

Cool skaters slide in for competition

SKATERS from across the country gathered to participate in a three-day meet in Bendigo at the weekend.

Jenni Clohesy from the Ice Skating Bendigo Club said "powerful performances" dominated the arena.

The Dragon City Trophy competition was welcomed with open arms after taking a three-year break from the ice.

During Friday and Saturday more than 30 skaters from Victoria, South Australia and the ACT competed for the coveted ceramic purple dragon. Yesterday, skaters took the opportunity to celebrate with the Sun Loong Artistic Competition.

"Its an artistic competition in honour of the Chinese influence in Bendigo," Ms Clohesy said.

"It's really a competition that is different from the previous two days because it's based on an entertainment value and having fun."

Ms Clohesy said one of the highlights of the weekend included the introduction of the new international judging system that uses videotaping.

"The skaters are actually filmed so their moves can be replayed time and time again."

Judges included Ice Skating Australia president Cathy Taylor and Ice Skating Victoria's Mark Storton.

The Dragon City Trophy began 16 years ago and is held around Easter each year.



ON ICE: Kayla Erzetic performs during the weekend competition.