



WHITEWATER LADY

Canoeing was an option at Dapto High School, where Danielle Woodward did her HSC. Now 22, Constable D.A. Woodward has been selected to represent Australia at the World Slalom and Wild-water Championships at Bourg St Maurice in France from 10-20 July.

That's a long way from Mullet Creek, near Dapto High, where Danielle discovered that canoeing was for her. She had

tried squash and basketball — at 172 cm and 63 kg she was a natural — but quickly excelled at canoeing.

Danielle is a slalom specialist. The slalom is run through 600 metres of rapids. The canoeist has to pass through 25 coloured gates in the correct order. The red gates have to be traversed downstream, the green gates upstream. If one hits a pole the penalty is five seconds. Missing a gate costs 50 seconds.

Believe it or not there's a boat under there! Constable Danielle Woodward attacks the slalom course at the 1985 World Championships at Augsburg, Germany. Despite an injured hand, she came 22nd.

It's a sport which requires more than physical strength. It requires coordination, planning, and the ability to keep your wits about you.

The selection tests for the world championships are no piece of cake, said Danielle.

'My most recent win was in the Australian Cup which concluded at Burrinjuck Dam in January. I took the 1986 Australian Championship Ladies' Kayak,' she said.

That puts her in the top four women canoeists in the country.

Danielle has been twelve months in the AFP. She works in Fraud and General Crime, Southern Region.

Her parents had helped her a lot, she said, on her four earlier trips overseas. 'But now I'm on my own,' she added. Danielle sounds proud to be paying her own way.

The rest of the AFP is proud of you too, Danielle.



Commissioner Major-General Ronald Grey and Mrs Jean Russell. Photo by Senior Constable Paul McFawn.

CITY DESK — 20 YEARS

City Station, on London Circuit in Canberra, was brand new when Mrs Jean Russell started there in 1967. She had come from the Department of Education as a typist.

She had three months in General Duties, and apart from a few months here and there with the OAFP, she has minded the front desk at Canberra CIB ever since. The desk is manned from 7am to 9pm. It used to be open until 11pm, when the later shift was a nasty one.

'It meant scraping the frost off your car before you could drive home, most winter nights,' Jean said.

With 20 years up, Jean has no thought of retirement. She finds the job more interesting every day.

She belongs to a couple of clubs, and what spare time she has she spends in her garden at her home in Curtin.