

## Jock Hobbs

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## Michael James Bowie (Jock) Hobbs, CNZM

Jock Hobbs was born and bred in Canterbury. He was a talented sportsman at College, playing cricket, rugby and basketball, and excelling in athletics.

After making the Canterbury U18 rugby team, he decided to focus on rugby, while also completing a law degree at the University of Canterbury. He was selected for the All Blacks in 1983 and played 39 games for the national team, including 21 tests (four as captain), before retiring in 1987.

When his playing career was cut short, Jock turned to coaching and then to rugby administration.

Jock was elected Chairman of the NZRU in 2002 and was the driving force behind

New Zealand's successful bid to host the 2011 Rugby World Cup.

Jock died from leukaemia in 2012, aged 52.

