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## Laura to chute off for all-girl sky meet

### SKYDIVING | LIA HARRIS

AFTER more than 200 jumps, **Laura Watson** says skydiving is her way of relaxing.

"It feels so peaceful and relaxing after the canopy opens, you're not thinking about bills to pay or work," Ms Watson, of Bowden, says. "It's like nothing else you have ever experienced."

Ms Watson, 28, started skydiving with her brother **Paul Watson** in 2005 and says she has been hooked since her first jump.

"It only lasts about three or four

minutes but you go through so many emotions from before the jump to the end," she says.

Ms Watson is a South Australian Sports Parachute Club committee member and helps organise local skydiving events.

Next week, she will go to the all-female Skysisters Skydiving convention in Brisbane.

"I am looking forward to it being all females because this is such a male-dominated sport," she says.

The convention will include a

variety of different skydiving events for women such as themed jumps, record attempts and competitive jumping.

Ms Watson will be involved in two world record attempts including the 60-way relative formation and the crew record where divers join canopies during the jump.

However, skydiving is not the only extreme sport Ms Watson enjoys as she has recently taken up kite surfing as well. "I like to keep myself busy," she says.



RECORD ATTEMPT: Laura Watson will skydive in Brisbane next week.