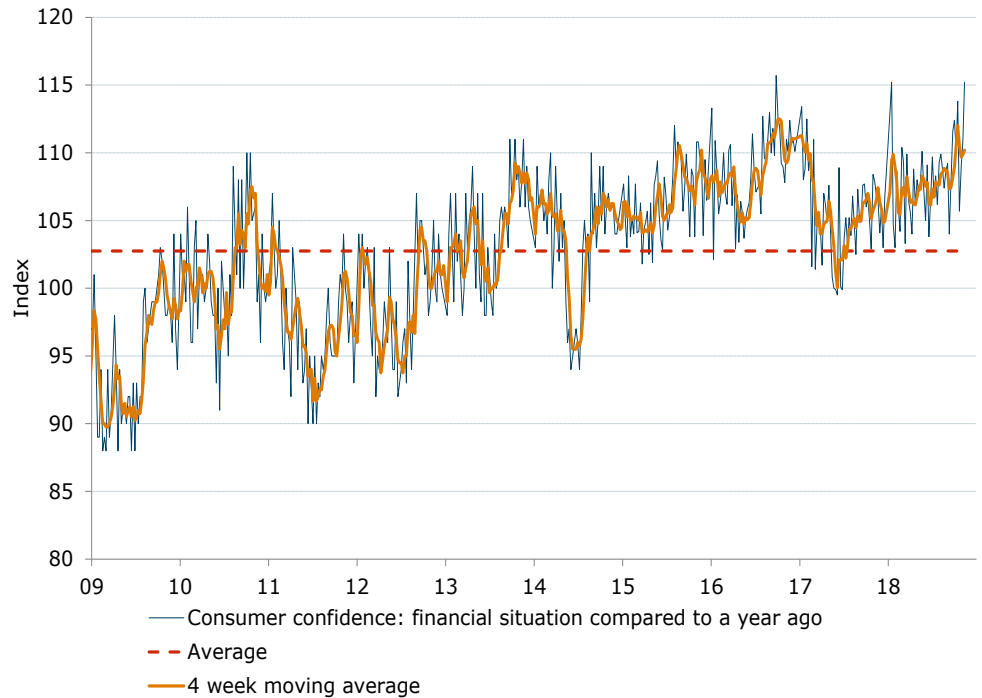
Figure 2. Confidence in financial conditions continues to rebound



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.

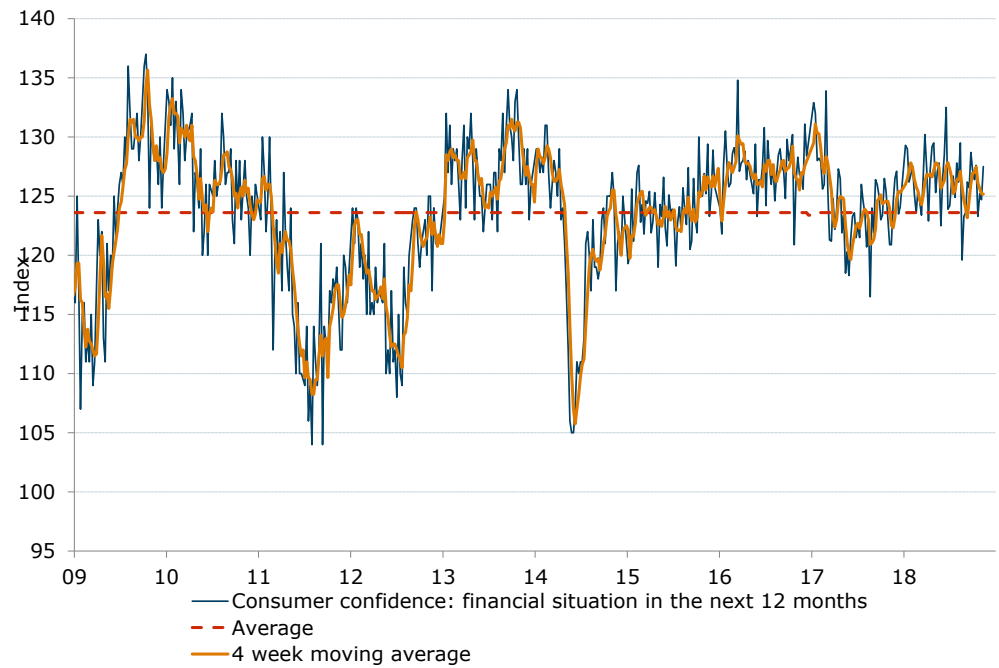
Figure 3. A strong recovery in views towards current finances



