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It's gonna be raining women

WHEN 350 women pour from the sky above Toogoolawah in Queensland this week during the Skysisters international skydiving event for women, Palmerston local Megan Leadle will be one of them. The nine-day event, which runs from April 22-30, will gather women skydivers from around Australia and the world to take part in training sessions and an

attempt to set six new national and world skydiving records. Ms Leadle, 33, said it was important to have events of this type for women in the sport. "Skydiving is still a pretty male-dominated sport," she said. "And sometimes the ladies can get a bit left behind, so it's really good to have an event like this where we get together, do some great jumps and

learn heaps of stuff. "There's a really good community of us. "The women stick together — we have to! — and it's getting bigger all the time." The program will also feature about 5000 jumps, many of which will be by skydivers wearing wingsuits. "In those suits it's just like flying, like you're your own little plane," said Ms Leadle.

two weeks. "And the scenery is awesome." One record attempt will be to create a special aerial formation of 10 wingsuiters. When asked for details of the attempt she's taking part in, Ms Leadle replied, "I'm not sure exactly what record we're going for, but when they called and asked if I wanted to be part of it, I said "Absolutely!"



Wingsuiters in formation above Toogoolawah during a training event held there last month. Meagan Leadle is in the purple suit