# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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### **Confidence in economic conditions surges**

- Consumer confidence rose 2.3% on back of a sharply improved assessment for both current and future economic conditions. The other details were mixed.
- 'Current financial conditions' rose 2.4%, but 'future financial conditions' weakened 1.7%.
- 'Current economic conditions' surged 9.1%, and 'future economic conditions' jumped 5.9%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' fell 2.0%. The four-week moving average for inflation expectations picked-up 0.1ppt to 3.7%.

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

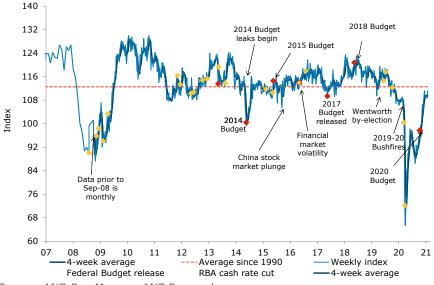
| Last weekend<br>(23-24 Jan) | Weekly<br>change, % | Four-week<br>average | Monthly<br>average<br>since 1990 | Inflation<br>expectations<br>(four-week ma) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 111.2                       | 2.3%                | 109.5                | 112.6                            | 3.7%  |

This weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,531 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:

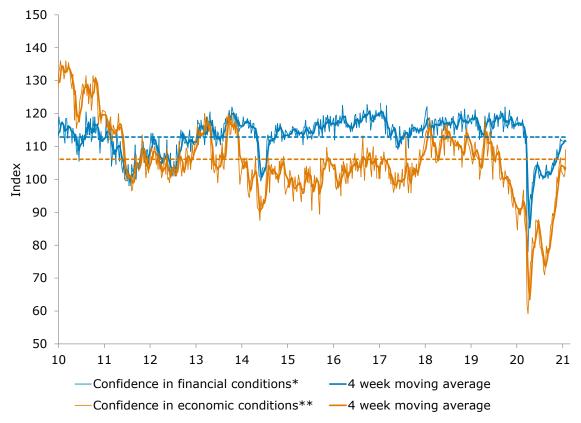
The improvement in consumer confidence comes on the back of further good news on the labour market front, notably the drop in the unemployment rate to 6.6% in December. The absence of community transmitted COVID-19 cases for a number days and the relaxation in border rules has likely also supported confidence. Sentiment about current and future economic conditions has surged and both are now above their long-run averages, for the first time since mid-2019. Weekly inflation expectations accelerated 0.2ppt. This could be on back of the up-tick in petrol prices. The national average retail petrol price rose more than 14 cents in the week to 24 January, ahead of the long weekend, according to the Australian Institute of Petroleum.

#### Consumer confidence rose 2.3%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan, ANZ Research

Figure 1. Mild up-tick in confidence over financial conditions; confidence on economic conditions surged



