



***Ruth E Wilson, Australia.  
Curriculum Vitae – Ballooning 1975 –***

***Aviation Milestones:***

- ✚ World First in Aviation – Notable flight (<http://www.ballong.org/notable/rptF.php>) First night skydive from a balloon. In 1989 dropped Ron Llewellyn, a skydiver, from (VH-JLX) at night at Box Hill, hinterland of Byron Bay, New South Wales, Australia.
- ✚ Gordon Bennett Gas Ballooning - Awarded the Australian Women's Pilots Assn Trophy for long distance gas ballooning from New Mexico to Oklahoma while representing Australia in the prestigious 1999 Gordon Bennett Cup.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ Industry representative from 1996 – 2000 on Aviation Review Committees. Chair of the Certification Committee. Attended regular meetings with Civil Aviation Safety Authority covering regulations for Experimental and Sport Aviation.
- ✚ Vice President of sport aviation's industry body, the Australian Sports Aviation Confederation (ASAC).
- ✚ Current ABF ASAC Delegate.
- ✚ Founding Executive member of the NSW/ACT Balloon Association.

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✚ Held various executive positions with the sport's governing body, the Australian Ballooning Federation. Past President. Current Secretary, Australian Alternate Delegate for CIA Ballooning Commission.

✚ **Competition Ballooning –**

- Former National Champion.
- Represented Australia at 4 World Championships.
- Bronze Medal 1990 Ladies World Cup in Japan.
- Balloon Director at 1995 Hamilton International Balloon Meet in New Zealand. Balloon Director 2002 Narromine Air Show.
- Jury member at Alberta State Championships, Canada.
- Jury President 2013 National Championships, Australia.
- Juror CIA Cat 1 Tochigi Japan.

**Brief Highlights of Ballooning Experience:**

1975:	New Zealand:	First balloon flight. Gained balloon license.
1977:	United Kingdom:	Official at World Championships.
1978:	Austria:	Pilot in Austrian Alps.
1979:	Australia:	Won Australian Championship.
1980:	U.S.A.:	Official at USA Championship.
1981:	Australia:	Runner up Australian Championship.
	U.S.A.:	Competitor World Championship
	U.S.A.:	Competitor at World Championship
1984:	Canada:	Pilot Calgary Stampede.
1985:	Canada:	Pilot Inaugural flight over Ottawa.
	Switzerland:	First gas balloon flight
1986:	Switzerland:	Gas balloon flights + License
	Austria:	Competitor European Championship.
	U.S.A.:	Official USA Championship.
	Canada:	Pilot at Calgary Stampede.
	Germany:	Pilot at Pforzheim Cup.
1987:	Austria:	Competitor at World Championship.
1988:	Canada:	Pilot at Winter Olympics, Calgary.
	Australia:	Challenge Director Bicentennial Challenge.
	Australia:	Pilot French film "Flight of the Kangaroo".
	Canada:	Pilot Calgary passenger rides.
	Canada:	Championships Co-Pilot Runner up.
1989:	Canada:	Pilot passenger rides over Calgary.
	Canada:	Juror Alberta State Balloon Championship.
	Japan:	Co-pilot World Championship.
1990:	Japan:	3rd in Ladies World Cup.
1991:	Australia:	Pilot French documentary Moet Chandon.
1992:	Japan:	Pilot in Saga International Balloon Fiesta.
	Canada:	Pilot at Calgary Fiesta.

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1993:	U.S.A.:	Pilot Thunderbird Rally, Phoenix.
1994:	U.S.A.:	Pilot at Denver, Boulder.
1995:	New Zealand:	Race Director Hamilton International Fiesta.
1996:	U.S.A.:	Pilot at Albuquerque International Fiesta.
	Switzerland:	Gas Balloon flight Swiss Alps.
1998:	U.S.A.:	Pilot Denver, Boulder.
1999:	Switzerland:	Australian Delegate CIA Ballooning Meeting.
	U.S.A.:	Pilot 1999 Gordon Bennett Gas Race.
2000:	Greece:	CIA Meeting.
2001:	Switzerland:	CIA Meeting.
2002:	Australia:	Ballooning Hall of Fame Recipient.
2003:	Australia:	Media Consultant Canberra Balloon Fiesta.
2004:	Australia:	World HAB Championships Fiesta Director.
2006:	UAE:	Pilot in Dubai.
2007:	Australia:	Flight Director Canberra Fiesta.
2008:	Australia:	William Dean Award Excellence in balloons.
2009:	Australia:	ABF State Representative.
2010:	Australia:	Winner Inaugural Canowindra Challenge
2011:	Australia:	Deputy Director National Championships.
2011:	Australia:	CIA Alternate Delegate
2012:	Australia:	Jury President Canowindra Challenge
	U.S.A.:	Official World HAB Championship
	Australia:	CIA Alternate Delegate
2013:	France:	Juror at French & UK HAB Championship
	Australia:	Jury President National Championship
2014:	Japan:	Juror CIA Cat 1 Tochigi
2015:	Australia:	Juror CIA Cat 2 Canowindra
	Australia:	Official National HAB Championship
2017:	Australia:	Official National HAB Championship
2018:	Germany:	Gas Balloon flights x 3
2018:	Switzerland:	Pilot Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race
2019:	France:	Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race Media
2021:	Australia:	Official National HAB Championship

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