



Lynne Champion heads to Darwin next month to continue her racing. Picture: DENNIS MANKTELOW N48SR203

appearances as a celebrity chef, using her skills as an amateur cook to beat thousands of other applicants and get down to the last three on the *Master Chef USA* series on PBS.

"I don't think my Australian accent was looked on fondly because they wanted an American to win," she said.

She was with her second husband for 13 years before she moved back to Australia without him – and fell in love with Lancefield – but says they are still good friends.

She says she has made plenty of money making a line of giftware and now runs the Excessories stores at Lancefield and Woodend, and the Fairways Guesthouse bed and breakfast.

She has also been bankrupt and was even locked up in Switzerland in 1992, when police chased an old debt over a



Melbourne Sun clipping of Lynne Champion's 1985 wedding.

hire car that her first husband never returned.

Her first wedding at the Sydney Opera House was described in the *Melbourne Sun* in 1985 as the most lavish that Australia had ever seen.

Ms Champion has virtually done it all herself since leaving school at 16 and

says she has no regrets about her life and not having children.

"I am too selfish, it would never have worked out and I would not have had this exciting life.

One of the last things she said, with a twinkle in her eye, "... I think I have one husband left in me."