

FinPro Member Update – Edition 10, 2026

President's Message

Hi everyone,

This edition of the FinPro Member Update comes at a time of change, growth and exciting opportunities across our sector. One of the things I continue to value most about local government is the strength of our professional community and the way we support each other through every stage of our careers.

Over the past week, I had the pleasure of being involved in the FinPro Leadership Program held at my home offices of Maroondah City Council. It was incredibly encouraging to spend time with twelve emerging leaders from councils across Victoria and hear their ideas, experiences and aspirations for the future of local government finance. They will all be big assets in the sector and enjoyed spending some quality time with them all. Well done for your active and engaging participation throughout the program. A big thank you to Melissa Baker for facilitating the program, our guest speakers for sharing their insights, and our mentors for helping shape the next generation of leaders.

This issue also includes details of our upcoming Professional Development Day in June and an early look ahead to the FinPro Conference 2026. With the theme Trust & Technology: The Future of Finance, we'll be exploring topics that are increasingly shaping our profession, including AI, governance and how we continue building confidence and capability in a rapidly evolving environment.

On a personal note, I want to acknowledge fellow FinPro Executive Committee member John Brockway as he prepares to begin his new chapter outside local government. John has made a significant contribution to the sector and to FinPro over many years, and I know many members will join me in thanking him and wishing him every success for what comes next. He left once, and when he is ready, we hope he comes back! Well done John for continuing to stretch yourself and learn new industries. I will miss your knowledge and passion, but I am sure we will stay in touch.

As always, thank you for your continued support of FinPro. I hope you enjoy this edition and I look forward to connecting with many of you at upcoming events over the coming months.

Warm regards,

Tony Rocca
President, FinPro
Director Corporate, Maroondah City Council

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FinPro Leadership Program



Held at Maroondah City Council from Sunday 10 – Wednesday 13 May 2026, 12 future finance leaders from Councils across Victoria to come together, share their experiences, learn from experts in local government and learn about themselves to become better leaders in the future.

Thank you to all our guest speakers: Marc Giglio, City of Banyule; Simone Wickes, City of Monash; John Brockway, City of Yarra; Tony Rocca and Steve Kozlowski, City of Maroondah. The program was facilitated by the wonderful Melissa Baker, City of Casey – thank you so much, Mel.

This year also saw a change to the program, where mentors were invited to participate in one of the sessions during the program so the pairings could meet each other, set some goals and lock in meetings for the duration of the program. Thank you to all of our mentors that signed up to be part of this program, we can already see the benefits of this first meeting.

FinPro Professional Development Day – 19 June 2026



FinPro Professional Development Day

Friday, 19 June 2026

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

REGISTER NOW



[Registrations are still open](#) for the FinPro Professional Development Day, to be held on Friday, 19 June 2026 at Clarendon Auditorium, MCEC.

The agenda includes the following presentations:

- Economic Update - Presented by Phin Ziebell, Treasury Corporation of Victoria
- VAGO Update - Presented by Travis Derricott, Sector Director, VAGO
- Defined Benefits - Vision Super
- Developer Contributions - SIG progress presentation
- Keynote presentation: Leading with gravitas - Dr Louise Mahler

Registration fees

- Council member registration: \$187
- Corporate member registration: \$242
- Non-member registration: \$350

[Register now](#)

FinPro Conference 2026



The FinPro Annual Conference, the flagship event of our calendar, is scheduled from the afternoon of Wednesday, 28 October to lunchtime on Friday, 30 October 2026. The conference theme is, “Trust & Technology: The Future of Finance” and the program will reflect this with presentations on AI, governance, communication and technical updates.

Registration will open for the conference in **early June**. The sponsorship prospectus is available now – get in touch with Lucy Scorer for a copy via email executiveofficer@finpro.org.au or by phone: 03 9631 2727.

MAVlab Innovation Awards

The [2026 MAVlab Innovation Awards](#) are now open.

The MAVlab Innovation Awards are back, to spotlight the bold ideas, imaginative minds, and everyday breakthroughs shaping the future of local government in Victoria.

Innovation in local government takes courage. It takes vision. And it takes persistence. These awards are about recognising those who rise to the challenge.

