



# Australian National University Chapter

Newsletter — Edition 2, 2009

## President's Welcome

Dear ANU Golden Key members,

I hope you have had a relaxing holiday. The ANU Golden Key Chapter Executive was very pleased to welcome a record number of undergraduate and postgraduate members into our society at the New Members' Reception. We would also like to thank all members who supported our fundraising efforts and community service activities in Semester One, including the ANU Golden Key Bushfire Appeal, Clean Up Australia Day and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. In Semester

Two, our events will include two Public Lecture Forums, social drinks at the University House Cellar Bar, volunteering at the ACT Tournament of Minds competition, volunteer tutoring, and a swap/meet, book drive and bake sale charity fundraiser.

The ANU Golden Key Chapter has also introduced the ANU Golden Key Grants for Community Service (Grants Initiative). The purpose of the Grants Initiative is to encourage and to provide financial assistance to ANU Golden Key members who participate in community service activities.

Grants of up to \$500 will be made to successful applicants. For further information, see the 'ANU Golden Key Grants for Community Service' section of this newsletter.

I would also like to remind you to apply for the Golden Key Scholarships. The deadline for a range of scholarships is coming up soon on 31 July 2009. For more information, see the Golden Key website at [www.goldenkey.org](http://www.goldenkey.org).

I look forward to meeting you at our upcoming events and wish you all the best with this semester at ANU.

*Pauline Thai*

President

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### 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:** Vaishnavi Rudrapatna Ravishankar, Ivan Neo

**Graduate Advisor:** Jeffrey Lai

**Chapter Advisor:** Tania Willis

**Chapter Advisor:** Selwyn Cornish

**Chapter Advisor:** Elizabeth Omerod

## 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](mailto:goldenkeyanu@gmail.com)

# 2009 New Members' Dinner

**G**KANU held its annual New Members' Dinner on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. The evening saw new and existing members of the ANU Chapter meet for a delicious three course meal and some lively

conversation in the always popular setting of University House. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow Golden Key members from varied backgrounds and academic disciplines over drinks



L-R: Jeffrey Lai, Vaishnavi RR, Pauline Thai, Professor Elizabeth Deane, Stephen Brightman and Samantha Harpley celebrate the New Members' Dinner

in the foyer, before proceeding into the Great Hall for dinner. The key note speech for the evening was delivered by the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Education, Professor Elizabeth Deane, who is an honorary member of the ANU Golden Key Chapter. Professor Deane provided some very welcome insight into the direction of student services and involvement in education at our university, including the recent Festival of Teaching, as well as initiatives for providing additional support for both new and continuing students. Her comments highlighted the importance of both academic and social support structures for success at university. Certainly, the evening proved to be both stimulating and enjoyable for all those who attended – and those who were unable to do so this year are encouraged to keep their calendars free for 2010!

*Samantha Harpley*  
Vice President

# ANU Golden Key Grants for Community Service

**O**ne of the goals of the Golden Key Society is to encourage community service on behalf of our members. In order to facilitate this goal, the ANU Golden Key Executive Committee is introducing the ANU Golden Key Grants for Community Service (Grants Initiative). The purpose of the Grants Initiative is to encourage and to provide financial assistance to ANU Golden Key members who participate in community service activities. Grants of up to \$500 will be made to successful applicants.

Criteria for application:

- Current membership of the ANU Golden Key International Honour Society
- Current student at the ANU
- Participation in a community service activity for which you require financial assistance (for example, to meet the costs of travel and accommodation)
- Previous commitment to community service activities

Successful applicants will be selected by a panel of ANU Golden Key Executive Committee members.

If you have recently participated or are about to participate in a community service activity for which you require financial assistance, please consider applying for a Grant.

In order to apply, please fill out the application form (which was attached to an email sent to members on 6 July 2009) and email it to [goldenkey.anu.edu.au](mailto:goldenkey.anu.edu.au) with 'ANU Golden Key Grants for Community Service' in the subject header.

The deadline for applications is 5pm, Monday 3 August. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 14 August.

# New Members' Reception

For many years the ANU Chapter has held the New Members' Reception to celebrate the new initiates of the society. The Harry-Potter-like Hall of University House fills, the honours are conferred, and the (almost) ancient rights recited. Months of planning effectuate a short but poignant and important ceremony. This year the ANU Chapter held its biggest ever Reception, a successful and enjoyable evening.

