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World record attempt needs more girl power

If you've ever thought that jumping out of a plane at 1500 metres would be the ultimate extreme adventure, then now might just be the time to take action.

An all-girl team of skydivers dropped into Stumers Creek last week in an effort to highlight the fun of skydiving and recruit more women for the third 'Skysisters' Convention, to be held at Toogoolawah from April 22 to 30 next year.

Skydive Ramblers' Susie McLachlan (nee McEvoy) is organising the huge event, where over 100 women will attempt to break four Australian and two world records.

"Skysisters is about encouraging, supporting, motivating and challenging experienced, up-and-coming, and new female skydivers through skills

camp, record attempts, conventions, education and communication," Susie explained.

"The first Skysisters Convention was in 2005 and we had another one in 2007. We are very pleased to announce the third Skysisters Convention for April 2011 and it's the perfect opportunity for 'virgin' skydivers to give it a go."

The Coolum organisers are calling for participants to register at www.skysisters.com.au. 12 new Skysisters will be given the opportunity to learn the sport at the drop zone one week before the convention; with the potential to participate in a 4-way jump during the event.

Over 5,000 jumps will be made by female skydivers during the 10-day event, with ladies leaping into the skies

participate in various awe-inspiring formation skydives, including a record breaking 60-way formation and an over-40's formation which both have records uncontested since 2005.

"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," said Susie.

"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!"

Susie said that guys were also welcome and she already had ten 'male

slaves' signed up who will be expected to support the girls with coaching, driving, filming and countless other 'important' roles.

"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."

Free fundraising packs are available to help participants cover the cost of attending the event and all proceeds from Skysisters 3 will be donated to the Australian Team Trust Fund - enabling our world-class skydivers to represent Australia at world events.

Interested in becoming a Skysister? Please visit www.skysisters.com.au for more information.



GIRL POWER: Skysisters (front) Klara van den Burg, Sonja Bruss, (back) Cecilia Morton and Susie McLachlan were exhilarated after skydiving above Coolum last week. The girls are busy recruiting more Skysisters for next year's convention.