



Australian National University Chapter

Newsletter — Edition 1, 2009

President's Welcome

Dear current and prospective Golden Key members,

Welcome back to another year at the ANU! The ANU Golden Key Executive Committee has been back at work planning events and activities for our members and we look forward to another successful and enjoyable year in 2009.

So far this year, we have fundraised for the victims of the Victorian bushfires through the Golden Key ANU Bushfire Appeal, helped keep the ANU campus beautiful by participating in Clean Up Australia Day, and held social drinks at the Kremlin Bar. We have

many more exciting social events and charity initiatives planned for this year, including Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, volunteer tutoring, wine and cheese evenings, and a series of public lectures. I would encourage you all to make the most of your membership by coming along to our events, meeting your fellow Golden Key members, and having lots of fun!

Why Join Golden Key?

Prospective Golden Key members often ask us why they should join Golden Key. Aside from recognition of your academic

achievement, Golden Key membership offers you a range of benefits. Members are able to apply for over \$400,000 in scholarships, access career resources, and attend the Golden Key Asia-Pacific Conference and International Conference in the United States. Members are also given the opportunity to enhance their personal and professional development by undertaking leadership positions, both within the ANU Chapter Executive and more broadly. For example, one of our past ANU Chapter Presidents, Jeffrey Lai, was the Asia-Pacific representative to the international Golden Key Council of Student Members.

Meet your 2009 Golden Key Executive Committee

President: Pauline Thai

Service/Outreach Vice-President: Kirill Talanine

Social Vice-President: Samantha Harpley

Treasurer: Stephen Brightman

Secretary: David Shellard

Webmaster: Sam Highley

Education Director: Isobel Marr

Community Service Director: Laila Kazak

General Members: Grace Keesing, Vaishnavi Rudrapatna Ravishankar

Graduate Advisor: Jeffrey Lai

Chapter Advisor: Tania Willis

Chapter Advisor: Selwyn Cornish

Chapter Advisor: Elizabeth Omerod

Comments and Suggestions

We are continually looking for new ways to engage our members and to contribute to the community. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding events that we could run this year or initiatives that we could get involved in, please contact us at the email address listed below.

I look forward to meeting you throughout the year!

Pauline Thai

President

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Golden Key Asia-Pacific Conference 2009

It's a rare occasion that the Golden Key Asia Pacific Conference comes to Canberra, and this year's gathering, Focused on the Future, didn't disappoint.

The three day congress at ANU's University House brought together over a hundred students from Malaysia, New Zealand and around Australia. Those who had been before described it as one of the best conferences yet, and newcomers came away inspired and excited by the opportunities offered by Golden Key.

The three days were packed with social activities, workshops, excursions and networking, and the evenings with the buzz of conversation over dinner, drinks (or amazing races), and the bonds of friendships, both old and new. Of the too-many-to-attend-all-of workshops, there were those covering career direction, chapter management and leadership, overseas volunteering opportunities, personal development and much more. The amazing array of guest speakers included comedian Anh Do, athlete Ian Thorpe, former Governor-General of Australia Major-General

Michael Jeffery, Professor Ross Garnaut, and the ANU Vice-Chancellor Ian Chubb, and few did not find something moving in their words. Concluding the event was the Heart of the Nation Dinner at the National Museum, a spectacular end to a fantastic conference.

Thanks go to Jeffrey Lai and all of the Steering Committee for ensuring the event was such a success. Registrations are now open for the 2009 International Conference in Orlando, Florida. Details can be found on the Golden Key website, www.goldenkey.org/.

Golden Key Cleans Up Australia

On 1 March 2009, the ANU Chapter of Golden Key participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Donning rubber gloves, members of the committee and other Golden Key members set off to the Garran and Liversidge precincts of the ANU campus to help keep the university grounds beautiful and clean.

A significant proportion of the rubbish collected consisted of cigarette butts, however we also found items such as roof tiles, Christmas decorations, batteries and glass.

ANUSA had also organised a significant number of volunteers for the day from the residential halls and colleges. This ensured that a large area of the campus was covered.

All participants were invited to a free sausage sizzle and well-earned drink at the conclusion of the clean up.

We encourage all our members to come to events such as these. They provide great opportunities to give something back to the university as well as meet new friends.



Golden Key ANU members assist with the cleanup on Clean Up Australia Day

What is ANU Golden Key?

The society's mission is to build global communities of academic achievers by providing opportunities for individual growth through leadership, career development, networking and service. The ANU

chapter organises and participates in a range of events each year including Clean Up Australia Day, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, social functions, student conferences, volunteer tutoring and seminars.

