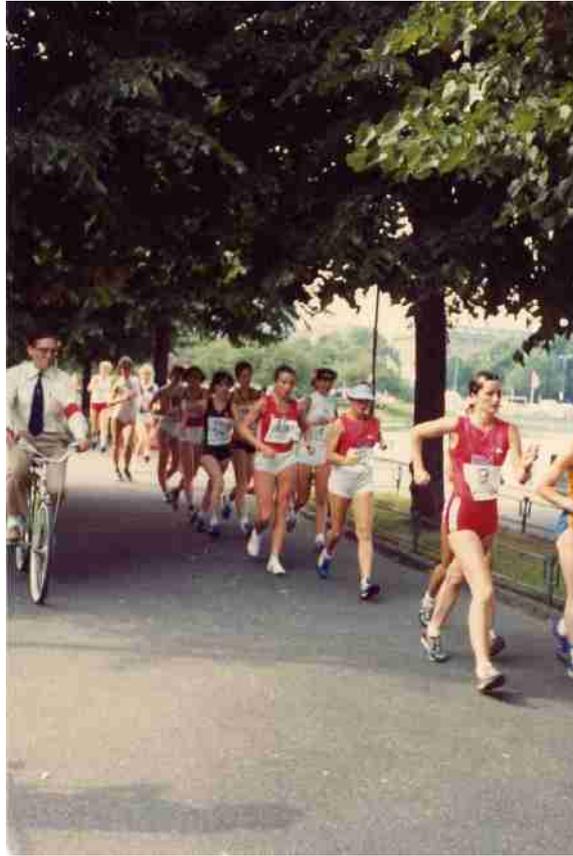


Frances Toohey

1982	IWF Championship for Women	Bergen	10 km	9 th	51:55
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Frances Toohey won the 1982 Australian Junior 3000m track title in Brisbane in **14:30**.



Frances Toohey and Roseanne Smith in the IAAF 10 km event at Bergen

When Bruce Cook, walk coach at the AIS, took Sue Cook, Lorraine Young, Rachel Thompson and Anne Miller to Europe for the World 5000m title in Bergen, Frances and Roseanne Smith, who later won the Australian Junior title, accompanied them. After good performances in buildup competitions, they were added to the squad for the 10 km championship. Frances finished 9th in a good **51:55**.

She then returned to Australia and won the National Schools Under 19 3000m track walk in **14:28** in Hobart. On the basis of these fine performances, she was named along with NSW walker Alan Muir in the Australian All Schools Team.

In the 1983 National track titles, she won the Under 18 3000m walk in **14:24** but was relegated to 3rd in the Australian Junior 10 km title later that year in **52:59**.

In the 1984 National track titles, she was able to win the Junior 3000m in **15:20**.

Unfortunately she was unable to successfully handle the transition to the senior ranks. She tried for a further couple of years but retired after being unable to break into the top ranks.