

ANZ-ROY MORGAN AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE MEDIA RELEASE

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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE: DECLINING, AGAIN

- The headline consumer confidence fell 1.9% last week partly reversing the previous week's gain. This dragged the index back down below its long run average.
- The performance of the sub-indices was largely negative with only one of the five sub-indices recording a rise. Households' expectations for economic conditions next year fell 1.9%, while expectations for economic conditions over the next five years dropped a sharp 4.1%, to be at its lowest level since September 2015.
- Households' views towards their current finances fell a modest 0.7%, while views about future finances improved 2.7%, to the highest level since February.
- The 'good time to buy a household item' index registered a sharp 5.1% drop, following five consecutive weekly gains.
- Inflation expectations were unchanged at 4.3%, with the four week moving average holding steady at 4.3%.

ANZ'S SENIOR ECONOMIST FELICITY EMMETT COMMENTED:

"The drop in headline consumer confidence comes despite the strong labour market report released last week and ongoing strength in the housing market. Rising geopolitical risks, however, have impacted the local share market and are likely feeding through to households' concerns about the economic outlook.

Moreover, the RBA's focus and the associated media spotlight on the exuberance in house prices in Sydney and Melbourne as well as high levels of household debt is possibly feeding into concerns about the outlook. For some time, we have worried that households could decide to rein in consumption growth in response to the combination of low wage growth and rising household debt. The recent decline in confidence and the weakness in retail sales suggest this may be occurring.

In our view, a reassertion of the downward trend in the unemployment rate along with some improvement in wage growth will likely be required to materially lift consumer confidence."

FIGURE 1. WEEKLY ANZ-ROY MORGAN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE AND INFLATION EXPECTATIONS

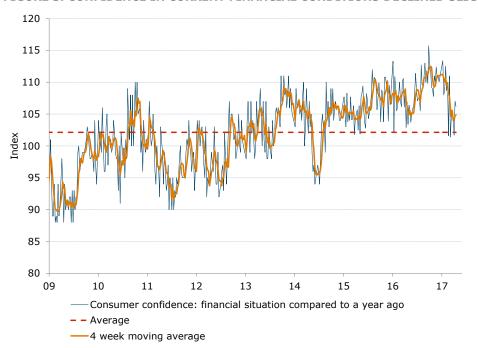
Last week (15-16 April)	Weekly change, %	4-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (4-week ma)
112.6	-1.9%	113.1	112.9	4.3

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 RESUMES ITS DOWNWARD TREND



FIGURE 3. CONFIDENCE IN CURRENT FINANCIAL CONDITIONS DECLINED SLIGHTLY



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FIGURE 4. CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS PICKED UP

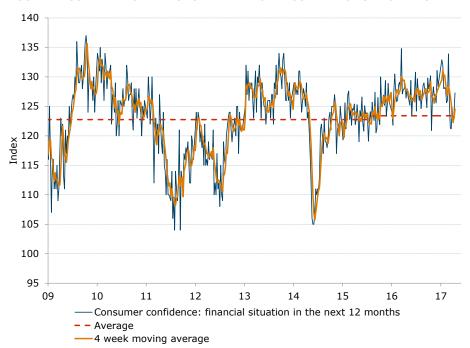
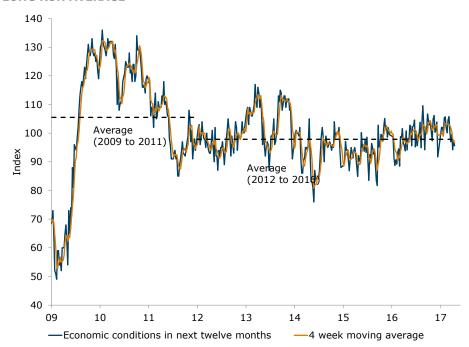


FIGURE 5. CONFIDENCE IN THE NEAR TERM ECONOMIC OUTLOOK REMAINS BELOW ITS LONG RUN AVERAGE



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FIGURE 6. CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK DROPPED SHARPLY

