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## MEDIA RELEASE

### SKYSISTERS 2011 Friday, April 22 to Sunday, April 30

#### 3-generations take to the sky

For three generations of the Wald family today was a very special day as they took to the skies for a family skydive as part of Skysisters 2011.

The three Skysisters, Emma (28), her mother, Leonie (47) and her nana, Marion (64) woke up excited as they prepared for the jump at the Ramblers Drop Zone in Toogoolawah this morning. Emma and Leonie have both completed over 400 jumps while Marion was doing her second tandem jump.

Prior to the jump, Leonie said she and Emma were quite nervous about docking onto Marion to ensure they got the perfect family photo.

“It all came together in the end and the jump was just awesome. We even played Rock, Paper, Scissors while we were up there,” said Leonie who is from Wulagi in the Northern Territory. “I just encourage anyone who’s thinking about it to do a tandem and have a go – it’s addictive. And bring your nana!”

Nana Marion from Dromona, Victoria was less nervous about the jump and very excited at being thousands of feet up in the air with her girls.

“It’s absolutely brilliant to be able to do this with your daughter and your granddaughter, it makes me feel very proud,” said Marion. “Now I’m waiting for my three-year-old great-grandson to turn 14 so we can do a 4-generation jump!”

Event organiser, Susie McLachlan said this is what Skysisters was all about as girls pushed their boundaries and set new challenges 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 to encourage those interested to book a tandem jump like Marion did to experience skydiving first hand.

Emma who hails from Buranda in Queensland said it was amazing to see both their faces up there with her.

“Every jump comes with an adrenaline rush but when you’re up there with two members of the family that’s pretty special.”

The jump was captured by world-renowned cinematographer, Norman Kent who is responsible for filming the skydiving scenes in movies like Terminal Velocity, Point Break and Get Smart.

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 <u>Please see map</u>		
<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> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/skysisters">www.facebook.com/skysisters</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/freshprandmarketing">www.facebook.com/freshprandmarketing</a>		

## Program Outline

NB: All scheduled and jumps are weather dependent and the program may vary. Please contact us should you want specific stories or pictures. Live footage and media releases on record breaking attempts will also be distributed throughout the event on request.

### SKYSISTERS 2011

Date	Planned program
<b>SUNDAY APRIL 24:</b> Easter Sunday	<b>Big-way Record Attempt</b> Fashion Glamour jumps Lady Bird Lingerie Jumps 3-Generation jump Night jumps including Meteor Men Night Display
<b>MONDAY APRIL 25:</b> Easter Monday / Anzac Day	<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!

### Event organiser:

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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