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Nine jumps under her belt and loving every moment

KYLIE Stephenson spends much of her time working as a baker or being a wife and mother.

But when she wants to let off steam, the Coolum mum of two teenagers likes to jump out of planes thousands of metres above the ground.

Kylie made her first skydive with her husband on Valentine's Day last year and

has since completed nine jumps. Last week she was on the verge of tears as she prepared for her first solo jump at the Skysisters skydiving event in Toogoolawah.

And she was no less nervous when she completed her second solo jump, but said it was

all part of the thrill of skydiving.

"When the door opens, you're like 'oooh', the wind rushes in and you feel like you're going to fall out," Kylie said.

"It's just an amazing, amazing adrenalin rush.

"You feel free. It's like you're flying - no, you are flying."

Kylie said she had earned the

qualification required to do a solo skydive over four days last week, so she could participate in the annual all-female Skysisters event.

She has already started working towards her second

qualification and hopes to complete 30 jumps in the next two weeks.

"I'm completing my first two licences and I hope to be doing some fun jumps as well."

Kylie is one of several hundred women from around the world who converged on the Ramblers Drop Zone in Toogoolawah. Visit www.facebook.com/skysisters or www.skysisters.com.au



SKY HIGH: Kylie Stephenson takes the leap.
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