

Fans delight in All Black moves

By **Florence Kerr**

Past and present All Black stars showed fans some of their moves in Hamilton yesterday.

All Black great Wayne "Buck" Shelford joined in the fun with current All Blacks including Richie McCaw, Stephen Donald and Brendan Leonard for the MasterCard All Black Road Show.

Hundreds turned out for the road show at Waikato Stadium including Hamilton Mayor Bob Simcock, who received a signed All Black jersey to hang in the council chambers.

Children were able to practise

rugby skills one-on-one with their favourite stars.

All Black captain Richie McCaw had a mob of five and six-year-olds and their mothers following his every move.

McCaw was pleased with the turnout.

"It's really awesome when you see these kids' faces light up," he said. "It brings back memories of when I was young and met some All Blacks. I'm happy to be in a position to give back to grassroots rugby and to meet our fans on a more personal level."

Mooloo-turned-All Black Richard Kahui had a strong follow-

ing of teenage girls requesting photos with the star back.

"It's always good to give back to the fans who stand by you through thick and thin," Kahui said. "These kids never stop liking us even when we lose. We get that from the older people of New Zealand. These kids are the future."

The roadshow had different rugby skill stations for the children which included lineout throwing, kicking skills and the try-scoring challenge that saw Kahui and Shelford go head to head. Shelford edged out the youngster.



LINEOUT: All Black great "Buck" Shelford shows Stephen Donald, Sione Lauaki, Richard Kahui and Richie McCaw, obscured, how it was done in his day.

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