

## Where credit's due

Mayor Semenoff in his *Our Patch* column of July 30 extols the virtue of his finance committee and as usual decries the previous councils' performances.

Under Mayor [Pamela] Peter's

leadership the whole council [all elected councillors] was responsible for the financial management and under Mayor Brown's leadership there was a committee as at present. What is interesting is that in another column/advertorial of the same week headed "Council praised for debt management" the period of time for which the Whangarei District Council is lauded for its "excellent financial management" covers from 2002 to 2009!

"Millions of ratepayer dollars have potentially been saved thanks to the Whangarei District Council's "excellent financial management".

Let's give the biggest recognition to the long serving staff in the council from 2002 to 2009 and their wise practices endorsed by councillors over the last eight years.

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