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## Record-breaking Skysisters to soar from great heights

Ever wanted the adrenaline rush of jumping out of a plane but needed some inspiration? There's no better time to share in the passion, energy and excitement of skydiving as more than 100 female skydivers execute over 5,000 jumps at the nine-day 2011 Skysisters Convention.

The event being held in Toogoolawah, Queensland from April 22-30, includes the Skysisters challenging a total of six all-female National and World records including the impressive 8-way wingsuit World record with a 10-way of jumpers in multicoloured webbed 'wingsuit' outfits joining in perfect formation.

Other record attempts include the visually impressive 8-way National Canopy Formation Stack where jumpers stack up on one another's canopy or chutes in mid-air to replace the current 5-way record, as well as an Over-40's formation of 20 jumpers to replace the current 16-way National record. On the lighter side, there will be a unique jump called the 3-gen jump which involves three generations of a family jumping in tandem (Emma, her mother and grandmother) which should be one to watch out for on the program.

Skysisters Organiser, Susie McLachlan says the convention isn't just about smashing records but also about providing an opportunity for all female skydivers, no matter how experienced they are to come together to challenge and support each other and to have fun doing it.

"We are so excited about this boogie, we can't wait to showcase the amazing and highly talented coaches and mentors who are flying in from all over the globe to support our girls, and on this occasion they'll also get to share the exhilaration of the challenge with us," says Susie, who has over 5,000 jumps under her belt.

In addition to the seasoned skydivers getting their fix, student Skysisters will spend the first week learning from the best mentors and coaches from around the world as they complete their skydiving course. Once attained, the new Skysisters may even have the opportunity to participate in the planned record jumps.

Other sky-high fun and antics on the program include picture jumps, body-painted jumps, lingerie and aerial fashion jumps as well as inflatable raft rides mid-air. Back on solid ground the schedule includes TV broadcasts, fashion shows, video festivals, nightly entertainment, filming of a documentary and much more.

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moment's that take our breath away so we're putting out the call for all those mums, daughters, sisters and grandmas who have ever wanted to push the boundaries to come to Toogoolawah during Skysisters and experience a tandem jump for themselves," said Susie.

Skysisters' major aim is to support the Australian Parachute Federation Team Trust Fund, a not-for-profit fund which provides financial support to assist Australian jumpers taking on the world in international competitions.

Entry to the event is free. Find us at the Ramblers Drop Zone, Brisbane Valley Highway, Toogoolawah. For more on Skysisters, please visit the website at [www.skysisters.com.au](http://www.skysisters.com.au) or Facebook on <http://www.facebook.com/skysisters>

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## A little about Skysisters...

The concept of a female skydiving convention was Event Organiser Susie McLachlan's idea for a number of years, feeling that it was time to get Aussie skydiving girls together for some fun jumping action and skill development, challenging new National and World records and talk secret skydiving women's business!

Hence, the first Skysisters Convention was held in 2005. It was so much fun and so successful they had to arrange another one only two years later in 2007. It's been too long since the last event that the girls started to get itchy feet – the reason so they are now gearing up for their third Skysisters Convention in April 2011.

SKYSISTERS is about encouraging, supporting, motivating and challenging experienced, up-and-coming, and new female skydivers through skills camps, record attempts, conventions, education and communication, which is the purpose of the Skysisters Convention.

The call went out to all female skydivers from Australia and around the globe, with attendees coming from all over the country and as far afield as New Zealand, Hawaii and the US.

There are nearly 3,000 members of the Australian Parachute Federation and only around 400 of them are female – so Skysisters are expecting one quarter of Australian jumpers and instructors to attend the event.

Mark it in your diary; it will be an incredible event to watch.

Skysisters are doing it for themselves – join in the fun!