

## *Roseanne Smith*

1982	IWF Championship for Women	Bergen	10 km	10 <sup>th</sup>
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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 Bergen, Roseanne Smith, and Frances Toohey, the 1982 Australian Junior track champion, accompanied them. After good performances in buildup competition, they were added to the squad for the 10 km championship. Roseanne finished 10<sup>th</sup> in approximately **52:00**.



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

In 1983, she continued her improvement, winning the Australian Junior 3000m track title in **14:50** and recording an improved time of **51:38** to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Australian Junior 10 km road title.

But the transition to the senior ranks was just too daunting. The list of top walkers at the time included Sue Cook, Sally Pierson, Lorraine Young, Rachel Thompson and a young Kerry Saxby. Roseanne retired soon after her last Junior races.