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Eight-stacker Skysisters record for Tracey



WAHROONGA skydiver Tracey Basman etched her name in the record books when her team broke the Australian all-female canopy stack formation record last month. In the team's first attempt at the Skysisters event in Queensland, they formed an impressive eight-diver stack, eclipsing the record of five divers set in 2007. The group achieved the record despite the threat of bad weather. "I was so shocked that we did it on our first attempt," Basman said. "It felt really good to be at the top

end of a sport which involves many dangers. "It was amazing to be a part of a record-breaking jump especially with a great group of women pushing boundaries and loving what they do." Canopy formations are a male-dominated skydiving discipline because of the physical demands and stress the body endures. Basman, who has been skydiving for eight years, said she couldn't move her arms for three days after the event.

"It is very important to stay fit and healthy so you can handle the physical aspects as well as the altitude and cold," she said. "I regularly take part in weight and aerobic training to prepare my body." Basman has set her sights on breaking the Australian mixed record of 36 divers in a diamond formation. Details: skysisters.com.au - By work experience reporter Julia Cook



EIGHT IS ENOUGH: Tracey Basman and her team at the Skysisters event in Queensland.