



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 10, 6 July 2018

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T3 Week 1	Week 1 Starting 23 July 2018
Monday 23/07/18	School Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday 24/07/18	Year 11 – Music Assess. Task – In Class Year 10 – NESB Young Women's Forum Year 9 – Links to Learning Students return NAIDOC Week Celebrations
Wednesday 25/07/18	NAIDOC Week Celebrations
Thursday 26/07/18	Year 12 – Aboriginal Studies Assess. Task Year 10 – NESB Young Women's Forum NAIDOC Week Celebrations South Coast Hockey Final
Friday 27/07/18	Year 12 – Chemistry Assessment Task Year 10 – Koomurri Aboriginal Incursion Year 9 – Science Sustainability Assess. Task Year 9 – Koomurri Aboriginal Incursion Year 8 – Koomurri Aboriginal Incursion Year 7 – Koomurri Aboriginal Incursion NAIDOC Week Celebrations CHS Cross Country Futsal State Championships
T3 Week 2	Week 2 Starting 30 July 2018
Monday 30/07/18	
Tuesday 31/07/18	Year 12 – PVD Body of Work due Year 10 – FDT Practical Exam Year 10 – HSIE – Assessment Task Year 9 – Links to Learning Year 9 – FDT Examination Southern Stars Combined Choir – Dapto High
Wednesday 01/08/18	Year 12 – Studies of Religion Assess. Task Year 9 – FDT Examination Futsal State Championships
Thursday 02/08/18	Year 11 – Senior Geography Project due Year 10 – NESB Young Women's Forum Year 9 – FDT Examination Futsal State Championships ITEC Open Day – Autism Transition
Friday 03/08/18	Year 12 – Physics Assessment Task Year 9 – Science Sustainability Assess. Task Regional Athletics Southern Stars Rehearsal and Performance
Year 12 Purple Year 11 Olive Year 10 Blue Year 9 Red Year 8 Green Year 7 Orange	

### Thoughts from the Principal

At the start of next term we will welcome a new Principal to Figtree High School. At this stage the staffing of the position is being finalised and we will be informing the school community at the start of next term of the successful candidate for this important role. We will also welcome back our substantive Deputy Principal, Ms Donovan who returns from her role with the department as Teacher Quality Adviser. In this role Ms Donovan worked with a range of schools and staff and she brings back to Figtree High School high level skills and expertise in student performance monitoring through the new Literacy and Numeracy progressions as well as skills in leading and developing teacher practice. Ms Donovan will also be the Deputy Principal in charge of Year 7.

This term has been a busy term of assessment and reporting. All students have now been issued with their academic reports for Semester One and we have held two parent teacher evenings where parents have been able to discuss the progress of their child with class teachers. It is an especially important time for students in Years 8 and 10 as they are deciding about elective subjects and programs of study into Years 9 and 11 respectively.

On Monday, August 6 we will hold our subject selection information evening for Year 8 and 10 families. More details of this evening will be issued early next term.

Figtree High School sporting success continues, we have just been named Zone Athletics Champions for 2018, a great result for our student competitors. This included the 12 years girls relay team who broke the record in the 4 x 100m relay. Well done to Caley Talon Henniker,

Emily Howarth, Zoe Newton and Melanie Persinidis. Our success was on the back of all students who went in events and participated on the day, but we also had five Age Champions who deserve special mention. Well done Caley Talon Henniker, Alyssa Parks, Benjamin Plumb, Payton Williams and Blake Barklay.

In the creative and performing arts arena we have also excelled this term. The Shakespeare Festival was once again a showcase of talent and teamwork as students and staff worked together to put on an evening of high drama, dance and music. Students have been rehearsing for two terms to bring the show together and it was performed over two nights with two matinee shows where our feeder primary schools were the audience. With set design, lighting, sound and multimedia controlled by our Year 11 VET Entertainment Students and student art displays rounding out the evening, it was a wonderful example of what is possible with the many talents of Figtree High School staff and students. Special mention needs to be made of the students who also made the commitment to attend afternoon and weekend rehearsals. Shows like these would not happen without the commitment and dedication of the entire Creative and Performing Arts staff, the shows director, Mrs Mintzas and movement coach Mrs Munro so a special thank you to these teachers for their efforts in writing and coordinating the festival.

