



## JOANNE COOPER

Joanne Cooper is a girl of outstanding all round skiing ability. As a sub junior girl she won Australian Titles in Tournament Skiing and in her last year she won the grand slam in tricks, slalom, jump and the overall and doubled this up to win the sub junior girls section of the Bridge to Bridge. She repeated this success twice as a junior girl and again in the women's section. She became a member of the Barefoot Club when only 10 with Badge Number 1136. Ski Racing then took over as her first love and she won the junior girl section of the Australian Marathon on two occasions although she continued on her tournament career for two years as a junior.

The biggest success of her career was in 1981 when she created Ski Racing History by winning both the women's speed and marathon sections of the Australian National Titles. Her skiing career took a set back in March 1981 when she tore the medial ligaments in her leg resulting in her being out of action for almost six months but is now back to her best with a win in fast time in the under 6 litre section of the 1982 Grafton Bridge to Bridge.