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Girls' leap of faith



Skysister Susie McLachlan flies over Coolum this week.



Skysisters visit Stumers Creek to recruit local women to take a flying jump at convention

IF you are female and like the idea of jumping out of a perfectly good plane at 5000 feet, then the Skysisters want you.

Susie McLachlan and Cecilia Morton were at Coolum this week to recruit women to take part in the third Skysisters convention next year when they hope to break four Australian and two world skydiving records.

More than 100 female skydivers are expected to attend the 10-day convention, which will see more than 5000 jumps made.

The women will participate in formation skydives, including a record-breaking 60-way formation and an over-40s formation, which both have records uncontested since 2005.

Ms McLachlan said the event would also give 12 "virgin"

Skysisters the opportunity to learn the sport at the drop zone one week before the convention, with the potential to participate in a four-way jump during the event.

But, she said, the event was not just about breaking records.

"The spirited women taking part are planning fun activities such as key word and picture jumps, body-painted jumps and aerial-fashion photo shoots.

"There will be TV broadcasts, showbags, fashion shows, video festivals, nightly entertainment, filming of a documentary and much more.

"This is a great opportunity to those girls who have been thinking about getting involved in the sport or simply want to enjoy a two-week mind-blowing

experience. Adrenaline junkies, sign up now."

Ms McLachlan said men were not totally excluded.

"We haven't forgotten about the guys - 'male slaves' are welcome to get involved and we already have 10 signed up," she said.

"The slaves give us fantastic support during the event, including coaching, filming, driving and countless other important roles."

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

Skysisters 3 will be held at Toogoolawah from April 22-30.

For more information visit www.skysisters.com.au.