At the start of next term, the school will be celebrating NAIDOC week. The theme for NAIDOC week this year is "Because of her we can". This focuses on the valuable contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made to the rich history of our nation. We have a number of activities planned for the start of next term, culminating in a day where students will take part in activities centred around experiencing Aboriginal culture. We are very much looking forward to these celebrations and our Aboriginal Education team has been working hard behind the scenes to connect with the local community and provide an authentic celebration for our school.

It is with a hint of sadness that I write my final report as Acting Principal Figtree High School as next term I will be moving schools to take on a different role. When I walked into the school twelve months ago it was

obvious that the school focus was "Success for every student". I saw wide ranging programs on offer for students where they could develop their talents and work towards achieving their goals. Staff interest, expertise and skill has developed these programs to support this and I have seen the commitment of staff as they have worked to repurpose learning spaces, develop HSC Success Plans for every Year 12 student and support student achievement in so many ways. It has been a privilege to work with the Figtree High School community these past twelve months.

Staff return on Monday 23 July for our School Development Day and students return on Tuesday 24 July. As we move into the winter holiday period I wish students and families a safe and relaxing holiday.

Mr Glyn Trethewy  
Acting Principal

## PBL Core Value

<b>WEEK 1:</b>	<b>Safety</b>  Walk sensibly in the corridors and the stairwells and keep to the left
<b>WEEK 2:</b>	<b>Learning</b>  Stay on task and do your best

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## Deputy Principal Report

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### PARENT/TEACHER EVENING – YEAR 8, 9 AND 10

Our second Parent/Teacher Evening was held Thursday 5 July for Years 8, 9 and 10 from 2.30pm-7.00pm. It was fantastic to see so many parents attending the night and obtaining feedback on their child's progress

### REPORTS

All students have now received their Semester 1 report.

### **SAVE THE DATE – YEAR 8 AND YEAR 10**

Monday 6 August is a very important date for all students in Year 8 and Year 10. Parents/Carers and students are invited to the Year 9 2019 Elective Course Information evening at 6.00pm, in the School Auditorium. Information presented will further assist Year 8 students in selection of their elective courses for 2019-2020. Year 8 students will be issued with their elective booklet during week 1 of term 3.

The Year 11 2019 HSC Course Information presentation will follow the Year 9 Elective Course presentation at 7.00pm. The evening will give parents/carers and Year 10 students the opportunity to gain further understanding of: Higher School Certificate rules and regulations; ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank); Subjects on offer at FHS (subject to final approval); Vocational Education & Training options; TAFE VET options and the process subject selection. Year 10 students will be issued with the Year 11 2019 Subject Selection Information Booklet in their Career lessons during week 9 and 10.

Following both presentations, you and your child will have the opportunity to talk to representatives from each faculty to discuss individual courses, and their relevance future goals and study options.

We look forward to seeing you at this important evening.

### **ATTENDANCE**

At Figtree High School attendance matters. It is important that we are on time each day for school, make appointments for outside school time and attend every day unless there are exceptional circumstances or illness. This allows students to maximise their learning opportunities. If students are absent from school or late to school a letter/email or reply text to the SMS of explanation should be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of absence. The explanation should clearly outline the reason for absence or late arrival.

### **MOBILE PHONE POLICY – ‘OFF AND IN BAG’**

It is also timely to remind students of school policy in relation to mobile phones, that is, the use of mobile phones during the school day is not permitted due to the distraction to learning. Our Mobile Phone Policy

clearly states that phones are to be switched off and in bags. Students are also reminded that the wearing of headphones is not permitted in the classroom.

