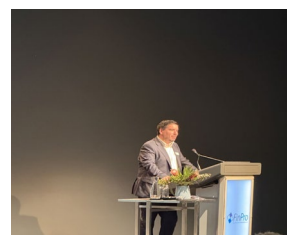


FinPro Member Update – Edition 4, 2026

President's Message

Hi everyone,

Today we are hosting our first Professional Development Day for the year at the Melbourne Convention Centre, with more than 350 members attending. The program reflects the practical and technical focus, spanning budgeting in contemporary councils, insights from VAGO, and the release of the Model Budget and Model Financial Statements. Alongside the technical content, sessions such as Feedback Fitness and Tracey Spicer AM's *The Path to Protopia* encourage us to think more broadly about leadership and influence.



This event also marks Fiona's final engagement with the FinPro Executive Committee, and indeed Victoria. Fiona Rae has accepted the role of Manager Finance at Gympie Regional Council in Queensland. Since joining the FinPro Exec in 2020, Fiona has been an outstanding contributor to both the organisation and our membership. On behalf of FinPro, I thank Fiona for her commitment and wish her every success in this next chapter. Of course, she is always welcome back!

Looking ahead, I encourage members to register for our upcoming webinar, *Accounting for Natural Disasters – Lessons Learned*, on Thursday, 5 March. This session will step through the full lifecycle of disaster-related financial management – from the critical first 72 hours through to audit and reporting considerations. Hearing directly from peers who have managed emergency funding, reimbursement processes, asset impacts, and complex funding arrangements will provide practical insights that councils can apply well before the next event arises.

We have information on the 2026 Leadership and Mentoring programs and encourage our members to get involved. And we have included the latest TCV loan and investment rates to assist councils in navigating evolving financial conditions, current job opportunities and a warm welcome to new members.

Enjoy the PD Day and hopefully you all have a restful long weekend next week!

Warm regards,

Tony Rocca

President, FinPro and Director Corporate, Maroondah CC

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FinPro Professional Development Day

Friday, 27 February 2026

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Thank you to over 350 members that are at our first in-person event for 2026. Presentations are now available at the links below:

[Budgeting reimaged for Modern councils, giving organisations confidence in the decisions they make](#) - Michelle Wise, Product Success Director, TechnologyOne

[Feedback Fitness: Don't take this personally, BUT...](#) Sue Anderson, Speaker, Trainer, Author, Coach and Mentor

[VAGO Update](#): Travis Derricott, Sector Director, VAGO

[Launch Model Budget and Model Financial Statements](#): LGV

[Summary on rates and charges](#): Daniel Chafer, President, RMA

[The Path to Protopia](#): Tracey Spicer AM, journalist, author and broadcaster

We would like to thank [TechnologyOne](#) for sponsoring this event.

Webinar: Accounting for Natural Disasters – Lessons learned

Date: Thursday, 5 March 2026

Time: 12.30pm – 1.30pm

FinPro's upcoming webinar *Accounting for Natural Disasters - Lessons Learned* brings together council finance professionals who have managed real disaster response and recovery funding to share practical, experience-based insights.

The session will explore what happens from the first 72 hours through to audit and financial reporting - including emergency spending approvals, documentation for reimbursement claims, managing multiple funding streams, asset impairments and working effectively with auditors.

Panellists will highlight the processes and preparations that saved time, reduced risk and improved claim success, giving members clear, practical steps they can implement before the next event. If your role involves budgeting, reporting or governance during emergencies, this is a valuable opportunity to learn what works (and what doesn't) from councils who have been through it.

Panellists include:

- Stephen Cook, Management Accountant, Campaspe Shire Council
- Lori Lee, Asset Accountant, Surf Coast Shire Council
- Kristy Aberline, Executive Officer Management Accounting, Yarra Ranges Council
- Casey Southurst, Coordinator Emergency Management, Mitchell Shire Council

This webinar is free for FinPro members.

[Click here](#) to register.

FinPro Leadership Program 2026

Applications are now open for the 2026 FinPro Financial Management and Leadership Development Program provides a unique opportunity to develop the extra skills needed to move from being an accountant to being a leader in Local Government.

This program has been developed to cover the specialist skills and knowledge councils require of finance managers in today's world. It will be delivered by people who work within the sector and who have a broad range of skills, knowledge, and experience. Participants will work with industry leaders to gain knowledge as well as practical experience.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the program and to view the application form.

Applications are open now and close at 5:00pm on Friday, 27 March 2026

FinPro Mentoring Program

Following the Leadership Program, participants will embark on a 12-month mentoring program where they are guided by leaders in the sector. To enable this, we are calling for members to volunteer to be mentors. This program will start in May at the 2026 Leadership Program, with the first session being held in person.

To submit an expression of interest to be a mentor, please [click here](#).

Save the date: FinPro Conference 2026



Job Opportunities

- [Chair and Independent Member Audit and Risk Committee](#), Central Goldfields Shire Council – Applications close on Friday, 27 February 2026
 - [Internal Audit and Risk Committee Membership](#), Mildura Rural City Council – Applications close on Friday, 27 February 2026
 - [Financial Accountant – Assets](#), City of Greater Bendigo - Applications close on Sunday, 15 March 2026
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Membership Announcements

We are so pleased to welcome our new members:

- Chloe Smith, Finance Business Partner, Bass Coast Shire Council
- William Norris, Payment Experience Lead - Vic, Payble

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

TCV Loan Rates as at 25 February 2026

Maturity	Fixed Rate (Interest Only)		Fixed Rate (Principal and Interest) *		Floating Rate (margin to BBSW)	
	Quarterly	Semi	Quarterly	Maturity	Quarterly	Semi
1 year	4.4879	4.5111	4.4250	4.5050	0.2585	0.0433
3 year	4.7815	4.8071	4.6600	4.7050	0.5021	0.2791
5 year	4.9817	5.0096	4.8100	4.8500	0.6422	0.4275
7 year	5.2364	5.2672	4.9700	5.0100	0.7932	0.5916
10 year	5.5857	5.6211	5.2250	5.2650	0.9949	0.8139
12 year	5.7694	5.8072	5.3750	5.4200	1.0976	0.9269
15 year	5.9803	6.0210	5.5850	5.6250	1.2230	1.0643
11am (at Call)	4.1650				BBSW	
30 day	4.0350				1 Month	3.8050
60 day	4.1050				3 Month	3.9931
90 day	4.2150				6 Month	4.2956
180 day	4.5250					

TCV Investment rates

TCV note the current TCV 11am/At Call deposit rate is 3.80%. 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	3.8000		4 Month	4.0915
1 Month	3.7950		5 Month	4.1825
2 Month	3.8750		6 Month	4.2856
3 Month	3.9831		1 Year	4.1861

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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