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Sky sisters' 1500 reasons to jump out of an aircraft

SOME might consider jumping from a plane at 1500 metres a death wish – the “sky sisters” beg to differ.

“It’s a life wish,” bubbled skydiver Susie McLachlan as she dropped in from high above to touch the bright orange X at Stummers Creek yesterday.

“There is the incredible fear when you start off, but soon that is replaced by an incredible joy. I’m more scared driving than skydiving,” Susie said.

Susie and fellow “sky sister” Cecilia Morton were at Coolum to

encourage more women to take the leap of faith and experience the exhilaration of floating on air.

“The best way to see Coolum is from 5000 feet. The beach looks magic – it is blue and green,” Susie said. “Everyone can come jumping. When that door opens you feel alive. You feel great. It gives you a lust for life.”

Susie is one of the organisers of the third Skysisters Convention, which will be held at Toogoolawah, near Esk, from April 22 to 30 next year. It is an opportunity for “virgin” skydivers to give it a go and

also a chance for the experienced to attempt to break four Australian and two world records.

“If you can imagine the vibe when 100 strong women get together and jump out of planes up to six times a day in a festival atmosphere, you can begin to imagine what this event is like,” Susie said.

Organisers have compiled free fundraising packs to help participants cover the cost of attending.

Visit www.skysisters.com.au.



LEAP OF FAITH: Skysisters Cecilia Morton and Susie McLachlan spread their wings as they get into some sky surfing.

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CHALLENGE: Sonja Bruss and Klara van den Burg look forward to the Skysisters Convention.