

## FinPro Member Update – Edition 24, 2025

### President's Message

Hi everyone,

I hope you're doing well and starting to come up for air as we head into the final stretch of the year. It's been another big period for the sector, and I want to genuinely acknowledge the work you're all doing every day to keep your organisations, and communities moving.

It was great to see so many of you at our AGM and PD Day at the MCG. The energy in the room, the conversations, and the willingness to openly share experience is what makes FinPro such a strong and supportive network. A big thank you as well to Payble for partnering with us to make the day possible.

On the advocacy front, there's been plenty happening. We've got several key submissions underway, and you'll find more detail in this edition. Your insights are central to how we frame our positions – they give weight and credibility to the arguments we take forward, and they ensure we reflect what's occurring across the sector, not just the theory.

The 2025-26 Budget Update was released by the Treasurer on 5 December 2025. The report provides revised estimated financial statements relative to the previous Budget, including the projected outcome for the end of the current financial year and revised estimates for the forward years. [Click here](#) to view it.

Lastly, I am currently in NSW at their conference. I am presenting on a panel today, joined by fellow local government colleagues from QLD, WA, New Zealand and the US. Talking about our jurisdiction as well as some of the key strengths and challenges we are all facing. Below you will see a couple of photos from the conference. The conference has taught me, the challenges we are facing across the country and seas are quite similar, but connecting people now is more important than ever, as we navigate challenging times.

Wishing you all a steady finish to the year and hopefully a chance to pause, reset and spend time doing the things that matter most.

Warm regards,

Tony Rocca

**President, FinPro and Director/CFO, Maroondah CC**



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## Current and active FinPro submissions

The FinPro Executive Committee have put in submissions on the following:

- Draft Ministerial Guidelines are open for public consultation on the [Engage Victoria](#) website from 10 November 2025 to 11:59pm on 5 December 2025. [Click here](#) to read FinPro's submission.
- FinPro provided a submission to the Minister on the Waste Guidelines. [Click here](#) to view FinPro's submission.

Submissions we have coming up:

- Local Government Statement of Secure Employment – Model template – submissions due 22 December 2025.
- Commonwealth inquiry into LG funding: [Terms of Reference – Parliament of Australia](#). Building on the previous inquiry, submissions due Tuesday, 3 February 2026.

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## Save the dates: FinPro Events in 2026

- Friday, 27 February 2026: Professional Development Day – MCEC
- Friday, 13 June 2026: Professional Development Day – venue TBC
- Wednesday, 28 – Friday, 30 October 2026: FinPro Conference 2026

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## VAGO Status Report

The November VAGO Status Report is [available here](#).

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## FinPro AGM and PD Day, Friday 28 November 2025



We had an amazing time at this year's AGM and Professional Development Day on Friday, 28 November 2025 at the MCG in Melbourne. Thank you to [Payble](#) for sponsoring this event.

[Click here](#) to view the minutes and financials from the meeting.

The FinPro Executive was confirmed for 2025/26 and is as follows:

- Melissa Baker, Casey City Council
- John Brockway, City of Yarra
- Binda Gokhale, Contractor
- Belinda Johnson, Horsham Rural City Council
- Navec Lorkin, Knox City Council
- Nicole Maxwell, Mitchell Shire Council
- Fiona Rae, Golden Plains Shire Council
- Caroline Reidy, Frankston City Council
- Tony Rocca, Maroondah City Council
- Liam Routledge, Central Goldfields Shire Council
- Deep Sethi, Monash City Council
- Rahul Shah, Whittlesea City Council
- Allison Southwell, Cardinia Shire Council
- Gabby Spiller, Surf Coast Shire Council
- John Vastianos, Glen Eira City Council
- Alan Wilson, Melbourne City Council

A huge thank you to Simone Wickes, who joined the FinPro Executive Committee in February 2021 and has been instrumental in the development of the Senior Leaders Summit over the past two years.



## Case study: Streamlining TechnologyOne Invoice Processing with SaaS

Chelmsford City Council Partners with EzeScan to Revolutionise Invoice Processing and Boost Efficiency. Here's how they did it...

Chelmsford City Council, a prominent district council catering to over 190,000 residents in Essex handles around 1,000 supplier invoices per month has taken a bold step towards streamlining its operations. Seeking to tackle the challenges of manual invoice processing and adapt to the demands of a hybrid office environment, the council has engaged EzeScan, a leading provider of intelligent data capture and process automation solutions.

The existing invoice processing system at Chelmsford City Council had been burdening staff with laborious manual tasks, leading to delays and a lack of visibility on pending invoices. However, the innovative EzeScan CLOUD (SaaS) Invoice Processing Solution for TechnologyOne promises to change the game.