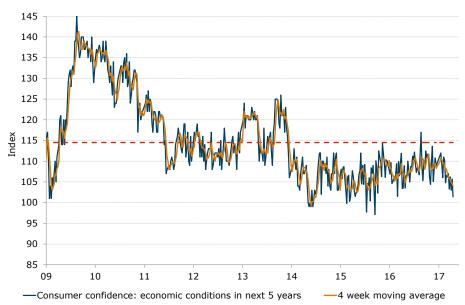
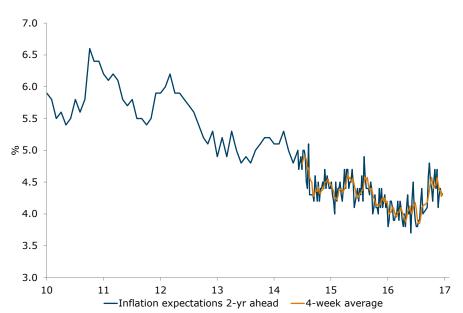


FIGURE 7. INFLATION EXPECTATIONS REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 4.3%



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

TABLE 1. CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

			1. Financial	2. Financial	3. Economic	4. Economic	5. Time to buy	6. Inflation
	Last week	4-week moving average	situation compared to a year ago	situation next year	conditions next year	conditions next 5 years	a major household item	expectations 2-ye ahead (%)
vg since 2001	116	-	102	124	106	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 2014 avg	119 111	-	104 104	128 121	106 94	118 106	139 132	5.0 4.9
2014 avg 2015 avg	112	- -	107	124	94	106	131	4.4
13-Sep-15	105.3	109.6	107.4	121.2	81.7	97.1	119.4	4.7
20-Sep-15	114.5	110.0	109.9	126.5	102.8	110.1	123.1	4.5
27-Sep-15	110.6	109.3	107.7	123.0	95.1	108.4	118.7	4.1
4-Oct-15	110.0	110.1	103.8	121.9	95.7	102.3	126.4	4.2
11-0ct-15 18-0ct-15	115.6	112.7	108.8	130.0	99.6	112.5	127.2	4.3
	113.3	112.4	108.3	125.0	99.1	111.1	123.2	4.4
25-Oct-15 1-Nov-15	113.4 115.2	113.1 114.4	103.8 110.8	125.0 126.9	97.2 102.2	109.9 106.3	131.4 129.6	4.2 4.4
8-Nov-15	116.6	114.4	110.8	125.2	105.1	114.3	127.7	4.3
15-Nov-15	115.9	115.3	109.7	129.4	101.2	111.6	127.7	4.6
22-Nov-15	114.5	115.6	109.5	123.3	102.1	109.4	128.2	4.2
29-Nov-15	112.8	115.0	103.9	125.2	98.6	106.1	130.2	4.9
6-Dec-15	116.3	114.9	109.5	128.9	101.9	110.3	130.9	4.6
13-Dec-15	115.4	114.8	106.5	125.8	99.5	110.0	135.3	4.4
3-Jan-16	116.3	115.2	113.3	124.0	98.9	106.9	138.7	4.3
10-Jan-16	114.1	115.5	102.1	121.8	98.6	109.7	138.3	4.5
17-Jan-16	113.2	114.8	110.9	127.6	91.2	104.6	131.9	4.4
24-Jan-16	112.2	114.0	108.6	130.5	88.7	105.1	127.9	4.0
31-Jan-16	111.2	112.7	105.5	127.5	90.7	105.8	126.8	4.1
7-Feb-16	111.4	112.0	106.4	125.8	89.2	105.3	130.3	4.3
14-Feb-16	113.6	112.1	107.7	126.1	93.3	107.0	134.1	4.1
21-Feb-16	114.3	112.6	110.0	128.6	94.5	109.4	128.8	4.1
28-Feb-16	111.3	112.7	107.0	129.1	88.5	101.5	130.4	4.0
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 27-Mar-16	116.0	114.6	110.6	127.1	101.6	109.4	131.2	4.4
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3-Apr-16	113.4		108.9	128.0 128.8	93.8	103.4 103.5	130.8	4.2
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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
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7-Aug-16	114.7	115.8	109.6	124.6	94.9	106.7	137.6	3.8
14-Aug-16 21-Aug-16	117.6 121.8	116.5 118.0	109.5 110.9	126.7 128.5	104.0 109.6	111.6 117.0	136.1 143.0	4.0 3.8
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