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## ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence

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## Confidence rebounds a touch

- ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence rebounded 1.2\% from its multi-year low reading last week, its first gain in four weeks. The biggest gain in the sub-indices was the $5.3 \%$ jump in the 'Time to buy a household item', albeit from a ten-year low in the previous reading. The other sub-components were mixed.
- Current finances fell $1.6 \%$, while future financial conditions gained $4.2 \%$.
- Current economic conditions declined $4.1 \%$, to its lowest point in four years. Future economic conditions gained 1\%, though this comes after a cumulative loss of almost $10 \%$ over the prior two weeks.
- The four-week moving average of inflation expectations was up 0.1 ppt to $4.0 \%$ as the weekly reading jumped from $3.8 \%$ to $4.1 \%$.
ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

| Last week <br> $(30$ Nov-1 Dec) | Weekly <br> change, \% | Four-week <br> average | Monthly <br> average <br> since 1990 | Inflation expectations <br> $(4-$ week ma) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 108.1 | $1.2 \%$ | 109 | 113.1 | $4.0 \%$ |

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.

## ANZ Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

On the back of strength in future finances and 'Time to buy a household item', consumer confidence recovered some lost ground - though it was only a modest gain after three weeks of decline. Weakness in economic conditions is still a concern, considering it is around multi-year lows. This week's data could significantly impact sentiment, especially Q3 GDP. Annual growth may accelerate a touch, as last year's weak Q3 report drops out, but this hardly points to an economy that is undergoing more than a gentle turn. And yesterday's ANZ job ads for November highlighted that a gentle turn is unlikely to be enough to stop the unemployment rate moving higher. Consumer sentiment looks set to be challenged for a while yet.
Confidence gains $\mathbf{1 . 2 \%}$


Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Charts

Figure 1. Financial and economic conditions diverge, again


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 2. 'Current finances' loses 1.6\%


[^0]Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' gains 4.2\% after falling 4.4\% last week


Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' loses $4.1 \%$ : its fourth consecutive decline


[^1]Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' gains 1\%


Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan
Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' up 5.3\%


[^2]Figure 7. Four-week moving average 'inflation expectations' gains 0.1ppt to 4.0\%


* 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 |  |  | 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. <br> 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 | 134 | - |
| 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 |
| 4-Nov-18 | 116.8 | 115.8 | 110.9 | 124.7 | 104.4 | 110.1 | 133.7 | 4.1 |
| 11-Nov-18 | 119.8 | 115.9 | 115.2 | 127.5 | 111.7 | 115.1 | 129.5 | 4.3 |
| 18-Nov-18 | 117.8 | 117.3 | 106.7 | 125.2 | 109.9 | 116.6 | 130.7 | 4.2 |
| 25-Nov-18 | 118.6 | 118.3 | 106.2 | 121.4 | 115.4 | 115.7 | 134.1 | 4.1 |
| 2-Dec-18 | 119.5 | 118.9 | 113.8 | 124.2 | 112.5 | 115.3 | 131.6 | 4.1 |
| 9-Dec-18 | 117.7 | 118.4 | 113.0 | 126.3 | 105.7 | 115.6 | 127.9 | 4.5 |
| 16-Dec-18 | 117.8 | 118.4 | 110.7 | 126.3 | 105.9 | 114.6 | 131.4 | 4.3 |
| 6-Jan-19 | 115.2 | 117.6 | 105.9 | 127.7 | 101.5 | 111.0 | 130.0 | 4.2 |
| 13-Jan-19 | 116.8 | 116.9 | 108.9 | 130.3 | 100.9 | 108.4 | 135.1 | 4.1 |
| 20-Jan-19 | 115.7 | 116.4 | 108.6 | 127.2 | 104.3 | 107.6 | 130.8 | 4.3 |
| 27-Jan-19 | 116.5 | 116.1 | 111.0 | 126.0 | 106.1 | 114.0 | 125.7 | 4.1 |
| 3-Feb-19 | 118.1 | 116.8 | 114.6 | 127.7 | 107.1 | 115.6 | 125.3 | 3.7 |
| 10-Feb-19 | 114.1 | 116.1 | 106.5 | 125.7 | 103.7 | 111.2 | 123.3 | 4.1 |
| 17-Feb-19 | 115.2 | 116.0 | 107.4 | 130.2 | 103.5 | 110.3 | 124.6 | 4.0 |
| 24-Feb-19 | 114.1 | 115.4 | 106.4 | 123.3 | 101.8 | 110.9 | 128.2 | 4.1 |
| 3-Mar-19 | 114.8 | 114.6 | 105.0 | 129.2 | 102.7 | 111.4 | 125.5 | 3.8 |
| 10-Mar-19 | 109.5 | 113.4 | 102.0 | 122.2 | 94.6 | 105.4 | 123.4 | 4.1 |
| 17-Mar-19 | 111.9 | 112.6 | 108.1 | 124.3 | 99.1 | 105.5 | 122.8 | 4.0 |
| 24-Mar-19 | 111.8 | 112.0 | 106.6 | 120.2 | 99.0 | 109.3 | 124.0 | 4.2 |
| 31-Mar-19 | 114.7 | 112.0 | 105.0 | 120.7 | 107.0 | 110.7 | 130.2 | 3.6 |
| 7-Apr-19 | 113.2 | 112.9 | 103.2 | 122.8 | 107.7 | 111.6 | 120.6 | 4.3 |
| 14-Apr-19 | 115.3 | 113.8 | 105.4 | 122.9 | 112.2 | 113.3 | 122.6 | 3.9 |
| 21-Apr-19 | 119.5 | 115.7 | 109.2 | 129.3 | 114.4 | 122.0 | 122.6 | 4.2 |
| 28-Apr-19 | 117.6 | 116.4 | 106.3 | 127.4 | 108.1 | 118.8 | 127.5 | 3.8 |
| 5-May-19 | 117.3 | 117.4 | 106.5 | 125.9 | 112.5 | 114.5 | 127.1 | 4.1 |
| 12-May-19 | 114.8 | 117.3 | 108.6 | 127.6 | 103.4 | 110.7 | 123.9 | 4.5 |
| 19-May-19 | 117.2 | 116.7 | 109.1 | 129.1 | 107.3 | 111.7 | 129.0 | 4.0 |
| 26-May-19 | 118.6 | 117.0 | 110.4 | 130.1 | 110.5 | 116.7 | 125.3 | 3.8 |
| 2-Jun-19 | 116.9 | 116.9 | 105.2 | 126.4 | 112.8 | 116.4 | 123.7 | 3.8 |
| 9-Jun-19 | 114.6 | 116.8 | 102.4 | 123.6 | 104.0 | 113.1 | 129.8 | 3.6 |
| 16-Jun-19 | 114.2 | 116.1 | 106.4 | 123.9 | 101.6 | 111.0 | 128.2 | 4.0 |
| 23-Jun-19 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 111.4 | 124.2 | 94.6 | 105.4 | 136.0 | 4.3 |
| 30-Jun-19 | 118.9 | 115.5 | 109.0 | 125.5 | 107.2 | 112.8 | 140.3 | 3.7 |
| 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-Oct-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 |

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