

# AT 1984 POLICE OLYMPICS



● Jack Thurgar (AFP ACT), who won the AFP's first gold of the games in the gruelling Pentathlon.

Secretary of the organising committee, Sergeant Bob Degg, of the Victoria Police, said no date and venue had yet been set for the next games.

However, State and Federal Police Commissioners were being approached to nominate representatives to a committee to decide on future games, which could probably be held every two years.



● Leanne Lomas (AFP Darwin), second from right, and Judy Ford (AFP Sydney) third from left, in the women's 1500 metres final.

● Right: Judy Ford (AFP Sydney, left) in superb form, takes the lead in the women's 800 metres.

He said South Australia might be the next venue, particularly if its bid to hold the next International Police Olympics in 1986, to coincide with the State's 150th anniversary, was successful.

Sergeant Degg said that although Victoria and New South Wales Police have had their own contests, the initiative to hold these foundation games in Melbourne was from the Victorian Police Games Federation.

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## Darwin swimmer scoops the pool



● Victoria's Chief Commissioner of Police, Mr S.I. Miller, congratulates Glenda on her swimming triumphs at the games.

● Leanne, front, and Glenda, during a training swim.



An AFP policewoman stunned spectators and fellow competitors at the National Police Games in Melbourne by winning 12 gold medals and one silver in the swimming events.

She is Constable Glenda Lomas, who, with her sister Constable Leanne Lomas, is based in Darwin.

Glenda now has her eyes on the International Police Olympics, to be held in the United States in August.

Leanne, who won a gold, silver and a bronze medal in Melbourne, also plans to go to the US.

Glenda's feat was impressive, considering she had trained in Darwin's hot pool water and had competed in Melbourne's very cold pool conditions.

The events she won gold medals in were: 50 metres and 100 metres backstroke; 100 metres breaststroke; 50 metres and 100 metres butterfly; 50 metres, 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres and 1500 metres freestyle.

She won the silver in the 50 metres breaststroke, the event in which Leanne won her bronze.



● The Lomas sisters ... Glenda, left, won 12 gold medals and set at least 10 women's swimming records for the Games. Leanne won a gold, silver and bronze.

"The distance events are my best," Glenda said.

"Breaststroke is probably my weakest swimming style, although I think I won the 100 metres event because it was over a distance."

"The difference in water temperatures helped me," she said. "I like cold water and it just made me get up and go."

"I noticed other people were slowing down in the water and one girl said she just about stopped because she thought the water was so cold."

Leanne's main sport is running. In March, 1983 she set the women's record for the 2.4 kms distance run at the Police Academy in Canberra. At the games she won a gold medal in the 10 000 metres and a silver in the 5000 metres.

Darwin's heat and humidity defeat many runners. It is something that has to be overcome by determination.

"When I arrived here last year it was difficult to run because of the heat," Leanne said. "My vision blurred because of the salty sweat but luckily I overcame it."

The girls moved to Darwin from Queanbeyan, near Canberra, where their father is a sergeant in the New South Wales Police force.

Leanne arrived in Darwin first, on 12 June last year. Then, to the surprise of the station, Glenda arrived eight days later.

There is still a little confusion over who's who.

"People get our last name correct," Leanne said. "But our first names stump them, even after nine months."

"We are getting used to it," she added.