Mrs Jemma Lawson

Relieving Deputy Principal Year 8, 10 and 12

### **VIETNAMESE STUDENT TOUR 2018**

Over the past two weeks, Figtree High School was delighted to host 18 students from Vietnam. It was an exciting opportunity for our school community to be part of the program and also experience the joy of offering the Vietnamese students the experience of immersing themselves in the Australian culture.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all the parents and staff who participated in the program. Parents and teachers from our school community opened up their homes and provided an exceptional example of true Australian hospitality.

Each day, the Vietnamese students participated in intensive English language classes provided by the tour organisers. In the afternoon, the students joined classes across the school participating in our mainstream education. Students from all year groups assisted our guests by helping navigate this exciting new environment.

During their visit, the students engaged in a variety of activities at school and also with their host families. We have heard an array of stories about the exciting times the students have had.

Most importantly, what we have seen is how our school community can come together and welcome visitors from another country and make them feel at home. Some wonderful friendships have formed which we are sure will continue for many years to come.









## ILLAWARRA MULTICULTURAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Figtree High School students participated in the annual Illawarra Multicultural Youth Conference on Friday 29 June at Five Islands Senior College. The students attended four workshops which showcased information and skills for newly arrived students. Please click on the following link for more information and photos.

<https://www.facebook.com/585403098194198/posts/820945741306588/>

The 13th Illawarra Multicultural Youth Conference on Friday was a rousing success with 85 students from refugee backgrounds coming together at Five Islands Secondary College in Port Kembla to discuss and identify the needs of newly arrived students and gain new skills. Four workshops took students on a journey through Australian legal rights and obligations; how to survive school and achieve their goals; how to budget, save money and avoid scams; and a motivational session about self-realisation and how to build resilience. There were also chill-out sessions; football (real football!), henna hand painting, dancing, beauty and fitness/body building.

“Perhaps the most powerful workshop was that delivered by former refugees in their 20s who spoke about their experiences and how they have achieved their goals, showing the way for more recently arrived students who are on a similar challenging and exciting journey of inclusion in Australian society”, says Allyson Pazos, Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra - MCCI's Youth & Community Manager.

Many thanks to all those involved in turning the conference into a great success: The six participating schools – Figtree High School - Official, Keira High School, Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts, Illawarra Sports High School, Warrawong High School, Warrawong Intensive English Centre - and others: NSW Department of Education, Multicultural NSW, Port Kembla Youth Project, Five Islands Secondary College, City of Wollongong, Wollongong Youth Centre, Illawarra Legal Centre Inc., The Smith Family, Football South

Coast and Wollongong Police District. The conference was led by MCCI.





## INVICTUS GAMES

Over 500 competitors from 18 countries will descend upon Sydney for the Invictus Games. Events across 11 different sports will be held across Greater Sydney, including Sydney Olympic Park and on and around Sydney Harbour.

These adaptive sports closely resemble the standard sports but with some modifications to the rules and

equipment to better meet the needs of the competitors.

The adaptive sports of the Games include athletics, indoor rowing, powerlifting, cycling, sitting volleyball, swimming, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, wheelchair tennis and the Jaguar Land Rover Driving Challenge. Sailing will join the Sydney program of events for the first time at the Invictus Games.

Figtree High School have been lucky enough to be able to send 30 of our students to watch the Invictus games on 22 October. This will be an exciting event on the calendar.



## ZONE ATHLETICS

Wow!! Figtree High School after many years of coming second have finally won the Zone Athletics Championships which were held at Beaton Park on Friday 29 June. This is an amazing result and all students who attended on the day must be congratulated. We were able to field students in nearly all the events and this has been the difference as to why we were able to come first this year.

Congratulations to the following students who were named age champions at the carnival:

12 years girls - Caley Tallon Henniker

15 years girls - Alyssa Parks

16 years boys - Benjamin Plumb

17+ years girls - Payton Williams

17+ years boys - Blake Barklay



All our relay teams were very impressive on the day. We now have 9 relay teams attending the Regional Carnival.