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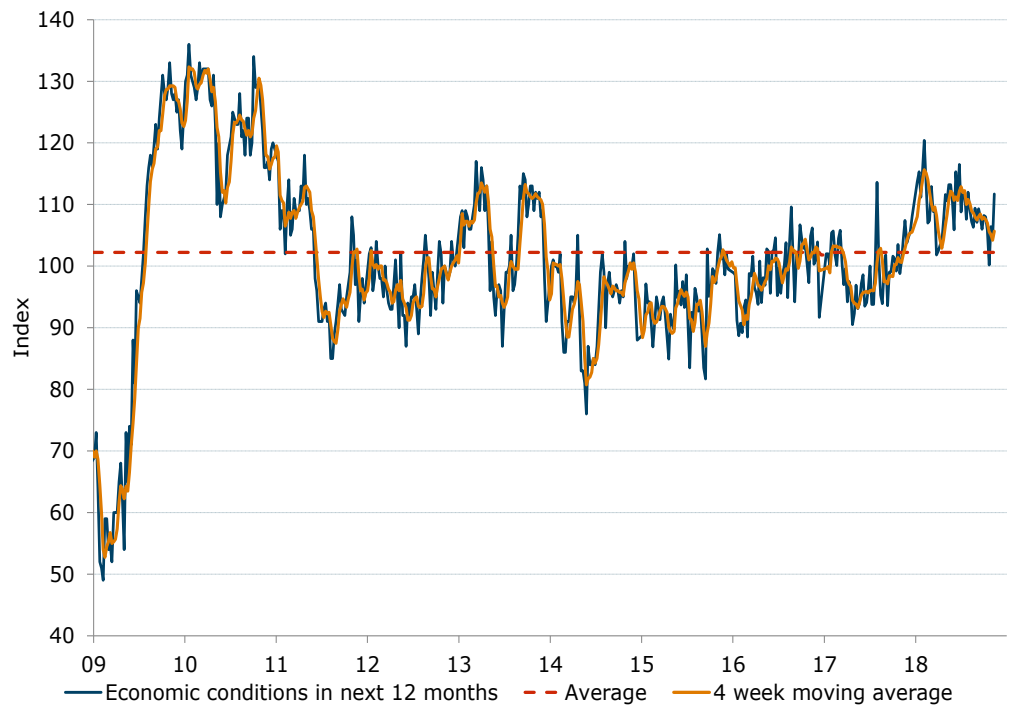


Figure 4. Views towards future financial conditions above the long-term average



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

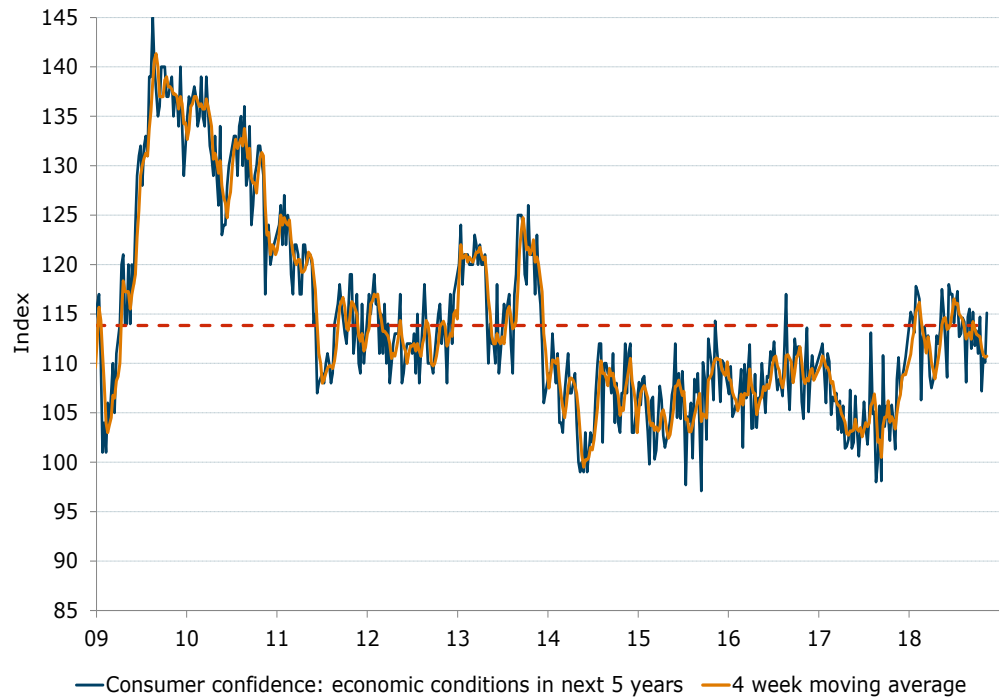
Figure 5. Sentiment towards current economic conditions near four-month high



