

ANZ-ROY MORGAN AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE MEDIA RELEASE

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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REBOUNDS

- Consumer confidence bounced 3.4% in the week ending 17 April after falling nearly 4% over the previous four weeks. Good news about the Australian labour market and the business sector during the week is likely to have lifted sentiment, while a bounce in equity markets following falls in the previous three weeks is also likely to have boosted confidence.
- The increase in confidence was largely driven by a bounce in consumers' views towards the economic outlook. Views towards the 'economy in the next 12 months' bounced by a sharp 7.5%, and views towards the 'economy in the next 5 years' also rose strongly, up 5.2%.
- Consumers' views towards their own personal financial situation were mixed, with views towards the current financial situation bouncing 3.9% after having fallen 5.5% in the previous week. This was, however, partly offset by households' views towards their future finances ('finances in the next 12 months') which fell 1.9%.
- The subindex on whether 'now is a good time to buy a major household item' rose also rose a solid 3.7%.

ANZ HEAD OF AUSTRALIAN ECONOMICS FELICITY EMMETT COMMENTED:

"Consumer confidence bounced last week after declining four weeks in a row, with this turnaround taking sentiment back above its long run average. Last week's strong labour market report showing a fall in the unemployment rate to 5.7% is likely to have been a key factor in the rebound. The jobless rate is now at the lowest level in over two years, and we anticipate conditions will remain solid in the near term. The strength in business conditions, which are now back at their highest levels since the GFC, point to a solid labour market in the near term.

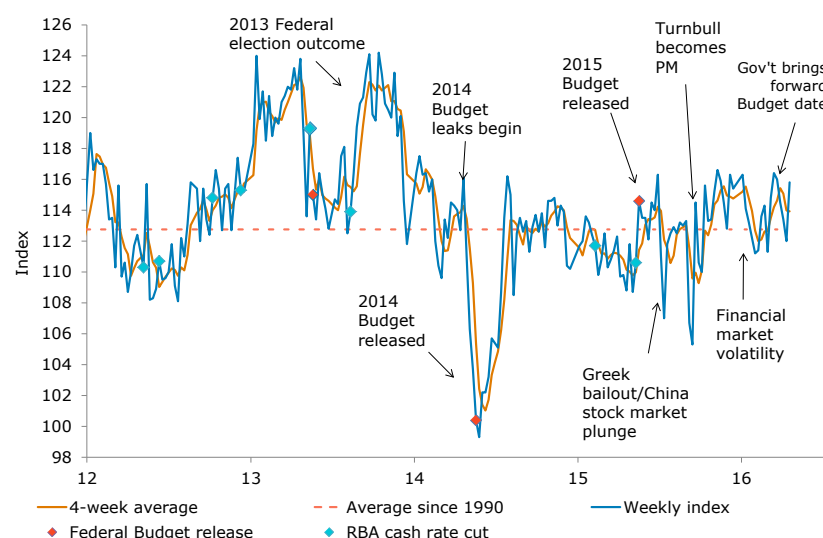
While good news on the labour market and business conditions appear to have boosted confidence recently, the key is how confidence translates into spending. Household spending remains a key risk to the outlook, and as such confidence will be key to watch in the lead up to the Commonwealth Budget and what looks likely to be a July 2 double dissolution election."

FIGURE 1. WEEKLY ANZ-ROY MORGAN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Last week (16/17 Apr)	Weekly change, %	4-week avg	Monthly avg since 1990
115.8	+3.4%	113.9	112.7