Congratulation to the 12 years girls relay team who broke the record in the 4 x 100m relay. The old time was 57.50 the new time was 57.41. The girls team consisted of:

Caley Talon Henniker, Emily Howarth, Zoe Newton and Melanie Persinidis.

The Regional Carnival will be held in Canberra on Friday 3 August. Permission notes have been distributed to students in Week 10. We wish all our students the best of luck at this carnival.



## YOUNG WOMEN'S FORUM PROGRAM

Our Young Women's Forum finished their work this term with an International Morning Tea this week. Each Year 10 student contributed a different food from their cultural background to share with the group. Delicious! A big thank you to both Therese and Nat from Wollongong Women's Information Service for their leadership of the program this term.

The Young Women's Forum Program offers young women from diverse cultural backgrounds a safe, supportive and creative environment in which to share themes and topics that are important to them, access information relevant to their needs, and develop their strengths, skills and confidence as young women. Young women also have the opportunity to meet and share their themes and experience with a broader network of younger and older women.



Mrs Salma Al Hindi  
EAL/D Teacher





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Respect, Safety, Learning

Dear Parent/Carer,

Figtree High School has a mantra of success for every student. With the Higher School Certificate examination period approaching, students are being offered the opportunity to attend Study Skills Days during the school holidays for the subjects listed below.

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Time</b></i>	<i><b>Teacher</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>
<b>Society and Culture:</b>			
Thursday 12 July	8.30am-9.30am	Dzida	C10
Friday 13 July	10am-2pm	Khan	C10
Thursday 19 July	10am-2pm	Khan	C10
<b>Visual Arts</b>			
Thursday 19 July	9am-2pm	Szoboszlay	Art 1
Friday 20 July	9am-2pm	Szoboszlay	Art 1

While these study skills days are not compulsory, the opportunity to attend these days have been offered to assist your child as they complete their Higher School Certificate and as they prepare for their trial examinations.

Kind Regards

Mrs J Lawson

R/Deputy Principal Year 12





# School route number change

## New school route numbers from **Monday 2 July 2018**

All school route numbers will be changed to new numbers from Monday 2 July 2018.

This will ensure that school buses are easily identifiable.

All new school bus route numbers will start with a capital 'S' and be followed by a new 3 digit bus number, e.g. S100.

You can access further information in the following ways:

- Ask for the schedule of school route number changes from your school office
- Refer to School Services page on the Premier Illawarra website **[premierillawarra.com.au](http://premierillawarra.com.au)**

If you have any further queries please contact Transport for NSW directly on 131500



**Year 12 students - prepare for  
your future!**

# HSC WELLBEING AND STUDY SKILLS

**FOCUSSED, EFFECTIVE, BALANCED.**

*Learn how to:*

1. Achieve your goals
2. Conquer stress
3. Maintain wellbeing
4. Study effectively

**4-week program: 31/7-21/8, Tuesday's 4.30-6.30pm**

**OR**

**2-day workshop: 18/7 and 19/7, 9am-3pm**

**Where: University of Wollongong**

**Cost: \$60 or \$30 (concession card)**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE  
CALL 4221 3747 OR EMAIL [NFC-UOW@UOW.EDU.AU](mailto:NFC-UOW@UOW.EDU.AU)**





# SOMETHING TO DO THESE **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**7 JULY - 21 JULY**

**FREE** for 12-24 years olds [unless otherwise specified]

## NAIDOC WEEK

Celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**TUESDAY 10 JULY**  
@ Green St, Warrawong

**THURSDAY 12 JULY**  
@ Koonawarra Community Centre

**WEDNESDAY 18 JULY**  
@ Bellambi Surf Club

## ON STAGE

Live performances by local musicians. Get along & support the local music scene!

**THURSDAYS**

**6 – 7.30PM**

@ Wollongong Youth Centre

## HANG OUT

Basketball, pool, table tennis, air hockey, TV, foosball, chill out room & more... (12-18 year olds only).

