

## Ruth E Wilson - Aviation CV 1975 - 2014

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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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 Australia  
2013 France - Juror French & United Kingdom National Championship  
2014 Australia - Juror National Championship  
2014 Japan – Juror Tochigi Hot Air Balloon International Championship