

Rugby roadshow offers fun for the family

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Buck is back.

All Blacks legend Buck Shelford and current captain Richie McCaw are challenging the skills of rugby fans nationwide with the MasterCard All Blacks Roadshow.

The roadshow will be in Auckland and North Shore City over the weekend of August 2-3.

Its 20-stage tour hit the road on Saturday at Dunedin's Kensington Oval with a range of rugby challenges available for supporters to

test their skills against the best in the game.

Activities include goal kicking, passing, throwing into line-outs and catching high balls.

Each tour stage also provides fans with opportunities to meet the likes of Shelford, McCaw and other All Blacks.

The roadshow is an initiative to reward New Zealand's grassroots game by offering supporters the chance to interact with their heroes, recognising the importance of local

communities as sources of future players and All Blacks support.

First appearing for Auckland in 1982, Shelford made his name through North Shore Rugby Club from where he made his All Black debut in 1985.

He remains an active member of North Harbour Rugby Union as vice-president and life member.

"We are aware of the huge support that Buck Shelford continues to have within the wider New Zealand community," says Stuart McKinlay, New Zealand

manager of MasterCard worldwide.

"It gives MasterCard great pride to be able to do what so many fans over the years always wanted to happen."

The Auckland stop-off is scheduled for August 2 on the Eastern Viaduct from noon until 4pm and the roadshow will cross the harbour bridge on Sunday to visit Onewa Domain between 10am and 3pm.

Visit mastercardroadshow.co.nz for more information.



On the ball: The nationwide tour will be in Auckland on August 2 and 3



Buck bounces back: Buck Shelford on the bouncy castle in Dunedin.

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