

## Former All Black drops in (5 April 2005)

Mangere Bridge may not feature highly on the national rugby circuit but that did not stop former All Black first five-eighths Grant Fox from dropping in at the Village on Saturday 2 April. Grant Fox was in Mangere Bridge to open the Wizard Home Loans branch on Coronation Rd, run by local Wizard Wayne Dale.



Wayne set up shop late last year, and celebrated the occasion on Saturday with an official opening by Grant Fox, with Wizard's New Zealand manager John Grant and other Wizard Home Loans staff present. Grant Fox, assistant coach of the champion 2002 and 2003 Auckland NPC team, is one of Wizard's Auckland CBD branch principals, and fronting Wizard advertising.

Photo: John Grant, Grant Fox and Wayne Dale (Left to right)

Those lucky enough to be invited managed to score a Blues poster signed by Grant Fox. And Lions Club of Middlemore was there with a sausage sizzler, and a membership drive. Says president Deirdre Bridge "We are always looking for new members to join us". If you are interested in joining Lions Middlemore, please contact Deirdre on 278-2128 or membership director Malcolm Sharples on 267-3173.



Photo: Matthew receives a signed Blues poster

After the formal speeches, and the cutting of the ribbon (of course in customary Wizard-orange colour), Grant was asked to predict the outcome of the Blues vs Brumbies match that night. "Go the Blues", said Grant. And those who watched the game can confirm a resounding 17-0 win by the Blues!

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