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She was a lifesaver when she was 7

WITH a lifesaving career of 11 years behind her, Denise Venning, 18, of Ithaca, is off to compete in the Australian Royal Life Saving Championships in Sydney.

She started swimming at two and lifesaving at seven.

Now she is one of the four women swimmers in the Queensland Royal Life Saving team.

Denise explained that

she is most interested in stillwater lifesaving.

"At the championships the land drill will be in a hall and the water work in a pool," she said.

The team will leave for Sydney on January 26.

In Brisbane Denise

rarely leaves the "water-front."

Her father runs Ithaca baths and she works as a clerk-typist in the office of the Royal Life Saving Society and is full-time secretary of the Ithaca Swimming Club.

Won title

In 1961 she was one of the Queensland team who won the Australian Royal life saving championship in Hobart.

This year eight of the 14 member of the Queensland team are from the Ithaca Club.

On Saturday night there will be a barbecue and swimming party at the baths to raise money for the Ithaca Club members in the Queensland team.

Five blazers

The club will present five of its eight Queensland representatives with blazers at the party.

The other three members have represented Queensland on previous occasions and already have their blazers.