

FinPro Member Update – Edition 2, 2026

President's Message

Hi everyone,

Welcome to our second FinPro Member Update for 2026. I hope the year has started well for you and your teams, despite what continues to be a demanding operating environment across the local government sector.

This edition includes a range of important updates and opportunities for members. You'll find the latest VAGO Status Report for January 2026, along with details of our first Professional Development Day for the year on Friday, 27 February, to be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre. We are pleased to welcome the Hon. Nick Staikos, Minister for Local Government, as well as a strong program of speakers covering leadership, effective feedback, sector updates and the launch of the model accounts. We are also delighted to feature a keynote presentation from Tracey Spicer AM, who will explore the opportunities and risks associated with artificial intelligence in today's workplaces.

There are many FinPro events planned for 2026, including the Leadership and Mentoring Program, Senior Leaders Summit, annual conference in Geelong and our AGM later in the year. I encourage you to mark these dates in your calendar as we continue to focus on building capability, connection and leadership across the finance profession.

You'll find a case study from the City of Boroondara, highlighting their selection of Datacom's Datascape platform as part of their broader transformation program, along with current job opportunities, membership announcements, and the latest TCV loan and investment rates.

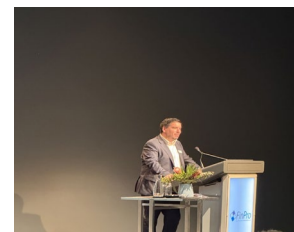
I would also like to acknowledge the recent fires impacting communities across Melbourne and Victoria. Our thoughts are with those councils, staff, volunteers and residents who have been directly affected. Events like these place significant operational and financial pressure on councils, often at very short notice. FinPro recognises the important role finance teams play during emergency response and recovery, and we will continue to advocate on behalf of the sector to ensure these impacts are understood and appropriately supported.

Thank you, as always, and hopefully the start to 2026 has not been too hectic, as we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Warm regards,

Tony Rocca

President, FinPro and Director/CFO, Maroondah CC



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VAGO Status Report – January 2026

The VAGO Local Government Status Report – January 2026 provides an update on current and upcoming audit activity across the sector, including the impact of recent fires and flooding on councils and the 2025–26 audit approach. It highlights audits to be tabled in early 2026, planned performance audits of relevance to local government, and key governance and integrity matters involving VAGO, IBAC, the Victorian Ombudsman and PAEC.

[View the report here.](#)

FinPro PD Day, 27 February 2026



FinPro Professional Development Day

Friday, 27 February 2026

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Our first Professional Development Day will be held on Friday, 27 February 2026 at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

A full program is [available now](#). We are pleased to announce that Hon. Nick Staikos, Minister for Local Government will be joining us to speak about some of the big issues facing local government now.

The program also includes presentations on leadership and giving effective feedback, a presentation from VAGO, the launch of the model accounts and a keynote from Tracey Spicer AM, journalist, author and broadcaster.



Tracey Spicer AM, journalist, author and broadcaster

Artificial Intelligence has become the ultimate gamechanger in business - but only if you know which bots to trust. In this high-energy, humorous, and revealing keynote, award-winning journalist Tracey Spicer AM shares the latest must-know insights from the frontline of AI innovation.

Drawing on her investigative roots, Tracey cuts through the hype to showcase the best AI tools transforming workplaces today - while sounding the alarm on the biased bots that can quietly damage your brand, alienate customers, and erode staff morale.

Following the presentations, a networking hour will be held at the venue.

We would like to thank [TechnologyOne](#) for sponsoring this event. Seats are limited – reserve your spot today!

[Register now](#)

Future 2026 FinPro Events

- FinPro Leadership and Mentoring Program – May 2026
 - Professional Development Day – Friday, 13 June 2026
 - FinPro Senior Leaders Summit 2026 – Date and venue TBC
 - FinPro Conference 2026 – Geelong - 28 – 30 October 2026
 - FinPro AGM and PD Day - 27 November 2026
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Case study: City of Boroondara selects Datacom’s Datascape platform to modernise property, rates and permits

Local technology services provider Datacom has been selected by the City of Boroondara in Victoria, Australia, to deliver its new Property, Rates and Permits system.

Located east of Melbourne’s central business district, the City of Boroondara serves a population of more than 170,000 residents, with the council overseeing a wide range of services and functions, including planning, building, land management, property and rates.

Following a competitive public tender process, Datacom’s Datascape platform was chosen to replace some of the council’s legacy systems.

The new Property, Rates and Permit system replacement is part of the “[Transforming Boroondara](#)” program and will support a broad range of council functions, including:

- Accounts receivable, receipting
- Animal management
- Building services
- Infringements management
- Investigation management
- Land management
- Licenses and permits management
- Local laws
- Property
- Rates
- Strategic and statutory planning
- Streets, roads and parking.

“The City of Boroondara is undertaking a major transformation and our team is proud to be part of that journey. Datascape will provide the council with a transparent, efficient and easy-to-use platform that simplifies internal processes and enhances service delivery for their community and stakeholders,” said John Wiggs, Director – Datascape at Datacom.



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

Job Opportunities

- [Finance Committee expressions of interest](#), Borough of Queenscliffe – Applications close on Friday, 30 January 2026
 - [Accountant](#), Corangamite Shire Council – Applications close on Sunday, 1 February 2026
 - [Finance Support Officer](#), Colac Otway Shire Council – Applications close on Thursday, 5 February 2026
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Membership Announcements

We are so pleased to welcome our new members:

- Shane Marr is the new Manager Finance at City of Kingston.
- Danielle Lao has joined City of Melbourne as a Senior Corporate Finance Analyst.

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

TCV Loan Rates as at 28 January 2026

Maturity	Fixed Rate (Interest Only) Quarterly		Fixed Rate (Principal and Interest) * Semi		Floating Rate (margin to BBSW) Quarterly	
	1 year	4.3423	4.3636	4.2650	4.3350	0.2702
3 year	4.7499	4.7750	4.5950	4.6350	0.5116	0.3000
5 year	4.9951	5.0230	4.7850	4.8250	0.6344	0.4309
7 year	5.2601	5.2911	4.9700	5.0100	0.7611	0.5705
10 year	5.6462	5.6821	5.2500	5.2950	0.9711	0.8023
12 year	5.8318	5.8702	5.4150	5.4600	1.0671	0.9099
15 year	6.0800	6.1219	5.6400	5.6850	1.2261	1.0801
11am (at Call)	3.9150				BBSW	
30 day	3.8750				1 Month	3.6525
60 day	3.9650				3 Month	3.8131
90 day	4.0350				6 Month	4.0841
180 day	4.3050					

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.

Cash	3.5500		4 Month	3.9077
1 Month	3.6425		5 Month	3.9990
2 Month	3.7275		6 Month	4.0741
3 Month	3.8031		1 Year	4.0386

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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