The night, like Caesar's Gaul, divided into three parts. The evening

began with registrations, this year a challenging affair, with almost 300 new members and guests coming through the doors. The unprecedented numbers, courtesy of this year's extension of invitations to graduate students, made for standing room only for the late arrivers. And the committee hurried like the staff of a bustling restaurant kitchen, commendably keeping the chaos at bay.

The ceremony itself, as always, ran smoothly and—we hope those who were there will agree—swiftly.

The Vice Chancellor Ian Chubb's address was full of his characteristic charm and insight, and perhaps gave the some 160 new members inducted that night something to ponder. A total of 523 graduate and undergraduate students accepted invitations this semester, as well as six new Honourary Members:

**Professor Mick Dodson AM**  
Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies, ANU  
Australian of the Year 2009

**Mr Stephen Gageler SC**  
Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth

**Professor Raghendra Jha**  
Executive Director, Australia South Asia Research Centre, ANU

**Mr Ian Macfarlane AC**  
Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia

**Professor Toni Makkai**  
Dean, College of Arts and Social Sciences, ANU

**Ms Dinah Withey**  
Executive Assistant to the Dean of Students, ANU

Special congratulations also go to Sunila Srivastava, who was awarded the New Member Prize.

Finally, once the ceremony had concluded, refreshments, cake and congratulations awaited. And as the inductees passed under the lintel, we hope they took away with them something more than a certificate and a photo with the VC: maybe a new determination or perspective, or at the very least an extra piece of the slightly-too-large chocolate cake.

Special thanks go to Samantha Harpley for taking charge of the organization of the night, as well as to the Chapter President Pauline Thai and the whole Committee for their hard work in making the evening a success.



Samantha Harpley (left), Pauline Thai (centre) and Stephen Brightman (right)

## Golden Key Scholarships

We would encourage all members to apply for Golden Key scholarships. The deadline for the following scholarships is coming up on 31 July 2009:

- Asia-Pacific Service to Social Sciences Award
- Asia-Pacific Achievement in Health Sciences Award
- Asia-Pacific Remote Community Literacy/Numeracy Service Award
- Asia-Pacific Study Abroad Awards
- Asia-Pacific Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Asia-Pacific Postgraduate Student Award

To apply, go to the Golden Key International Honour Society website at [www.goldenkey.org](http://www.goldenkey.org)

# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

On Thursday 28th March, GK ANU hosted a bake sale in the Manning Clark building as part of the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea events to raise funds for cancer research. From home-cooked scones to Anzac biscuits and the (very popular) gingerbread men - we had it all! Executive members volunteered to spend the morning serving tasty treats to students as they trudged to and from lectures. In all it was a great success, and we raised over \$150 for the Cancer Council of Australia. Thanks to the GK members that came and donated, and to the members that helped out on the day! Stay tuned for a possible bake sale later in the year.

*Laila Kazak*  
Community Services Director



ANU Golden Key committee members Stephen Brightman (left), Pauline Thai (middle) and Kirill Talanine (right) help serve refreshments at the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea bake sale on Thursday 28 March.

## Upcoming Golden Key Events and Activities

### Monday 3 August, 5pm

Deadline for applications for the ANU Golden Key Grants for Community Service

### Thursday 6 August, 6:30pm

Social Drinks at University House Cellar Bar

### Week commencing 10 August

Ordinary General Meeting

### Week commencing 10 August

Public lecture forum on the Global Financial Crisis with wine and cheese

### Saturday 5 September and Sunday 6 September

Regional Tournament of Minds weekend - volunteers needed (guides, announcers and judges)

### Week commencing 14 September

Public lecture forum on Climate Change with wine and cheese

### Sunday 20 September

Territory Final of Tournament of Minds - volunteers needed (guides and runners)

### Week commencing 21 September

Joint social event with the University of Canberra Golden Key Society

### Thursday 15 October

Swap/meet, book drive and bake sale charity fundraiser.

### Friday 15 October

Release of Chapter Newsletter 3  
Annual General Meeting -  
Election of 2010 Executive

## 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.

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