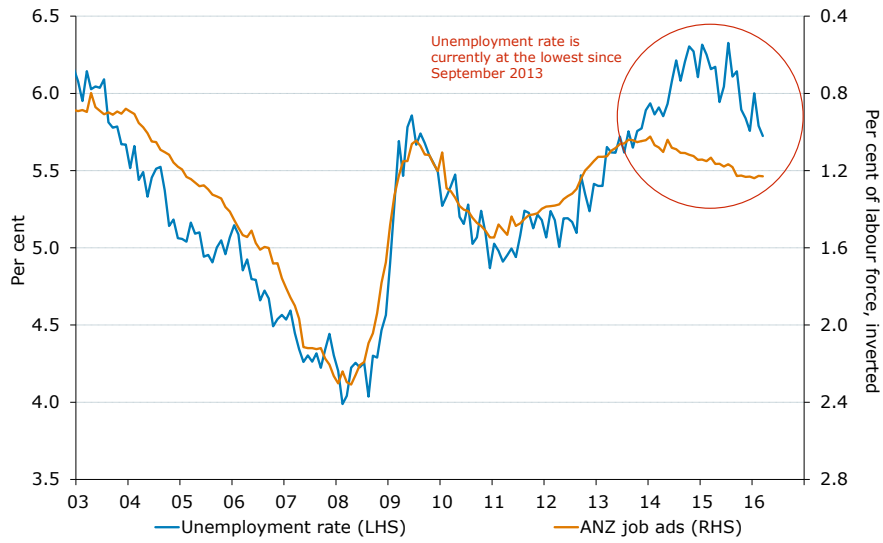
Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 3.

FIGURE 2. CONSUMER CONFIDENCE BOUNCES 3.4%...



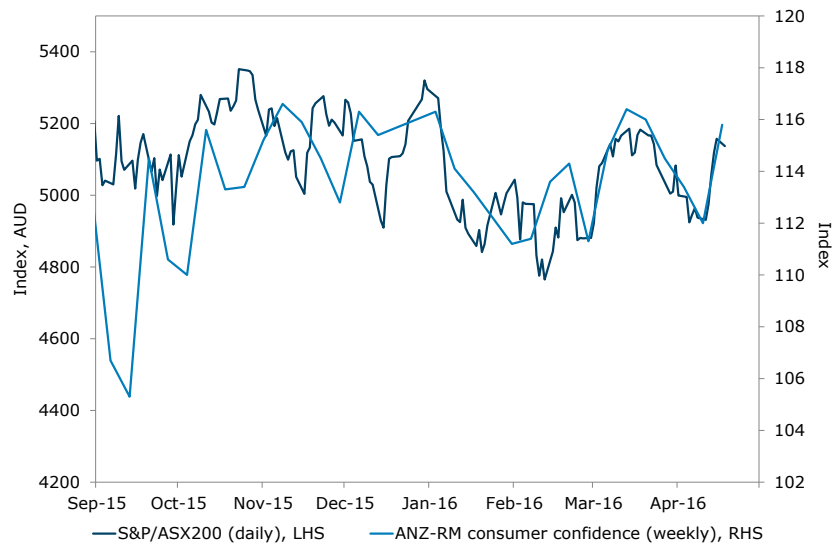
Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

FIGURE 3. ...HELPED BY GOOD LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS...