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' was up 2.4%

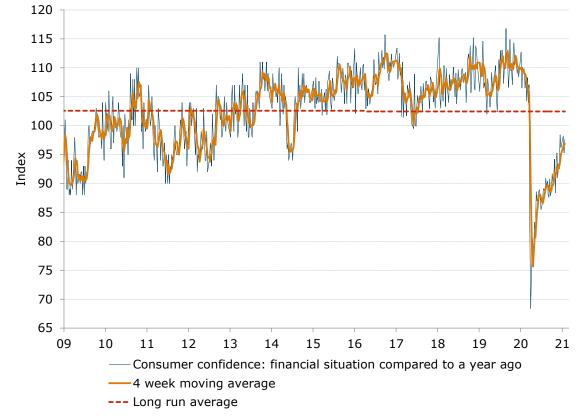




Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' weakened 1.7%

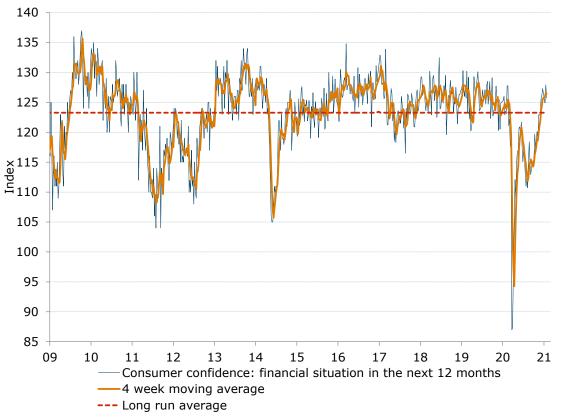


Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' surged 9.1%

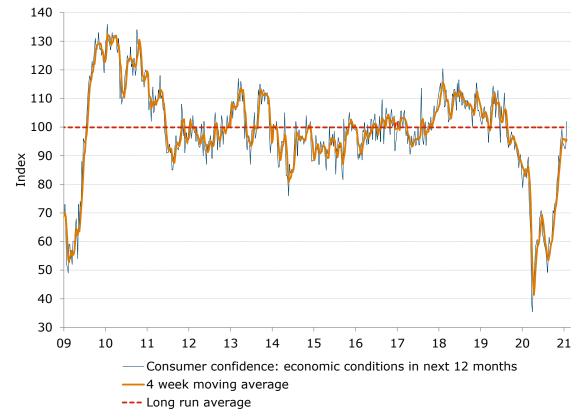




Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' improved 5.9%

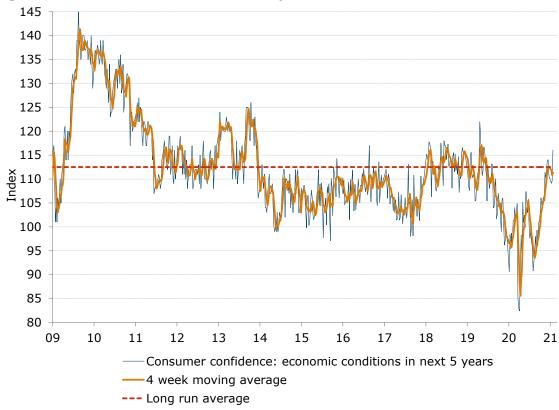


Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' declined 2.0%

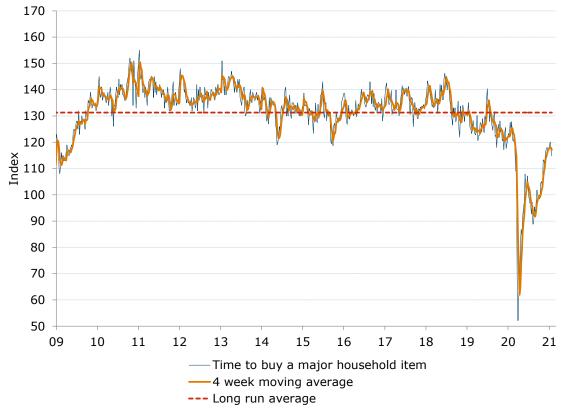
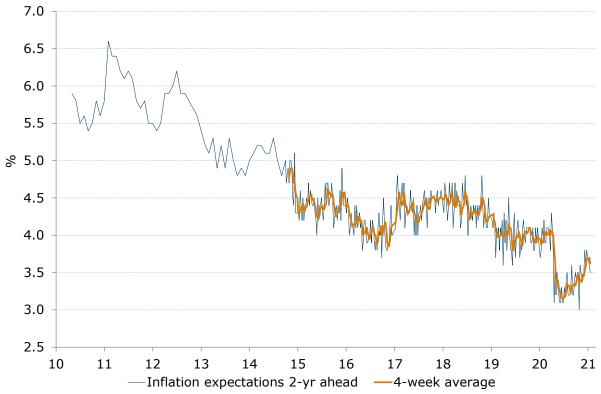