Implemented just before the holiday season, the EzeScan CLOUD solution quickly gained traction in January, automating the registration of about 90% of incoming invoices, reducing manual data entry, and freeing up staff time for more critical tasks.

### Challenges

- Manual invoice processing was time-consuming and lacked visibility on the number of invoices yet to be processed.

- The existing OCR solution, was difficult to set up and required manual mapping for different invoice types, leading to repetitive and time-consuming work.
- The AP team faced difficulties with handling invoices with missing data or complex invoices requiring manual checking.

[Click here](#) to read the case study.



## Job Opportunities

- [Internal Audit and Risk Committee Membership Applications](#), Mildura Rural City Council - Applications close on Friday, 5 December 2025
- [Finance Business Partner - Capital Works](#), Baw Baw Shire Council - Applications close on Sunday, 7 December 2025
- [Senior Accountant](#), Glenelg Shire Council – Applications close on Thursday, 11 December 2025
- [Development Contributions Finance Specialist](#), Greater Shepparton City Council - Applications close Friday, 12 December 2025
- [Manager Finance and Rates](#), Greater Shepparton City Council - Applications close Monday, 15 December 2025

## Membership Announcements

Membership renewals are in process. Have any questions or haven't received yours? Reach out to [Lucy Scorer](#) to discuss.

Have you had changes in your team? Reach out to [Lucy Scorer](#) to update your members.

## TCV Loan Rates as at 3 December 2025

	Fixed Rate (Interest Only)		Fixed Rate (Principal and Interest)*		Floating Rate (margin to BBSW)	
Maturity	Quarterly	Semi	Quarterly	Semi	Quarterly	Semi
1 year	4.1093	4.1280	4.1050	4.1500	0.3494	0.0947
3 year	4.5112	4.5337	4.3500	4.3900	0.5216	0.2874
5 year	4.8246	4.8504	4.5750	4.6150	0.6776	0.4656
7 year	5.1416	5.1712	4.7950	4.8350	0.8327	0.6417
10 year	5.5744	5.6094	5.1200	5.1600	1.0683	0.9019
12 year	5.7700	5.8075	5.3050	5.3500	1.1631	1.0082
15 year	6.0683	6.1101	5.5600	5.6050	1.3598	1.2168

<b>11am (at Call)</b>	3.9150				<b>BBSW</b>	
<b>30 day</b>	3.7750				<b>1 Month</b>	3.5518
<b>60 day</b>	3.8350				<b>3 Month</b>	3.6684
<b>90 day</b>	3.8950				<b>6 Month</b>	3.9803
<b>180 day</b>	4.2050					

### TCV Investment rates

TCV note the current TCV 11am/At Call deposit rate is 3.55%. The 11am deposit can be easily utilised for council's daily working capital requirements. Instructions to invest/withdraw funds are requested prior to 3pm for transactions to be processed on the same day. We encourage councils to review the rates currently paid on their at-call accounts with their transactional bank and consider this facility to maximise returns on any surplus cash balances.

<b>Cash</b>	3.5500		<b>4 Month</b>	3.7675
<b>1 Month</b>	3.5418		<b>5 Month</b>	3.8819
<b>2 Month</b>	3.6038		<b>6 Month</b>	3.9703
<b>3 Month</b>	3.6584		<b>1 Year</b>	3.8030

These loan interest rates and margins are indicative only and current as at the time of calculation. The rates and margins indicated include the TCV administration fee of 0.115%, the DTF Guarantee Fee of 0.15% and Execution of 0.05%

\*Fixed rate (Principal and Interest) assumes principal balance is reduced to zero over equal instalments until maturity.

Rates have moved materially higher in recent weeks, on well above target CPI in October, combined with a tight labour market. But with GDP growth subdued, the RBA is unlikely to begin hiking rates. We expect the RBA to remain on hold over 2026.

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## FinPro Executive Team 2025/26

### Committee Members:

- Tony Rocca, Director / CFO, Maroondah CC
- Alan Wilson, Financial Controller, Melbourne CC – Lead, Professional Dev Stream
- Navec Lorkin, CFO, Knox CC – Lead, Technical Stream
- Allison Southwell, CFO, Cardinia SC
- Belinda Johnson, CFO, Horsham RCC
- Binda Gokhale, Consultant
- Fiona Rae, Manager Finance, Golden Plains SC
- Gabby Spiller, Manager Finance, Surf Coast SC
- John Brockway, CFO, City of Yarra
- John Vastianos, CFO, Glen Eira CC
- Liam Routledge, General Manager-Corporate Services, Goldfields SC
- Melissa Baker, CFO, Casey CC
- Nicole Maxwell, Manager Finance, Mitchell SC,
- Rahul Shah, Unit Manager Financial Strategy, Whittlesea CC
- Deep Sethi, CFO, Monash CC
- Caroline Reidy, CFO, Frankston CC

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