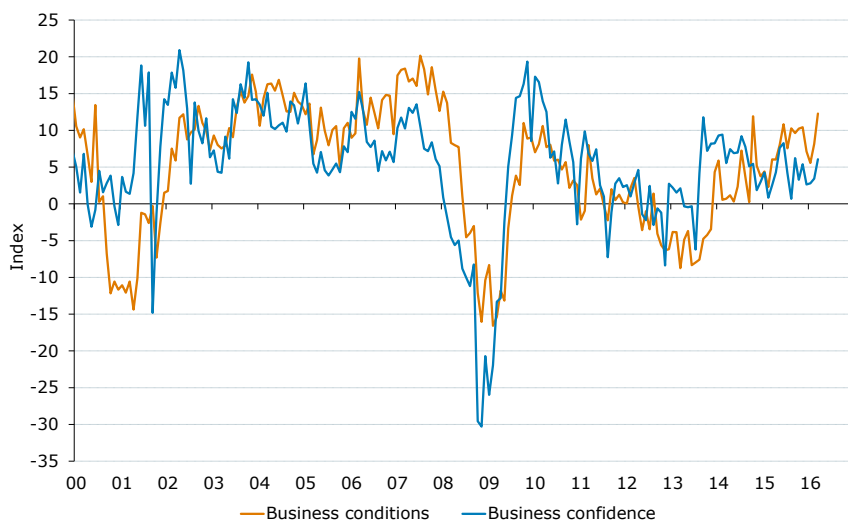
Source: ABS, ANZ Research

FIGURE 4. ...AND GAINS IN EQUITY MARKETS



Source: Bloomberg, ANZ-Roy Morgan

FIGURE 5. BUSINESS CONDITIONS ARE AT A POST-GFC HIGH



Source: NAB, ANZ Research

TABLE 1. CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

	Headline index		Subindices				
	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
Avg since 2001	116	-	103	124	106	115	134
2010 avg	124	-	101	127	124	130	139
2011 avg	114	-	97	117	101	116	140
2012 avg	113	-	99	118	97	113	138
2013 avg	119	-	104	128	106	118	139
2014 avg	111	-	104	121	94	106	132
2015 avg	112	-	107	124	94	106	131
4-Jan-15	111.7	111.6	107.7	119.3	88.8	108.1	134.8
11-Jan-15	112	111.1	105.1	120.2	90.3	105.8	138.7
18-Jan-15	113.6	111.9	103.0	125.6	97.1	108.4	134.0
25-Jan-15	113.2	112.6	108.3	121.2	94.0	108.7	133.8
1-Feb-15	112.4	112.8	103.8	123.7	94.2	105.8	134.7
8-Feb-15	111.7	112.7	105.2	127.0	90.8	103.1	132.4
15-Feb-15	109.8	111.8	104.0	127.6	86.9	99.8	130.9
22-Feb-15	110.8	111.2	107.7	122.8	91.0	106.2	126.6
1-Mar-15	112.5	111.2	104.1	124.3	95.0	106.6	132.8
8-Mar-15	110.3	110.9	104.2	121.8	93.4	100.3	132.0
15-Mar-15	110.8	111.1	106.3	124.6	91.3	101.2	130.6
22-Mar-15	111.4	111.3	101.8	124.4	94.1	104.5	132.0
29-Mar-15	112.3	111.2	104.3	125.4	95.0	107.7	129.3
5-Apr-15	109.7	111.1	104.9	121.9	92.2	106.3	123.4
12-Apr-15	109.8	110.8	105.7	122.8	88.5	102.7	129.3
19-Apr-15	108.8	110.2	102.5	125.3	84.9	101.5	130.0
26-Apr-15	111.8	110.0	106.3	123.2	92.2	102.4	134.9
3-May-15	108.7	109.8	101.9	119.0	90.7	103.1	128.7
10-May-15	110.6	110.0	107.6	124.3	89.7	104.2	127.4
17-May-15	114.6	111.4	108.3	123.3	100.2	106.8	134.4
24-May-15	113.5	111.9	109.4	126.6	94.9	107.7	129.0
31-May-15	113.5	113.1	105.5	122.3	95.9	112.0	131.5
7-Jun-15	112.1	113.4	103.6	120.8	93.7	104.5	137.8
14-Jun-15	114.5	113.4	102.8	125.1	97.5	109.0	138.1
21-Jun-15	114.0	113.5	108.2	123.7	93.3	104.4	140.1
28-Jun-15	116.3	114.2	106.9	123.9	98.6	109.2	143.0
5-Jul-15	111.0	114.0	104.3	122.7	90.5	106.0	131.4
12-Jul-15	107.0	112.1	105.2	119.1	83.5	97.7	129.3
19-Jul-15	111.8	111.5	106.0	122.7	92.5	104.6	133.4
26-Jul-15	112.5	110.6	108.1	124.1	91.2	104.1	135.0
2-Aug-15	112.9	111.1	112.0	122.1	96.4	106.0	128.2
9-Aug-15	112.5	112.4	109.0	125.7	95.0	100.4	132.3
16-Aug-15	113.2	112.8	110.8	123.9	92.7	108.4	129.9
23-Aug-15	113.0	112.9	110.3	122.6	93.7	107.1	131.1
30-Aug-15	113.3	113.0	109.5	127.4	89.1	109.0	131.6
6-Sep-15	106.7	111.6	105.7	120.5	83.5	103.3	120.6
13-Sep-15	105.3	109.6	107.4	121.2	81.7	97.1	119.4
20-Sep-15	114.5	110.0	109.9	126.5	102.8	110.1	123.1
27-Sep-15	110.6	109.3	107.7	123.0	95.1	108.4	118.7
4-Oct-15	110.0	110.1	103.8	121.9	95.7	102.3	126.4
11-Oct-15	115.6	112.7	108.8	130.0	99.6	112.5	127.2
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1-Nov-15	115.2	114.4	110.8	126.9	102.2	106.3	129.6
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6-Dec-15	116.3	114.9	109.5	128.9	101.9	110.3	130.9
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