**TUESDAYS 1-4PM**

**THURSDAYS 3-8PM**

**SATURDAYS 1-4PM**

@ Wollongong Youth Centre



To make a booking or to find out more information  
CONTACT THE YOUTH SERVICES TEAM  
P: 4227 8222 E: [youthservices@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)





# SOMETHING TO DO

## JULY - SEPT 2018

**FREE** for 12-24 years olds [unless otherwise specified]

### ON AIR PLAY OUT

Tune into 106.9 VoxFM to list to radio hosted by young people.

MONDAYS  
8-9PM

### RAINBOW LEAGUE

A social group for same sex attracted, gender diverse or questioning young people aged 16-25.

MONDAYS (FORTNIGHTLY)  
4-6PM  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE

### CODE THE GONG

Learn to write computer code & build a website, create an app or a game & explore technology.

TUESDAYS  
4.30-6.00PM  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE

### AEROSOL ART

Learn the skills of aerosol art, whether you're a beginner and want to give it a try or are an experienced artist. No experience necessary.

TUESDAY  
3PM-4.30PM  
@ BUNDLEER COMMUNITY CENTRE  
WEDNESDAY  
3.15PM-5.15PM  
@ BELLAMBI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

### TEENZ CONNECT

A range of activities including art, craft, games, trivia & more for young people aged 12-18 years.

TUESDAYS  
3.15-5.15PM  
@ CORRIMAL LIBRARY  
THURSDAYS  
3-5PM  
@ WARRAWONG LIBRARY

### BOOK A SPACE

Are you a young person & need a space for your group to meet? Book a space at the Youth Centre for free.

TUESDAYS - SATURDAYS  
VARIOUS TIMES  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE

### ACTING UP

Get involved in theatre sports, drama activities and building a performance, whilst gaining skills and confidence in a fun and interactive drama program.

WEDNESDAYS  
3.30-5.30PM  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE  
FRIDAYS  
3-5PM  
@ KOONAWARRA COMMUNITY CENTRE

### BARISTA EXPRESS

Be mentored by experienced baristas & learn to make café quality coffee.

*Bookings essential.*

WEDNESDAYS  
3.30-5.30PM  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE

### TEAM IGNITE

Join Team Ignite to boost the music & performance scene for young people in Wollongong.

THURSDAYS  
4-5.30PM  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE

### ON STAGE

A mix of live music & performances for young people by young people. Check out the gig guide for more information.

THURSDAYS  
6-7.30PM  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE

### BOXING FOR FITNESS

Improve your fitness & learn boxing techniques from our qualified personal trainer.

FRIDAYS  
3.30-5.30PM  
@ CRINGILA COMMUNITY CENTRE

### CHOOSE. COOK. EAT.

You get to CHOOSE what you COOK. Learn how to prepare healthy meals and EAT the meal you've prepared.

FRIDAYS  
3.00-5.00PM  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE

### HANG OUT

Basketball, pool, table tennis, air hockey, TV, football and more. A space for 12-18 year olds.

TUESDAYS 3-6PM  
THURSDAYS 3-8PM  
SATURDAYS 1-4PM  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE

### SPECIAL EVENTS

31 Aug—Wear It Purple Day  
13 Sept—R U OK Day

Visit our Facebook page to find out what's happening for these events.

### LEGAL WALL

The back wall of the Youth Centre is a legal aerosol art wall. Bring your own paint and practice your aerosol art skills.

ANYTIME  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE

### REHEARSAL SPACE

Fully equipped sound proof music rehearsal room \$5p/p—2hr sessions.