2009 International Conference

The 2009 International Conference will be held from 30 July to 2 August at the Seaworld Resort in Orlando, Florida. This is a great opportunity to meet other members from USA, Canada, South Africa, Malaysia, New Zealand and Australia as well as being challenged and inspired by a list of notable speakers. If you are interested in attending, visit the website <http://www.goldenkey.org/GKIHS/MemberBenefits/NetworkingandEvents/InternationalConference/> and for more information contact the ANU chapter at goldenkeyanu@gmail.com. Earlybird registrations close on 1 May.



Get involved!

The Golden Key Executive Committee is always looking for new members to get on board. Getting involved in the Committee is an excellent way to develop your leadership and teamwork skills and to meet a group of friendly and enthusiastic people. No experience is required. If you are interested in joining the Committee, email us at: goldenkeyanu@gmail.com

Golden Key ANU Bushfire Appeal

As most will be aware, the recent bushfires in Victoria led to the tragic loss of over 200 lives as well as considerable damage to many homes and townships. To aid in the relief and recovery efforts, the ANU chapter of Golden Key recently held a special appeal to raise much needed funds for those who have been affected.

In association with the Australian Red Cross, the appeal began with a contribution from our own chapter followed by cash and online donations on campus and through our chapter website during the first weeks of semester. We also encouraged Golden Key chapters around Australia to get involved. This initiative was met with great enthusiasm, with nine other chapters contributing to our cause.

Following this, we would like to acknowledge the support of the following Golden Key chapters:

- Flinders University
- Griffith University
- Macquarie University
- Monash University
- University of Adelaide
- University of Canberra
- University of Southern Queensland

- University of Sydney
 - University of Tasmania
- We would also like to acknowledge the Actuarial, Finance, Economics and Commerce Society (AFEC) at the ANU for their donation.

Our appeal raised a grand total of \$5225.65. We have been greatly impressed by the positive response

to our efforts and commend the generosity of all students, staff, local businesses and community members who donated to this very worthy cause.

Thank you!

Samantha Harpley
Vice President



Golden Key ANU members manning the stall during Market Day 2009, which included collection of donations for the Golden Key ANU Bushfire Appeal.

Volunteer tutoring

ANU Golden Key will be coordinating the volunteer tutor program again this year in conjunction with the International Office, the Disability Services Office and the Academic Skills and Learning Centre. The aim of this program is to match ANU students seeking tutoring in a range of areas with Golden Key students who can tutor in that area for an hour per week during the semester.

Tutoring is a great way to get involved in the community and make a difference while gaining valuable leadership and communication skills. If you're interested in being a tutor this

semester please send an email to goldenkeyanu@gmail.com with your name, year, area(s) you would like to tutor in and contact details.

Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services (MARSS) in civic is also looking for tutors for their After School Studies program for high school students. They need tutors in all areas but particularly in maths, science, computing and website design. You can contact MARSS directly on (02) 62488577 or get more details at www.marss.org.au.

Isobel Marr
Education Director

Upcoming GK Events

Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March, 11.30am-2.30pm

Golden Key Week Information Stall

Thursday 26 March, 6pm

Golden Key Wine and Cheese Information Evening

April (precise date TBA)

Golden Key Public Lecture 1 followed by wine and cheese

Thursday 14 May

Golden Key New Members' Induction Reception

Wednesday 27 May

Golden Key New Members' Dinner

Thursday 28 May

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Scholarships and Awards

There are many scholarships and awards that Golden Key members can apply for, with many offering cash prizes.

Dramatically increase your chances of success by taking the first step and putting in an application. Remember, your chances are zero if you do not apply.

Asia-Pacific Undergraduate Community Service Award

Applications close 27 November 2009 for this \$1500 (AUD) award, plus \$500 (AUD) to the charity of your choice. Members currently enrolled in university as undergraduate students are eligible to apply, and the award will be judged on an essay of no more than two pages describing the community service work that you have been involved with and, in particular, how you have demonstrated leadership in encouraging others

to partake in community service. Outline the involvement that you currently have in community service and your plans for future contributions. Why is your area of service important to the wider community? Also include a letter of recommendation from the charity or group that you are involved with. You must be presently active in community service and the letter should make reference to this fact. An official academic transcript should also be supplied.

Asia-Pacific Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Apply for a \$1000 (AUD) prize to be awarded to one Golden Key member at an Australian, New Zealand or Malaysian chapter. Applications close on 30 June 2009 and will be judged on an essay of no more than two pages giving a brief overview of your university

program, the processes you applied that you would like to share with others so they may achieve in their studies and how you came to define the strategies to support your achievement. Also include a letter of recommendation from a lecturer or university representative commenting on the student's general achievement and that person's perception of the student's ability to apply their processes and academic focus in order to achieve the requirements of their university program, and an official academic transcript.

More information available at <http://www.goldenkey.org/>

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