Figure 7. Inflation expectations up 0.2ppt at 3.7%



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



Table 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence

|                      | Headline       | Headline index Subindices Inflation expecta |   |                                  |                                  |   |  |   |  |  |
|----------------------|----------------|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|                      | 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<br>conditions<br>next 5<br>years | 5. Time to<br>buy a major<br>household<br>item | 6. Inflation expectations 2-yea ahead (%) |  |  |
| vg since<br>2001     | 115            |   | 102   | 124                              | 103                              | 113   | 132  |   |  |  |
| 2001<br>010 avg      | 124            | _   | 101   | 127                              | 124                              | 130   | 139  | 5.7                                       |  |  |
| 010 avg              | 114            | _   | 97  | 117                              | 101                              | 116   | 140  | 6.0                                       |  |  |
| 012 avg              | 113            | _   | 99  | 118                              | 97                               | 113   | 138  | 5.8                                       |  |  |
| 013 avg              | 119            | -   | 104   | 128                              | 106                              | 118   | 139  | 5.0                                       |  |  |
| 014 avg              | 111            | -   | 104   | 121                              | 94                               | 106   | 132  | 4.9                                       |  |  |
| 015 avg              | 112            | -   | 107   | 124                              | 94                               | 106   | 131  | 4.4                                       |  |  |
| 016 avg              | 115            | -   | 109   | 127                              | 99                               | 108   | 134  | 4.1                                       |  |  |
| 017 avg              | 114            | -   | 105   | 124                              | 100                              | 105   | 135  | 4.4                                       |  |  |
| 018 avg              | 119            | -   | 108   | 126                              | 109                              | 113   | 135  | 4.4                                       |  |  |
| 019 avg              | 114            | -   | 109   | 126                              | 101                              | 109   | 126  | 4.0                                       |  |  |
| -Jan-20              | 106.2          | 107.8                                       | 112.7   | 125.3                            | 78.7                             | 90.6  | 123.3  | 3.7                                       |  |  |
| !-Jan-20             | 107.3          | 107.6                                       | 106.5   | 126.0                            | 83.5                             | 98.4  | 121.9  | 3.8                                       |  |  |
| -Jan-20              | 108.3          | 107.5                                       | 110.1   | 122.9                            | 85.3                             | 95.4  | 127.6  | 4.1                                       |  |  |
| -Jan-20              | 108.0          | 107.5                                       | 109.5   | 123.5                            | 83.8                             | 98.7  | 124.5  | 4.0                                       |  |  |
| -Feb-20              | 108.5          | 108.0                                       | 109.8   | 123.1                            | 85.6                             | 96.2  | 127.8  | 4.2                                       |  |  |
| -Feb-20              | 107.8          | 108.2                                       | 106.5   | 127.8                            | 82.1                             | 101.3   | 121.4  | 3.9                                       |  |  |
| -Feb-20              | 109.1          | 108.4                                       | 108.6   | 127.7                            | 87.4                             | 101.3   | 120.3  | 3.9                                       |  |  |
| -Feb-20              | 108.3          | 108.4                                       | 104.3   | 121.1                            | 89.5                             | 104.0   | 122.4  | 4.1                                       |  |  |
| Mar-20               | 104.8<br>100.4 | 107.5<br>105.7                              | 108.3<br>104.0                                | 122.2<br>117.8                   | 74.6<br>68.6                     | 101.0   | 117.8<br>109.1                                 | 4.1<br>4.1                                |  |  |
| -Mar-20<br>-Mar-20   | 100.4          | 103.7                                       | 104.0   | 117.8                            | 62.2                             | 102.7<br>104.9                                  | 109.1  | 4.1                                       |  |  |
| -Mar-20<br>-Mar-20   | 72.2           | 94.4  | 81.5  | 87.0                             | 39.1                             | 84.9  | 68.4   | 3.8                                       |  |  |
| -Mar-20              | 65.3           | 84.5  | 68.4  | 87.5                             | 35.4                             | 82.9  | 52.1   | 4.3                                       |  |  |
| -Mai - 20<br>-Apr-20 | 71.9           | 77.4  | 74.4  | 97.5                             | 44.1                             | 82.4  | 61.2   | 4.1                                       |  |  |
| 2-Apr-20             | 78.2           | 71.9  | 80.9  | 105.2                            | 46.9                             | 92.1  | 66.1   | 3.8                                       |  |  |
| -Apr-20              | 84.2           | 74.9  | 78.8  | 112.1                            | 51.4                             | 98.3  | 80.3   | 3.1                                       |  |  |
| -Apr-20              | 85.0           | 79.8  | 79.1  | 108.4                            | 58.1                             | 92.5  | 86.9   | 3.6                                       |  |  |
| May-20               | 89.5           | 84.2  | 83.3  | 114.8                            | 59.4                             | 105.2   | 84.7   | 3.2                                       |  |  |