There are thirteen awards across a wide variety of topics celebrating projects, programs, people and teams. Submissions are open until 5.59pm Wednesday 24 June, 2026.

**Nominations
now open.**

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE
24.06.2026

We would like to encourage our members to consider applying for:

The Dollars and Sense Award for Impactful and Innovative Business Operations

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In recognition of innovation in council procurement, finance and business systems that deliver greater value for money, revenue generation, strengthen community and local industry outcomes, and improve financial sustainability. Please [visit the website](#) for more information.

Job Opportunities

- [Treasurer](#), Mornington Peninsula Women's Shelter – Volunteer opportunity
 - [Coordinator Rates & Revenue](#), Brimbank City Council – Applications close Tuesday, 19 May 2026
 - [Financial Accountant](#), Moorabool Shire Council – Applications close Thursday, 28 May 2026
 - [Coordinator Contracts](#), Macedon Ranges Shire Council - Applications close Friday, 29 May
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Membership Announcements

We are so pleased to welcome our new members since the last issue of the newsletter.

Upcoming changes:

- John Brockway, Chief Financial Officer, City of Yarra is leaving local government at the end of May to join the private sector.

New FinPro members:

- Graham Haylock, Asset Management Data Analyst, Bayside City Council
- Vi Nguyen, Senior Financial Accountant, Knox City Council
- Dan Perera, Senior Management Accountant, Knox City Council
- Ashy Sehgal, Chief Financial Officer, Wellington Shire Council
- Alana Parisi, Coordinator Procurement & Fleet, Bass Coast Shire Council
- Vanessa Lewindon, Coordinator Revenue, Bass Coast Shire Council
- Sarah White, Accounts Officer, Bass Coast Shire Council
- Susan Drysdale, Finance Officer, Bass Coast Shire Council
- Jennifer Brooks, Purchasing & Finance Officer, Bass Coast Shire Council
- Niken Pharaoh, Senior Revenue Officer, Bass Coast Shire Council
- Shari Fitzgerald, Procurement Business Partner, Bass Coast Shire Council

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

How public servants use Generative AI in their work

Generative AI is rapidly becoming part of everyday work across the public sector, but how are public servants actually using it in practice? New research from the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) explores how public sector professionals are using AI tools to draft documents, analyse information and improve efficiency, while also navigating important considerations around governance, trust and responsible use. It's an insightful look at the opportunities and challenges facing organisations as AI becomes increasingly embedded in day-to-day work. [Click here](#) to read the story

TCV Loan Rates as at 13 May 2026

Maturity	Fixed Rate (Interest Only)		Fixed Rate (Principal and Interest) *		Floating Rate (margin to BBSW)	
	Quarterly	Semi	Quarterly	Maturity	Quarterly	Semi
1 year	5.0442	5.0731	4.9950	5.0600	0.3278	0.1212
3 year	5.2424	5.2730	5.1700	5.2100	0.5175	0.2996
5 year	5.3954	5.4278	5.2750	5.3100	0.6578	0.4482
7 year	5.6315	5.6669	5.4050	5.4450	0.8087	0.6150
10 year	5.9591	5.9989	5.6300	5.6750	1.0099	0.8368
12 year	6.1375	6.1799	5.7750	5.8200	1.1220	0.9607
15 year	6.3417	6.3870	5.9750	6.0200	1.2592	1.1101
11am (at Call)	4.6650				BBSW	
30 day	4.4750				1 Month	4.3038
60 day	4.5250				3 Month	4.4507
90 day	4.6250				6 Month	4.8091
180 day	4.9850					

TCV Investment rates

TCV note the current TCV 11am/At Call deposit rate is 4.30%. 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.

Cash	4.3000		4 Month	4.5392
1 Month	4.2938		5 Month	4.6450
2 Month	4.3425		6 Month	4.7991
3 Month	4.4407		1 Year	4.7481

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.

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- Tony Rocca, Director Corporate, Maroondah CC

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- Alan Wilson, Financial Controller, Melbourne CC – Professional Development Stream
- Navec Lorkin, CFO, Knox CC – Technical Stream

Treasurer

- Deep Sethi, CFO, Monash CC

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