



Premier or mountain man? According to Mr John Cain during a brief visit to Mansfield, definitely the former. However, he was happy to don an oilskin coat and pose for a picture with festival co-ordinator, Wendy Sieker.

## Festival co-ordinator has wide interests

**C**o-ordinator of the Mountain Country Festival is Wendy Sieker, who is well known in the local community in two widely differing roles.

She is a part-time nursing sister at the Mansfield Hospital, and an active member of the Mansfield Hunt Club.

She has had experience of the festival at "grass roots" level, organising the horse parade last year and helping out at Sheepland Flat - "patching up people and horses," she adds with a laugh.

Wendy, who was brought up in Samoa and New Zealand, "escaped" to the Mansfield district five years ago from Melbourne, where she was a charge sister at the busy Alfred Hospital.

She spent a season working in the medical centre at Mt Buller, and decided to stay.

Now she lives near the town, with her six horses. Her interests in that direction include eventing and side-saddle hunting, and she will travel to both Melbourne and Adelaide Royal Shows later this year to compete in sidesaddle events.

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