| -May-20              | 90.3           | 87.3  | 81.4  | 116.8                            | 60.7                             | 100.9   | 91.6   | 3.5                                       |  |  |
| -May-20              | 92.3           | 89.3  | 88.6  | 117.0                            | 58.5                             | 102.4   | 94.9   | 3.3                                       |  |  |
| -May-20              | 92.7           | 91.2  | 87.0  | 120.7                            | 58.7                             | 99.9  | 97.3   | 3.2                                       |  |  |
| -May-20              | 98.3           | 93.4  | 87.5  | 120.9                            | 67.9                             | 107.4   | 107.9  | 3.1                                       |  |  |
| -Jun-20              | 97.0           | 95.1  | 88.5  | 120.0                            | 69.0                             | 105.7   | 101.7  | 3.1                                       |  |  |
| -Jun-20              | 97.5           | 96.4  | 88.9  | 121.7                            | 70.8                             | 103.0   | 103.0  | 3.3                                       |  |  |
| Jun-20               | 97.5           | 97.6  | 87.4  | 117.3                            | 69.7                             | 105.8   | 107.2  | 3.1                                       |  |  |
| 3-Jun-20             | 93.0           | 96.3  | 85.5  | 115.1                            | 62.3                             | 100.3   | 102.0  | 3.1                                       |  |  |
| -Jul-20              | 92.1           | 95.0  | 86.1  | 117.3                            | 60.9                             | 97.6  | 98.8   | 3.3                                       |  |  |
| 2-Jul-20             | 91.6           | 93.6  | 87.1  | 115.7                            | 58.8                             | 99.4  | 96.9   | 3.2                                       |  |  |
| 9-Jul-20             | 90.7           | 91.9  | 89.1  | 112.8                            | 57.9                             | 96.7  | 96.8   | 3.4                                       |  |  |
| 5-Jul-20             | 89.0           | 90.9  | 89.0  | 111.0                            | 56.5                             | 95.9  | 92.7   | 3.5                                       |  |  |
| -Aug-20              | 88.6           | 90.0  | 88.5  | 112.8                            | 53.6                             | 90.8  | 97.2   | 3.2                                       |  |  |
| -Aug-20              | 86.5           | 88.7  | 90.9  | 110.7                            | 49.2                             | 92.8  | 88.8   | 3.2                                       |  |  |
| -Aug-20              | 88.6           | 88.2  | 89.2  | 115.3                            | 54.4                             | 94.3  | 89.7   | 3.2                                       |  |  |
| -Aug-20              | 92.7           | 89.1  | 90.4  | 118.4                            | 61.5                             | 98.0  | 95.4   | 3.3                                       |  |  |
| -Aug-20              | 90.2           | 89.5  | 88.1  | 115.2                            | 59.3                             | 95.4  | 93.1   | 3.6                                       |  |  |
| -Sep-20<br>-Sep-20   | 91.1<br>92.4   | 90.7<br>91.6                                | 87.6<br>90.8                                  | 112.9<br>114.3                   | 58.9<br>59.2                     | 99.3<br>96.1                                    | 96.7<br>101.8                                  | 3.2<br>3.2                                |  |  |
| -Sep-20<br>-Sep-20   | 92.4<br>93.5   | 91.8  | 90.8<br>87.9                                  | 114.3                            | 59.2<br>64.2                     | 100.8   | 99.9   | 3.4                                       |  |  |
| -Sep-20<br>'-Sep-20  | 95.5<br>95.0   | 93.0  | 88.8  | 115.1                            | 70.8                             | 100.8   | 98.9   | 3.4<br>3.5                                |  |  |
| -Sep-20<br>-Oct-20   | 95.0<br>95.7   | 93.0<br>94.2                                | 91.7  | 115.1                            | 70.8<br>70.0                     | 101.3   | 98.9<br>98.4                                   | 3.5<br>3.4                                |  |  |
| -Oct-20              | 97.7           | 95.5  | 90.3  | 119.7                            | 73.2                             | 106.1   | 98.9   | 3.5                                       |  |  |
| 3-Oct-20             | 98.1           | 96.6  | 91.0  | 117.2                            | 73.5                             | 104.3   | 104.6  | 3.5                                       |  |  |
| -Oct-20              | 99.7           | 97.8  | 94.2  | 118.6                            | 75.4                             | 105.4   | 105.0  | 3.0                                       |  |  |
| Nov-20               | 99.9           | 98.9  | 88.4  | 120.1                            | 81.7                             | 106.1   | 103.0  | 3.6                                       |  |  |
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| -Nov-20              | 107.5          | 105.4                                       | 93.1  | 123.1                            | 93.7                             | 111.8   | 116.0  | 3.5                                       |  |  |
| -Dec-20              | 109.3          | 107.0                                       | 92.5  | 125.6                            | 96.4                             | 114.0   | 117.7  | 3.8                                       |  |  |
| -Dec-20              | 111.2          | 108.1                                       | 98.4  | 126.2                            | 99.2                             | 114.0   | 118.0  | 3.6                                       |  |  |
| -Dec-20              | 109.0          | 109.3                                       | 96.2  | 127.3                            | 94.6                             | 110.6   | 116.3  | 3.8                                       |  |  |
| -Jan-21              | 108.9          | 109.6                                       | 98.2  | 124.9                            | 92.4                             | 109.1   | 120.1  | 3.6                                       |  |  |
| '-Jan-21             | 108.7          | 109.5                                       | 95.3  | 127.9                            | 93.5                             | 109.6   | 117.2  | 3.5                                       |  |  |
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