*Bookings essential.*

TUESDAYS - SATURDAYS  
VARIOUS TIMES  
@ WOLLONGONG YOUTH CENTRE



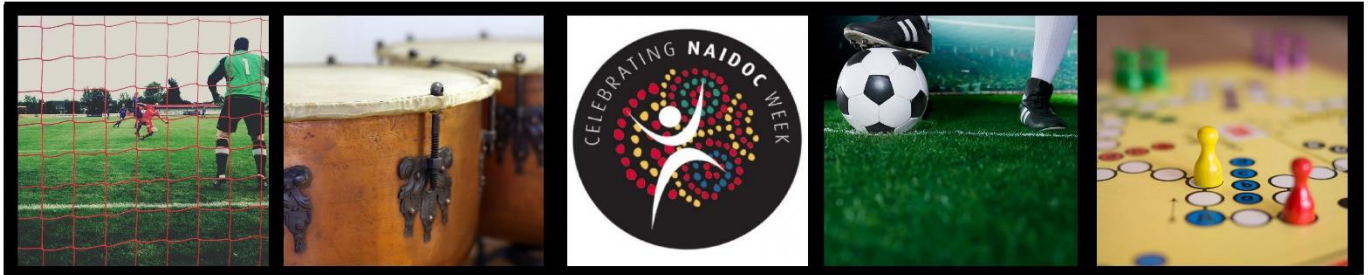
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# ARE YOU AGED 12-24?

DO YOU COME FROM A MULTICULTURAL  
BACKGROUND?



JOIN US FOR SOCCER, DRUMMING AND NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS  
THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

For more information and registrations visit [mcci.org.au](http://mcci.org.au) or contact MCCI at  
[admin@mcci.org.au](mailto:admin@mcci.org.au) or 4229 7566

Adequate supervision will be provided during all activities; however it is the responsibility of the young person to find their own transport to and from activities, unless otherwise stated by MCCI. Further details will be provided upon registration. Activities will be cancelled if there are few expressions of interest.

	<b>Tues July 10th</b> 3-5 pm	<b>Chill out Afternoon</b>	Lets go with the weather! Come and play some sports, games, watch a movie or just chill out for the afternoon at MCCI. Afternoon tea provided. <b>Where:</b> MCCI, 117 Corrimal St, Wollongong 2500
	<b>Mon July 16th</b> 3-5pm	<b>Chill out Afternoon</b>	Lets go with the weather! Come play some soccer and chill out for the afternoon at MCCI. Afternoon tea provided. <b>Where:</b> MCCI, 117 Corrimal St, Wollongong 2500
	<b>Wed July 18th</b> 9:30-12pm	<b>NAIDOC</b>	Celebrate NAIDOC Week 2018 with MCCI at Bellambi's FREE community event. Transport provided. <b>Meet at:</b> MCCI, 117 Corrimal St, Wollongong 2500
	<b>Thurs July 19th</b> 9- 1pm	<b>Drumming</b>	Come and try drumming and play some other musical instruments with the Wollongong Con. A picnic lunch in the Botanical Gardens will be provided. <b>Meet at:</b> MCCI, to catch the Free bus to the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music in Keiraville
	<b>Fri July 20th</b> 10-12pm	<b>Soccer</b>	Join us and Football South Coast for a fun game of soccer at Lang Park, Marine Drive, Wollongong. Lunch provided after the game. <b>Meet at:</b> MCCI, 117 Corrimal St, Wollongong 2500



# Northern Illawarra

## YEAR 7/8 SCHOOL CUP



**THE T20 BLAST SCHOOL CUP IS A FAST  
FUN AND SAFE ONE DAY CRICKET CARNIVAL  
FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS IN YEARS 7/8.**

T20 Blast School Cups give female students the opportunity to play fun, modified, short games of cricket and develop teamwork and leadership skills.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- ▶ Round-robin format over one day for year 7/8 girls.
- ▶ Teams of 8 will play a minimum of 4 games each.
- ▶ Everyone has a chance to bat, bowl, field and wicketkeep!
- ▶ Gala day winner has the opportunity to progress

### NORTHERN ILLAWARRA T20 BLAST SCHOOL CUP

**Date: ??**

**Venue: Dalton Park, Fairy Meadow??**

To register simply email Jenna Purcell - [jpurcell.cricketnsw@gmail.com](mailto:jpurcell.cricketnsw@gmail.com) or  
[paul.brockley@cricketnsw.com.au](mailto:paul.brockley@cricketnsw.com.au)

