



The New South Wales branch of ANZFSS invites you to our July presentation evening:

Not guilty by reason of mental illness:

Anina Johnson

"I enter a verdict that the accused is not guilty of murder by reason of mental illness. I order that they be detained at such a place as may be determined from time to time by the Mental Health Review Tribunal, until released by due process of law".

When a person has committed a serious crime under the influence of a mental illness, orders such as these close the final chapter of most people's professional involvement with that person.

However, for the person concerned, these same remarks represent the opening chapter of the story of the rest of their life.

Anina will trace the pathways to a forensic patient's recovery and ultimate release. She will also canvass some of the systematic challenges facing the NSW forensic mental health system. This is your chance to find out what it really means to be "detained until released by the Mental Health Review Tribunal".

Anina was appointed as the Deputy President (Forensic) of the Mental Health Review Tribunal in November 2012. Anina sits regularly on Tribunal hearings in both its Forensic and Civil jurisdiction.

She is also responsible for guiding the work of the Forensic Division, and works closely with mental health services, disability services, corrective services and other stakeholders on strategic issues in relation to forensic mental health.

Anina has been a member of the NSW COAT Executive since 2014. She assisted in the design of the Online Decision Making Program offered through the National Judicial College of Australia and is one of the expert facilitators for that program.

Prior to her appointment to the Tribunal, Anina worked as a lawyer in the public sector for more than 15 years. She has a broad range of experience as both solicitor and advocate across areas including administrative law, criminal law, constitutional law, child protection and coronial inquiries.

WHERE: University of Technology, Sydney
Thomas St x Jones St Ultimo
Room CB07.02.025 'Green lecture theatre'

WHEN: Thursday 14th July 2016
Refreshments from 6:30 pm
Presentation from 7pm

COST: Free for members, \$10 for non-members

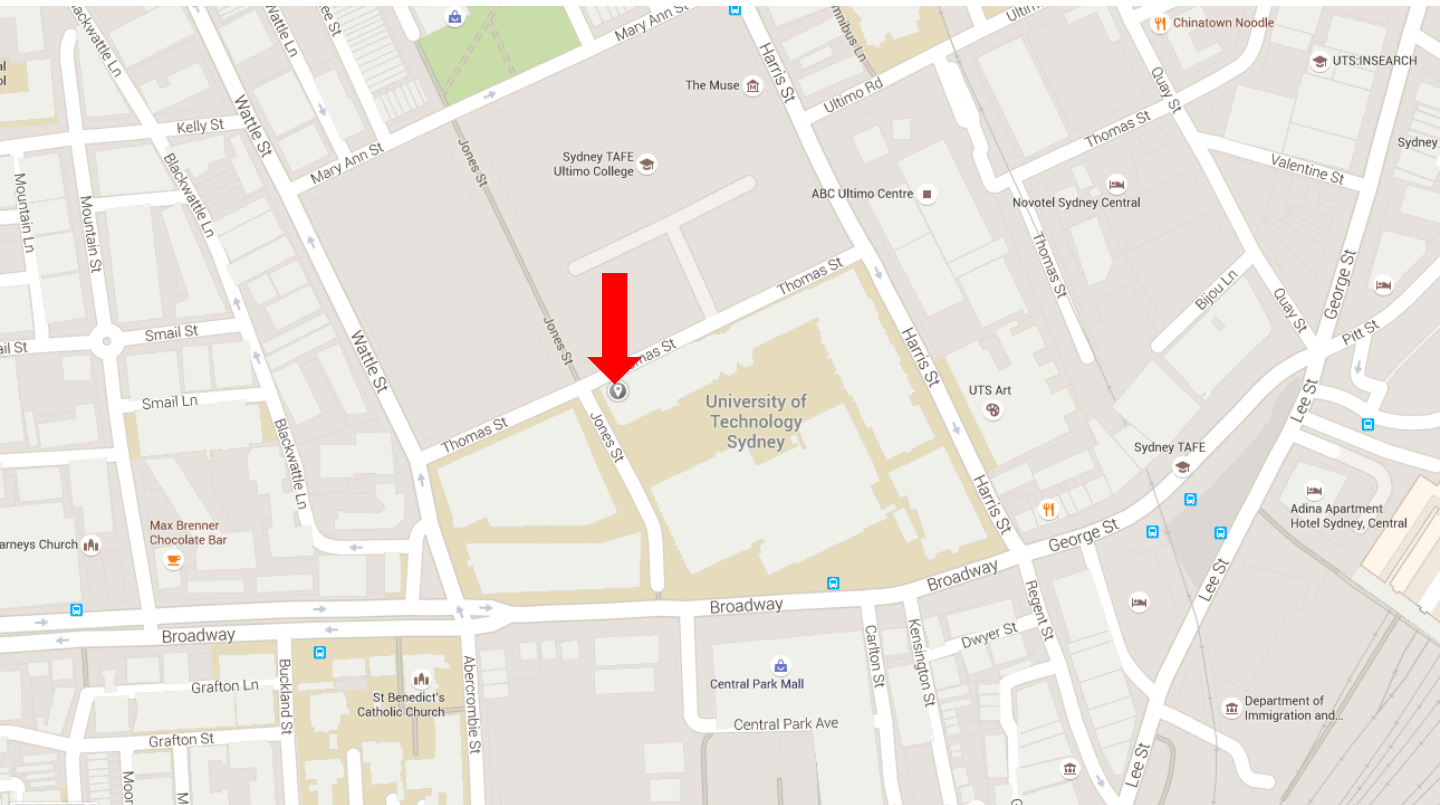
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VENUE MAP



Please enter Building 7 from the corner of Thomas and Jones Street. Light refreshments will be served on Level 3 (street level) near the café. Nearby street parking is available on Thomas Street, and in a parking station in Building 10, off Thomas Street. There is also a convenient car park in the Novotel Hotel in the section of Thomas Street behind the ABC. UTS is also a 10 minute walk from Central Station.