

Buck is up and running in roadshow



He's back: Rugby icon Buck Shelford is touring New Zealand to host a grassroots roadshow with All Blacks captain Richie McCaw.

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

Stopping in Auckland and North Shore cities over the weekend of August 2-3, the 20-stage tour hit the road on Saturday in Dunedin with challenges such as goal kicking, passing, throwing into lineouts and catching high balls for supporters to test their skills against the best.

The roadshow aims to offer supporters the chance to interact with their heroes, recognising the importance of local communities as sources of future players and All Blacks support.

The Auckland and North Shore stages have particular interest because Shelford represented both sides of the bridge.

First appearing for Auckland in 1982, he made his name at North Shore Rugby Club from where he made his All Blacks debut in 1985. He is North Harbour Rugby Union vice-president and a 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.

The Auckland stop-off is on Saturday, August 2, at the Eastern Viaduct from noon to 4pm, crossing the harbour bridge on Sunday to visit Onewa Domain from 10am to 3pm.

Visit mastercardroadshow.co.nz for more information.