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## MEDIA RELEASE

**ONLY 4 SLEEPS TO GO!**

### THE COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR SKYSISTERS 2011

**Friday, April 22 to Sunday, April 30**

Skysisters from across Australia and around the world are converging at the Ramblers Drop Zone in Toogoolawah between April 22-30 for the all-female skydiving event which will see national and world records challenged and over 5,000 jumps made over the nine days.

Event Organiser, Susie McLachlan says Skysisters 2011 is expected to offer a packed program of great activities for the skydivers and impressive visuals for spectators who want to come along and experience the sport for themselves.

“Skysisters is all about a group of girls of all ages getting together to inspire and motivate each other while having a lot of fun and breaking some records along the way,” said Susie.

“The event also aims to encourage new people to join the sport and spectators will have the opportunity to book a tandem jump during Skysisters to experience skydiving first hand. I can assure them they won’t be disappointed and most people come back for more once they’ve had their first jump – it’s pretty addictive!”

The girls start the day with a yoga session to loosen up before action packed days of glamour fashion jumps, flag and streamer jumps and daily Lady Bird lingerie jumps.

There are a number of record breaking attempts planned including the World Record for the impressive Wingsuit Flock for which current record is an 8-way set in 2008 and National Records for a Big-way Formation for which the 2005 record is 47 skydivers, and the visually impressive Canopy Formation Stack for which the record is a 5-way from 2007.

The event, which is free and open to the public, has also attracted an impressive list of attendees from within the skydiving fraternity including Kate Cooper-Jensen from California who has completed over 9,500 jumps and holds 14 world records and cinematographer, Norman Kent who is responsible for filming the skydiving scenes in movies like Terminal Velocity, Point Break and Get Smart.

Officially starting on Good Friday (April 22), Skysisters will be preceded with a Learning Curve Camp the week before to give a group of new recruits the opportunity to qualify ahead of the big event.

Dates and times of jumps will be weather-dependent but regular updates will be posted on the Skysisters Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/skysisters](http://www.facebook.com/skysisters).

Ends.

## EVENT INFORMATION

Please find below a summary of Event Information including record attempts and location details, a 'brag-sheet' of coaches attending and a Program Outline which will summarise the visual feast of activity, colour and creativity you can expect over the next two weeks.

Attached to this email is a list of attendees and their origins. Please contact us for attendee details if required.

### Essential Event Information

<b>WHAT &amp; WHEN:</b>	Pre- Skysisters Learning Curve Camp: Monday April 18 – Thursday April 21, 2011 Skysisters 2011: Friday April 22 - Sunday April 30 2011		
<b>WHERE:</b>	Ramblers Parachute Centre 7353 Brisbane Valley Highway Toogoolawah QLD 4313 <a href="#">Please see map</a>		
<b>RECORD ATTEMPTS:</b>	<u>World Records:</u> Atmonauti Angle Wingsuit Flock <u>National Records:</u> Big-way Formation POPS (over 40's) Formation Head Down Freely Canopy Formation Stack CRW Diamond Dive	<u>Current Record:</u> 5-way (2007) 8-way (2008)  47-way (2005) 16-way (2007) 6-way (2007) 5-way (2007) No current record	<u>2011 Record attempt:</u> 8-way 10-way  60-way 20-way 8-way 8-way 9 - way
<b>COST FOR SPECTATORS:</b>	FREE		
<b>MORE INFORMATION :</b>	<a href="http://www.skysisters.com.au">www.skysisters.com.au</a>		

## Program Outline

**NB: All scheduled and jumps are weather dependent. Live footage and media releases on record breaking attempts will also be distributed throughout the event on request.**

### PRE-SKYSISTERS 2011 LEARNING CURVE CAMP

<b>MONDAY APRIL 18:</b>	Pre- Skysisters Learning Curve Camp begins Student Skysisters start their courses today Ayrchix 4-way team commence training (one of the most prestigious formation skydiving disciplines)
<b>TUESDAY APRIL 19 and WEDNESDAY APRIL 20:</b>	Student Skysisters first training solo jumps Jam-packed jumping to get the girls ready for the week ahead
<b>THURSDAY APRIL 21:</b>	Student Skysisters do their Stage 9 Completion solo jumps – becoming fully fledged Skysisters! <b>Norman Kent Skydiving Photography Workshop</b> – a world famous and award winning skydiving photographer and cinematographer from the US responsible for filming the skydiving scenes in movies such as Terminal Velocity, Point Break and Get Smart.

### SKYSISTERS 2011

<b>FRIDAY APRIL 22: Good Friday</b>	Fashion Glamour jumps Lady Bird Lingerie Jumps
<b>SATURDAY APRIL 23:</b>	Easter themed jumps to celebrate Easter (ready for release to media on Sunday) Fashion Glamour jumps Lady Bird Lingerie Jumps
<b>SUNDAY APRIL 24: Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Big-way Record Attempt</b> Fashion Glamour jumps Lady Bird Lingerie Jumps Night jumps including Meteor Men Night Display
<b>MONDAY APRIL 25: Easter Monday / Anzac Day</b>	<b>POPS (Parachutists Over Phorty Society) Record Attempt</b> Colour-coordinated visual jumps which spell words such as L O V E Fashion Glamour jumps Lady Bird Lingerie Jumps Night Jumps Presentations by internationally renowned coaches such as Heather Swan of BASEClimb (World Record wingsuit base jumping)
<b>TUESDAY APRIL 26:</b>	Cypres Body Painting day – filmed by Norman Kent Fashion Glamour jumps Lady Bird Lingerie Jumps Night Jumps
<b>WEDNESDAY APRIL 27:</b>	2-Way FS Scramblers Challenge for all experience levels Fashion Glamour jumps Lady Bird Lingerie Jumps
<b>THURSDAY APRIL 28:</b>	<b>CRW 9-way Wedge World Record attempt</b> <b>Wingsuit 10-way Wedge World Record attempt</b> Fashion Glamour jumps

	Lady Bird Lingerie Jumps Tiger Moth jump
<b>FRIDAY APRIL 29:</b>	Fashion Glamour jumps Lady Bird Lingerie Jumps Tiger Moth jump Judging of Get Frocked Photo competition – Australian Idol Style Get Frocked Friday Night party with awards
<b>SATURDAY APRIL 30:</b>	Various jumps – get in as much as we can before Skysisters ends! Skysisters Ball including the Record Award Presentations and other Awards, then PARTY

### International and National Coaches in attendance

Kate Cooper-Jensen	California, USA - 9,500+ jumps, 14 world records, Jump for the Cause Women’s world records organiser
Elise Hill	Picton, NSW - Jumper for 20 years, 6,800+ jumps under her belt
Lisa Perdichizzi	Toogoolawah, QLD - 3,000+ jumps, holder of 4 national record including 47-way in 2005
Jules McConnel	Moruya, NSW - 5,000+ jumps over 15 years, national and world record jumps and claim to fame is “original flying zucchini”!!
Melissa Nelson	California, USA - 8,700 jumps and Free-fly extraordinaire!
Susie McLachlan	Moffat Beach, QLD - Event Organiser, 2,600+ jumps, Australian Gold Medallist in 10-way Speed Stars and 16-way Formation Skydiving and Australian Silver Medallist in 4-way intermediate Formation Skydiving

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