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# Bendigo hosts figure skating competition

## Ice talent on show

**LOCAL** ice skaters have been getting in some last-minute training before their first figure skating competition of the year this weekend.

The Skate Bendigo competition will be held on Saturday at the Bendigo Ice Skating Stadium starting at 11am.

Spectators are welcome and entry is free.

By **WHITNEY HARRIS**

Ice Skating Club of Bendigo president Leah Browell said the event would showcase a good cross-section of talent, as first-timers right up to elite-level skaters take to the ice.

The club is also holding a skills development session for members after the event.

Special guest will be six-time state figure skating champion Andrea Balstrup.

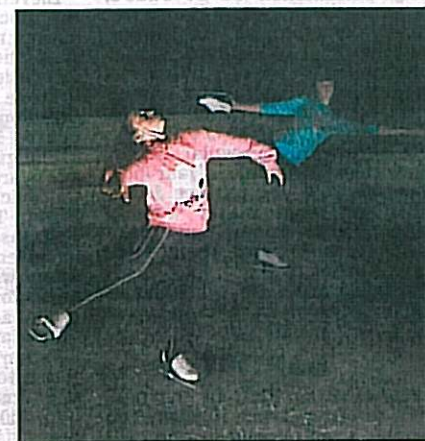
The development session will give skaters the chance to discuss competition experiences while taking part in skill building activities both on and off the ice.

"This weekend's development session will be a big confidence builder in developing the skaters' on-ice presentation in

readiness for April's Dragon City Trophy and Sun Loong Artistic competition, which is a huge event for Bendigo," Mrs Browell said.

The Dragon City Trophy and Sun Loong Artistic competition is a prestigious three-day figure skating event attracting local and interstate competitors.

It is on from April 17-19.



**ICE DANCE:** Skaters Kassidy Browell and Chelsea Fitzpatrick in training.

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