

FinPro Member Update – Edition 6, 2026

President's Message

Hi everyone,

It's great to be back with another member update, and as always there is plenty happening across FinPro and the sector. One of the highlights at the moment is the strong focus on professional development, with applications closing for the 2026 Financial Management and Leadership Development Program. This program continues to be one of the most valuable opportunities we offer, helping finance professionals build the skills needed to move from technical roles into leadership positions, while also strengthening connections across councils. Alongside this, we are again calling for mentors to support participants through the mentoring program, which plays an important role in sharing knowledge and building capability across the sector.

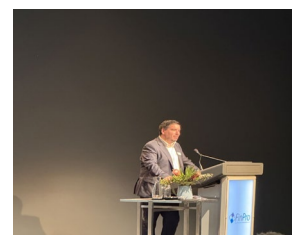
We also have a number of upcoming learning opportunities, including the superannuation update webinar, and other sector events that will help keep members informed on the issues affecting local government finance. These sessions, along with conferences and networking opportunities later in the year, are a key part of ensuring we stay connected and continue to learn from one another.

In this issue you will also find updates on job opportunities, new members joining FinPro, current TCV rates, and the latest information relevant to councils. These regular updates are an important way for us to share information across the network and support each other in what continues to be a complex and changing environment for local government finance professionals.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to FinPro, whether by attending events, mentoring colleagues, sharing knowledge, or supporting the work of FinPro. The strength of our organisation comes from the willingness of members to stay involved and support one another.

Warm regards,

Tony Rocca
President, FinPro
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Applications close today! FinPro Leadership Program 2026



Applications close today for the 2026 FinPro Financial Management and Leadership Development Program, which 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 close at 5:00pm tonight - Friday, 27 March 2026

FinPro Office Hours

The FinPro Office will be closed over the Easter break from Friday, 3 April until Friday, 10 April. Reopening on Monday, 13 April, if you have any urgent requests, please email executiveofficer@finpro.org.au with the subject line **URGENT**.

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 commence in May during the 2026 Leadership Program, with the first session being held in person during the FinPro Leadership Program on Tuesday, 12 May at Maroondah City Council.

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

Register now: Webinar – Superannuation Update

Date: Thursday, 23 April 2026

Time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Led by Lindy Richardson, Partner, Meredith Kennedy, Special Counsel and Daniel Hui, Senior Associate at Maddocks. This webinar will provide general updates on legal requirements on superannuation and the implications of recent changes.

This webinar will cover:

- The upcoming legal requirement to pay employees' superannuation at the same time as salary and wages
- The classification of independent contractors as employees for superannuation purposes
- Wage theft laws – this offence applies to all employers who intentionally engage in conduct that results in the underpayment of wages or entitlements to employees
- Introduction in the National Employment Standards of an obligation to make superannuation contributions
- Superannuation for Councillors

[Register now](#)

For legal advice specific to your council, we encourage you to reach out to the team at Maddocks directly after the webinar.

Managing Infrastructure Contribution Plans: The New Infrastructure Funding Model for Vibrant Activity Centres

Date: Thursday, 16 April 2026

Time: 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Location: Taxi Kitchen | Transport Hotel, Federation Square, Melbourne

The Victorian Government has introduced a simpler, more flexible infrastructure funding system that Local Government will be required to administer - the system aims to help deliver the essential infrastructure that train and tram zone activity centres will need into the future.

As Victoria grows, councils will have a central role in ensuring development contributions are collected efficiently, transparently, and in line with statutory requirements. Our panel will explore the preparation, collection, allocation, and administration of ICP and DCP contributions, highlighting how your Council can plan for and manage the introduction of these, and other changes to the system.

Join us for an informative panel discussion on what the new Activity Centres mean for administering and collecting contributions, ensuring growth is properly funded and communities receive the infrastructure they need.

RSVP by 9 April 2026 to info@novoplan.com.au and be sure to include the names of attendees from your organisation.

New Zealand Council Rate Caps and Reforms: Shake-Up or Shakedown?

Join S&P Global Ratings analysts for a live interactive webinar on Wednesday, April 1, where they will discuss potential rating impacts of forthcoming reforms to the New Zealand local council sector. [Register here](#)

Key discussion topics include:

- How might the implementation of rate caps affect councils' and the LGFA's credit ratings?
- How have council rate caps been implemented in Australia, and how do they differ from New Zealand?
- What are S&P's latest views on the Local Water Done Well reforms?
- What other central government reforms are on the radar?
- How does the council sector's debt and deficits compare to international peers?
- What is our outlook for the New Zealand economy and sovereign credit rating?

LGPro Conference 2026

The LGPro's 2026 Annual Conference – [Locally Led: Transforming Communities](#) – is the next evolution in the sector's premier gathering of professionals, bringing together more opportunities to learn and network across all levels, roles, and departments over two days.

Register by COB 17 April 2026 to save with 'Early Bird' tickets!

Final Registration Closes: COB 10 June 2026

The program includes presentations on leadership, integrated planning, customer experience, community connections, asset futures, governance, workforce and career development.

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Job Opportunities

- [Head of Financial Accounting and Services](#), City of Port Phillip - Applications close on Sunday, 29 March 2026
- [Coordinator Financial Accounting and Recovery](#), City of Whittlesea - Applications close Tuesday, 31 March 2026

Membership Announcements

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

- Tenaya McGill, Tax and Payroll Accountant, City of Wodonga
- Suman Kunwar, Finance Business Partner - Assets, City of Wodonga
- Stephen Ward, Payroll Coordinator, Monash City Council

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

TCV Loan Rates as at 25 March 2026

Maturity	Fixed Rate (Interest Only)		Fixed Rate (Principal and Interest) *		Floating Rate (margin to BBSW)	
	Quarterly	Semi	Quarterly	Maturity	Quarterly	Semi
1 year	4.7770	4.8042	4.7650	4.8600	0.1990	-0.0779
3 year	5.1735	5.2038	5.0550	5.1050	0.5526	0.3103
5 year	5.3605	5.3930	5.2000	5.2400	0.7171	0.4960
7 year	5.6016	5.6371	5.3550	5.4000	0.8692	0.6678
10 year	5.9215	5.9613	5.5900	5.6350	1.0677	0.8905
12 year	6.0959	6.1382	5.7350	5.7800	1.1843	1.0191
15 year	6.2967	6.3418	5.9300	5.9800	1.3268	1.1750
11am (at Call)	4.4150				BBSW	
30 day	4.2750				1 Month	4.0500
60 day	4.3950				3 Month	4.2910
90 day	4.5150				6 Month	4.7331
180 day	4.9550					

TCV Investment rates

TCV note the current TCV 11am/At Call deposit rate is 4.05%. 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	4.0500		4 Month	4.4233
1 Month	4.0400		5 Month	4.5668
2 Month	4.1610		6 Month	4.7231
3 Month	4.2810		1 Year	4.4792

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.

There has obviously been very considerable volatility in recent weeks, due to the war in the Middle East. Sovereign bond yields have been pushed higher, as markets build in the risks to inflation stemming from an oil shock. How this progresses from here remains to be seen, but risks look to be weighted on the upside at this stage. The longer oil supplies remain disrupted, the greater the challenges for inflation.

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