

Byron Terrance Kelleher

Born: Dunedin 3 January 1976

Half-back

Represented N.Z. 1999 - 2007, 57 matches

Points for N.Z. 40 (8 tries)

Provincial record: Otago 1997-2003 – 60 games, (Kaikorai Club); Highlanders – 54 games, 1998-2003; Waikato 14 games, 2004-07; Chiefs 38 games, 2004-07; Toulouse 2007 –
New Zealand's Super 12 Player of the Year in 1999.

Educated Otago Boys' High School, 1st XV 1993-95, Captain 1995. Selected as Justin Marshall's deputy Kelleher's early games were as a substitute. It was not until 2005 that he assumed the role as No 1 halfback. Kelleher participated in 3 World Cup forays with the All Blacks (1999, 2003, 2007). He was known as an unpredictable and unorthodox halfback, with his speed and strength, sometimes preferring to run with the ball and make line-breaks rather than passing the ball after rucks and mauls. At times a controversial character he departed the NZ rugby scene for a contract with Toulouse following the 2007 season. A professional rugby player.