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# 'Sisters' reach new heights

## Skydivers flock to big event at Toogoolawah

SKYSISTERS from across Australia and around the world have converged at the Ramblers Drop Zone in Toogoolawah.

The all-female skydiving event saw national and world records challenged and more than 5000 jumps made over the nine days from April 22 to 30.

Event organiser Susie McLachlan said Skysisters 2011 included a packed program of great activities for the skydivers and impressive visuals for spectators who came along and experienced 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," Susie said.

"The event aims to encourage

new people to join the sport and spectators had the opportunity to book a tandem jump during Skysisters to experience skydiving first hand.

"I assured them they would not be disappointed and most people come back for more once they've had their first jump – it's pretty addictive."

The girls started 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 eight-way set in 2008, and national records for a big-

way formation, for which the 2005 record is 47 skydivers, and the ca-

nopy formation stack, for which the record is a five-way from 2007.

The event was free and open to the public.

It has also attracted an impressive list of attendees from within the skydiving fraternity including Kate Cooper-Jensen from California, who has completed more than 9500 jumps and holds 14 world re-

records, and cinematographer Norman Kent, who is responsible for filming the skydiving scenes in movies such as 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) or at [www.facebook.com/freshprand-marketing](http://www.facebook.com/freshprand-marketing).



**SISTERHOOD:** Emma Wald, 28, from Buranda, Marion Wald, 64, from Dromona, Victoria, and Leonie Wald, 47, from Wulagi, Northern Territory, have completed hundreds of jumps between them.

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**LEAP OF FAITH: Emma, Marion and Leonie Wald take off on yet another jump.**

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**FLYING HIGH: Emma, Marion and Leonie soar through the sky.**

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