

Ruth E Wilson - Aviation CV 1975 -

1975 - First flight in New Zealand and has been actively involved every year since in all aspects of ballooning.

1989 – December. Achieved a World First in Aviation recorded under Notable Flights. First night parachute jump from a balloon. Dropped Ron Llewellyn, a skydiver, from my balloon (VH-JLX) at night at Box Hill, NSW, Australia.

2000 Awarded the Australian Women's Pilots Association Trophy in May for long distance gas ballooning from New Mexico to Oklahoma while representing Australia in the prestigious long-distance gas ballooning Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race.

2002 – Inducted into the Ballooning Hall of Fame, Australia.

2008 – Recipient of William Deane Award for Recognition of Excellence with Contribution to the Sport of Ballooning

Holds a Fixed Wing licence, Gas Balloon Rating & Hot Air Balloon. Also holds an Instructor & Examiner Certificate for Ballooning.

Held various executive positions with the sport's governing body, the Australian Ballooning Federation (ABF). Past-President. Current Australian Alternate Delegate for CIA Ballooning Commission, the World body governing ballooning.

Founding Executive member of the NSW/ACT Balloon Association. Established Code of Conduct, rules for balloon retrieval. Was Past Vice President of sport aviation's industry body, the Australian Sports Aviation Confederation (ASAC).

ABF representative on the National Airspace Users Council for four years early 80's, to educate General Aviation Airspace users on the capability of balloons as safe aircraft in controlled airspace.

A brief outline of Ruth's ballooning highlights include:

1977 United Kingdom - Official Observer World Championship York

1978 Austria – Flights from Zell-am-See

1979 Australia – National Champion First Australian Ballooning Championship 1980 USA – Official Observer US National Championship

1981 USA - Competitor World Championship Battle Creek

1981 Australia – National Championships Northam 2ⁿ d Place

1981 USA – Pilot Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

1983 France – Competitor World Championship Nantes

1984 Australia – Pilot National Championship

1985 USA –Co-pilot World Championship Battle Creek

1986 Austria – Competitor Pre European Championship Schielleiten

1986 Germany – Competitor Europa Cup

1987 Austria – Competitor World Championship Schielleiten

1988 Canada – Pilot Winter Olympics Calgary

1988 Australia – Challenge Director Trans-Australia Challenge

1988 Canada – Pilot St John Balloon Event

1989 Japan – Co-pilot World Championship Saga

1989 Canada- Juror at Alberta State Championship

1990 Japan - Competitor Ladies World Cup Saga
1991 Japan – Competitor Ladies World Cup Saga
1995 New Zealand - Balloon Director at Hamilton International Balloon Meet 1999 USA -
Competitor Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race

2002 Australia - Balloon Director Narromine Air Show
2004 Australia - Fiesta Director World Hot Air Ballooning Championship 2007 Australia -
Balloon Director Canberra Balloon Fiesta
2010 Australia - Winner Inaugural Canowindra Challenge Cup
2011 Australia - Deputy Balloon Director National Championship
2012 Australia - Jury President National Championship
2012 USA - Official at the World Championship Battle Creek
2013 Australia - Jury President National Championship
2013 France - Juror French & United Kingdom National Championship 2014 Australia - Juror
National Championship
2014 Japan – Juror Tochigi Hot Air Balloon International Championship 2015 Australia -
Official National Championship
2016 Australia - ABF ASAC Delegate
2017 Australia - Official National Championship

2018 Germany – Pilot Gas Balloon Flights Gladbeck (April)

2018 Switzerland – Pilot Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race from Bern along the tops of the
Snow covered Swiss Alps at night and the Italian Dolomites – 18 hours.

2019 France – Official Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race from Montbeliard.