



Edna Nash

Softball Australia umpire # AA22

Edna Nash began her softball career with Ballarat and represented them at the first interstate carnival held in Queensland in 1947. Shortly after, Edna moved to New South Wales where she was selected for their Open Women's team. At the 1950 national championships, Edna played at her best and was selected for the 1951 Australian team to tour New Zealand. Edna was so impressed by the 'Shaky Isles' she migrated immediately after the 1953 interstate tournament.



The Australian team toured New Zealand again in 1954. This time the New Zealand team had Edna Nash as their Playing Coach. Edna had immersed herself in softball while she was in New Zealand. She was elected the Vice President of the New Zealand Softball Council, President of the Canterbury Association and their representative on the Management Committee.

Edna eventually returned to Australia and became a national selector in 1960, a position she held until 1966. She was also one of the many volunteers that came together for the 1965 World Series held in Melbourne. This group was known as the 'Golden Girls'. Edna's role was Sales Promotor (Grounds Section).

During her time in New Zealand, Edna was impressed with how passionate the Kiwis were with men's softball. So much so, that when she returned to New South Wales she encouraged John Reid and Nox Bailey to establish the men's interstate competition. The first John Reid Shield Open Men's National Championship was held in 1984.

In 1974, Edna travelled to Melbourne to donate a trophy in honour of Elinor McKenzie who died on the eve of the first presentation of the Under 19 Women's National Championship.

Edna was a dedicated volunteer who contributed 38 years of her life to softball at all levels.

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1969 Softball Australia Life Member