



**Myrtle Edwards (Vic) \***  
**Player number # 4**  
**Coach number # 2**  
**Softball Australia umpire # AA 7**  
**21 games for Australia**



As a coach, Myrtle Edwards was known as an extremely hard task master! Players were left in no doubt if performances didn't meet her expectations. On one tour of South Africa, Myrtle sent the team on a warm-up run and was extremely agitated when the players didn't return. When she finally tracked them down they were all laying on the ground gasping for air. They had been affected by the high altitude.

Myrtle was a very talented sports woman and was named captain of the Australian Women's team from 1949 – 1952. In 1953 she took over the Head Coach position.

Myrtle was the Australian Open Women's Head Coach for a period of 25 years, coaching 165 games and attending four Women's World Championships.

Under Myrtle's guidance, the Australian Women's team won the 1<sup>st</sup> Women's World Championship, held in Melbourne in 1965 a bronze medal in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's World Championship held in Stratford Connecticut, USA.

Myrtle also played international women's cricket. If Myrtle went missing on tour, she could usually be found at a local cricket game.

Myrtle was inducted into the Softball Australia Hall of Fame in 1985 and ISF Hall of Fame in 1987.

### **AWARDS**

1985	Softball Australia Hall of Fame
1987	ISF Hall of Fame

### **TOURNAMENTS – PLAYER**

1949	New Zealand v Australia Test Series, Melbourne
1951	Tour of New Zealand
1954	New Zealand v Australia Test Series, Melbourne

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## TOURNAMENTS – COACH

1951	New Zealand v Australia Test Series, Melbourne
1960	South Africa v Australia Test Series, Melbourne
1962	New Zealand v Australia Test Series, New Zealand
1965	I Women's Softball World Championship, Melbourne
1967	South Africa v Australia Test Series, South Africa
1970	II Women's Softball World Championship, Osaka, Japan
1972	New Zealand v Australia Test Series, New Zealand
1973	New Zealand v Australia Test Series, Australia
1974	Canada v Australia Test Series, Australia      III Women's Softball World Championship, Connecticut, USA
1975	New Zealand v Australia Test Series, New Zealand
1976	Canada v Australia Test Series, Adelaide
1977	New Zealand v Australia Test Series, Perth
1978	IV Women's Softball World Championship, San Salvador, El Salvador
1980	Mini World Series, Brisbane

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