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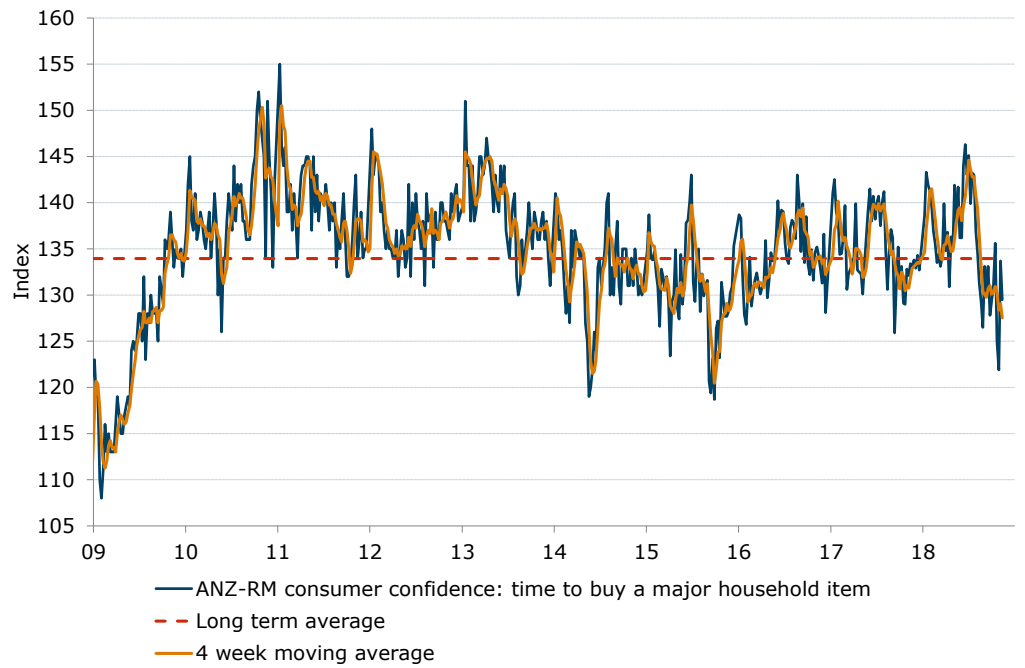


Figure 6. ...and views towards future economic conditions above average



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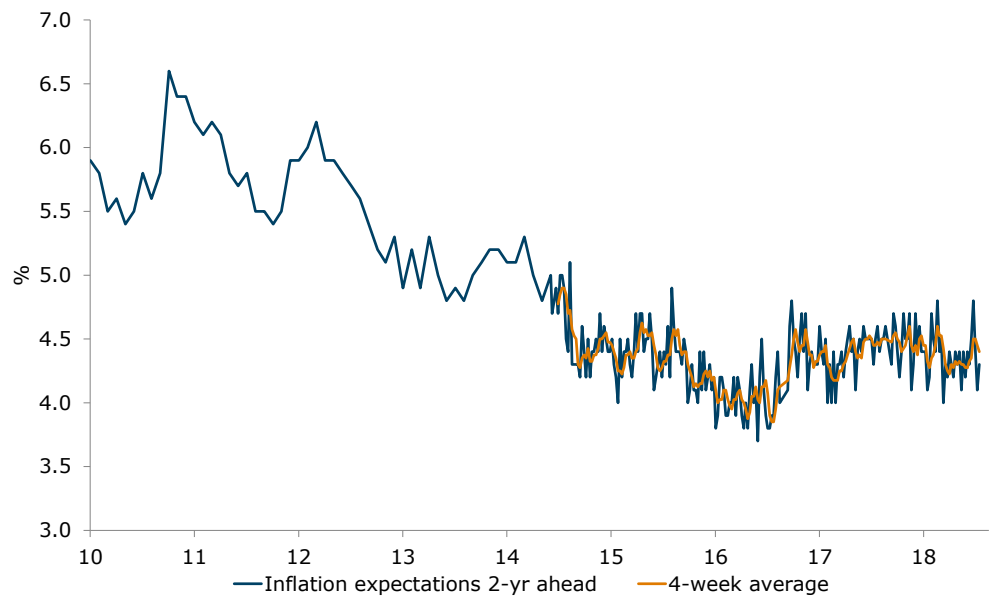
Figure 7. The 'time to buy a household item' fell by 3.1%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



