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The next meeting of the New South Wales Branch will be held on

Wednesday, 21 April 2004

6.00 pm for refreshments, 6.30 pm for the talk

at the Red Centre of the University of New South Wales

Room M032

Ann Eyland

Measuring Justice: a statistician's journey through justice land

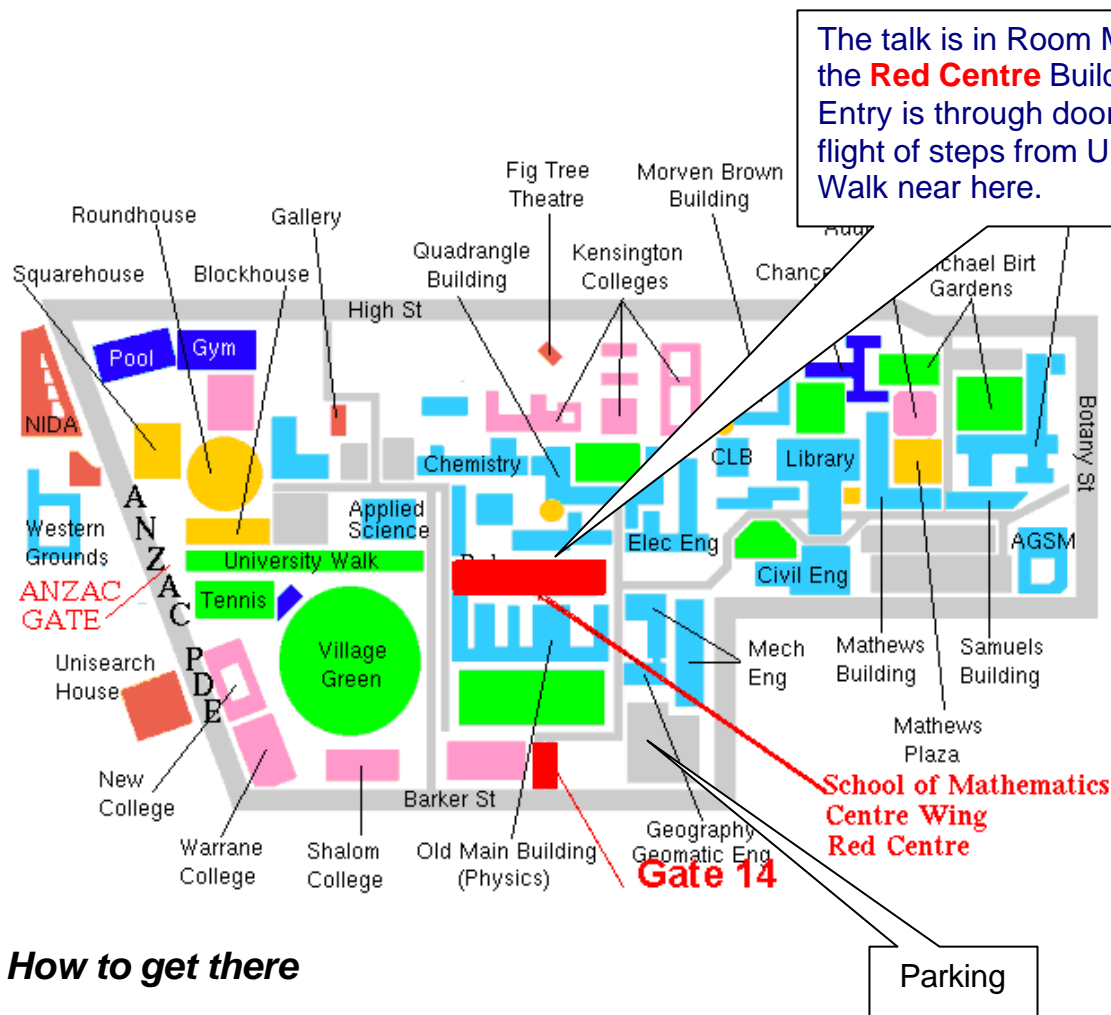
Since Guy Fawkes Day 1997, I have worked at the Law and Justice Foundation of New South Wales or its precursor. The objects of the Foundation as set out in the Law and Justice Foundation Act 2000 are 'to contribute to the development of a fair and equitable justice system which addresses the legal needs of the community and to improve access to justice by the community (in particular, by economically and socially disadvantaged people)'. The Act spells out the way this is to be done—through research, collection and dissemination of information, and promotion of education about the justice system. What is the justice system? What is meant by fairness and equity? Are there measures of accessibility, of justice? This talk will describe the journey of one statistician in justice land. There were two stages to the journey. Initially, research focused on the formal justice system, the courts—the time and cost of civil litigation. In the second stage, the focus was on the legal needs of the community, in particular those who are socially disadvantaged. The destination often seemed illusive, the obstacles many and the toolbox inadequate.

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Dinner

Dinner with the speaker will be held after the meeting at a nearby restaurant. Please tell Caro Badcock at caro.badcock@covance.com if you wish to come.

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The talk is in Room M032 in the **Red Centre Building**. Entry is through doors up a flight of steps from University Walk near here.

How to get there

Parking

Pay parking is available in the parking house that can be entered via Gate 14 on Barker St (the entrance is at the bottom of the map above). Visitor parking is only available on the 5th floor. The parking machines accept 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2 coins and do not give change. There is a \$4 minimum charge for 5 hours. The daily maximum is \$8 for 12 hours with pro-rata charges in-between.

There is another diagram showing more detail at: <http://www.maths.unsw.edu.au/~inge/symp/parking.html>

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