



FAI Awards for Ballooning 2015
Nomination Form
(one form per nomination)

Name of the Award:

- ☐ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Gas Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.1)
- ☐ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Hot Air Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.2)
- ☐ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Roziere Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.3)
- ☒ Montgolfier Diploma / contribution to development of ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.4)
- ☐ Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal (By-Law 7.2.2)

Submitted by:

NAC: **AUSTRALIAN AIR SPORTS CONFEDERATION (ASAC)**

Name

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Position/Function

AIR SPORT AUSTRALIA CONFEDERATION

Date

4th Jan 2016

Signature and stamp



Nomination for:

Name **MS RUTH EVELYN WILSON**

Birthdate: **17/02/1943**

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Reasons for nomination (maximum 250 words, English only):

Ruth Wilson is an early pioneer of Australian Ballooning and has actively served the ballooning community for 40 years.

As Australia's first national champion she is one of only 4. She is the sole female Gas Balloon Pilot in her country and competed as Pilot-in-Command at the prestigious 1999 Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race.

Ruth was the Australian Ballooning Federation's representative on National Airspace Users Council for four years early 1980's to educate General Aviation Airspace Users on the capability of balloons as safe aircraft in controlled airspace. The development of commercial ballooning in controlled airspace was the result of this work.

Ruth has served the Australian airsport community as an ABF President (past), and remains currently active on the ABF Competition Committee. She is a past CIA Delegate and is the current CIA Alternate Delegate. She has acted as Flight/Competition Director in New Zealand and Australia and is a CIA Juror.

Ruth has trained and inspired hundreds of student pilots with her ABF Instructor and Examiner rating, contributing to increased ABF membership.

With over 3000 PIC hours she has promoted & raised awareness of Australian Ballooning over a significant period of time.

It was Ruth's concept and total management of the Bicentennial Balloon Challenge that took 78 balloon teams with support across the Australian continent from Perth to Sydney. The event captured both international and national media with a resultant increase in the number of balloonists and new balloons in her country.

She holds a World First in Aviation – Notable flight First night sky dive from a balloon. (<http://www.ballong.org/notable/rptF.php>)

All nominations must be received at the FAI Head Office by **15 January 2016** at the latest in electronic format (to members@fai.org) **preferably** or by fax or post