Figure 8. Four-week moving average inflation expectations at 4.4%



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

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



Data table

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	-	103	124	105	114	135	-
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
5-Nov-17	112.6	112.9	107.9	120.9	100.9	101.3	132.1	4.3
12-Nov-17	114.8	113.5	106.9	120.9	104.4	108.4	133.4	4.5
19-Nov-17	116.4	114.3	106.5	124.5	107.4	110.6	133.1	4.6
26-Nov-17	115.0	114.7	104.1	126.5	103.8	107.0	133.8	4.4
3-Dec-17	115.8	115.5	105.9	127.1	104.7	108.5	132.9	4.5
10-Dec-17	115.1	115.6	103.0	123.5	105.6	109.4	134.3	4.5
17-Dec-17	116.5	115.6	106.7	124.1	108.1	110.6	132.7	4.6
7-Jan-18	122.0	117.4	112.9	129.3	113.7	115.2	138.6	4.3
14-Jan-18	123.5	119.3	115.2	129.0	115.3	114.6	143.3	4.7
21-Jan-18	119.4	120.4	104.7	126.2	111.2	113.1	141.9	4.6
28-Jan-18	120.9	121.5	103.0	126.8	115.6	117.8	141.3	4.4
4-Feb-18	122.7	121.6	108.7	127.5	120.4	117.3	139.5	4.2
11-Feb-18	119.5	120.6	105.9	125.2	113.2	116.5	136.9	4.4
18-Feb-18	115.3	119.6	104.2	123.6	107.0	106.3	135.6	4.7
25-Feb-18	117.9	118.9	110.4	125.5	107.4	112.7	133.5	4.5
4-Mar-18	119.0	117.9	109.3	124.6	112.9	113.7	134.4	4.5
11-Mar-18	116.0	117.1	103.3	123.4	108.9	111.5	133.1	4.7
18-Mar-18	118.5	117.9	109.9	126.6	109.2	112.8	134.2	4.1
25-Mar-18	117.4	117.7	106.5	130.2	101.8	108.7	139.9	4.3
1-Apr-18	115.5	116.9	105.6	127.2	102.5	107.5	134.8	4.7
8-Apr-18	115.1	116.6	104.0	122.9	103.4	108.3	136.8	4.4
15-Apr-18	116.0	116.0	108.8	127.2	103.9	109.3	130.9	4.6
22-Apr-18	118.4	116.3	106.2	129.2	107.4	112.8	136.3	4.4
29-Apr-18	119.2	117.2	108.0	129.5	111.6	112.0	135.1	4.4
6-May-18	119.6	118.3	107.1	125.3	110.6	113.3	141.9	4.4
13-May-18	120.8	119.5	107.9	127.1	113.20	117.5	138.1	4.1
20-May-18	121.6	120.3	110.1	127.8	113.20	115.3	141.7	4.2
27-May-18	117.7	119.9	107.1	122.5	110.5	112.4	136.2	4.7
3-Jun-18	116.5	119.2	105.0	126.5	105.9	108.6	136.2	4.5
10-Jun-18	123.0	119.7	109.1	128.5	115.3	118.0	144.0	4.4
17-Jun-18	122.1	119.8	103.8	132.5	110.9	117.0	146.3	4.8
24-Jun-18	121.4	120.8	106.7	123.9	116.5	117.0	143.0	4.4
1-Jul-18	120.4	121.7	109.7	124.2	108.8	114.1	145.1	4.5
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