



# ACT ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION INC

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **ACT Figure Skating Team 2015**

The ACT Ice Skating Association has selected a strong team for representation at the Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) to be held in Sydney, from 28 November to 4 December 2015.

The ACT Figure Skating Championships were held on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 October 2015, at the Phillip Swimming and Ice Skating Centre. Following the Championships, the Association considered a number of factors for selection of the ACT team, including the judging panel's recommendations.

"We are always pleased to announce our ACT team selections, and this year is no different with a very strong team all competing in singles and ready to represent the ACT at the 2015 Australian Figure Skating Championships", said ACTISA's President, Ms Julie Stalker.

#### **ACT Singles Team 2015**

Mens Novice Division	Callum Bradshaw
Ladies Novice Division	Sarah Batey Kody-Leigh Hirst
Ladies Primary Division	Monique Lawrence
Ladies Intermediate Division	Lauren Ashman Emily Leong Eleonore Willis Tanisha Jory Georgia Tongs (reserve)
Men's Intermediate Division	Ben Meeuwissen
Adult Gold Division	Josephine Kooyman

Ms Stalker commented;

"This is always an exciting and nervous time for our first time ACT representatives, but we know Monique Lawrence, Ben Meeuwissen, Eleonore Willis and Tanisha Jory will be providing us with some great performances while competing at the championships for the first time. We are also very hopeful that that Ice Skating Australia accepts our strong representations that Georgia Tongs (currently reserve) be accepted for AFSC as we believe she will be very competitive in the Singles Ladies Intermediate Division at her first national championships.

This year sees three of our skaters progression to higher competition levels; Callum Bradshaw will be aiming for a placing in Novice after being awarded 2014 Australian National Champion in Single Mens Intermediate Division; Sarah Batey who we welcome back to the ACT Team as 2015 ACT Ladies Novice Champion was very successful last year in Intermediate Division and will be aiming high this year; and Kody-Leigh Hirst will be aiming for a personal best in the Novice Division with her second year at AFSC.

For our other experienced skaters; Lauren Ashman, ACT Single Ladies Intermediate Champion third year in a row and Emily Leong who placed 2nd at this year's ACT Championships, will lead a very competitive team in the Single Ladies Intermediate Division.

Unfortunately Dilli Kenyon, a Junior level skater, was unable to compete at the ACT Championships this year due to injury. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back on the ice soon.

We wish all our skaters well and are very confident they will represent the ACT skating community with outstanding performances and come home with personal bests."

## **Background**

The Australian National Figure Skating Championships are held in a different state each year.

Ice Skating Australia selects a rink from State nominations received the year before each event is held, with the Penrith Ice Palace rink in Sydney winning selection for hosting the 2015 Championships. The Championships will be held over 7 days, from 28 November to 4 December 2015, with skaters competing in Singles, Pairs, Dance, Synchronised and Adult Divisions.

## **Information**

Interviews can be organised by contacting:

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