

Isabella Tedcastle (Redmond)



1952-1955



After leaving Epsom Girls Grammar School early in 1955, Isabella went on to train as a nurse before heading to the UK where she took up a diploma in paraplegic nursing at Stoke Mandeville. She then studied midwifery in Edinburgh. Upon completion of her studies, Isabella Tedcastle became more involved in the local community going on to help establish the Eastern Bays Hospice. She served on the Hospices of Auckland Executive as the Eastern Bays representative. She volunteered at the Dove Shop to raise funds for Dove House which is a hospice charity that provides care for people with a life limiting illness.

At Dove House she also volunteered as a bereavement group facilitator. She also received Plunket's 30-year Long Service Award for her work for the Auckland East Branch and the Auckland Area Society of volunteer committees.

She is a strong advocate for the Plunket Family Centre service. Since 1983, Isabella Tedcastle has been part of the National Council of Women Auckland Branch and is also part of the Committee of Pacific Women's Watch. She is an elder of the St Heliers Presbyterian Church and Community Centre.

In June 2011, Isabella Tedcastle was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the community. She has also received the Mayoral Living Legend Award (2006) and the Rotary Paul Harris Award. Isabella is still an active member of the community and thoroughly enjoys her work with Rotary.