

# Cerberus on show

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**GOVERNOR-General** Quentin Bryce has reviewed the 2009 graduating class of the RMIT Officer Scheme on parade at HMAS *Cerberus*.

The December 11 parade included more than 1200 officers, sailors, soldiers and airmen currently serving with the RAN's premier training establishment. The Queen's Colour was paraded to mark the occasion.

The graduating class comprised 22 of the latest technical officers and covered specialist areas in weapons electrical engineering, marine engineering, weapons electrical aviation engineering and aviation engineering. It also contained a nursing officer for the first time.

During the ceremony, MIDN Ronald Trigg was awarded the Sir Brian Murray RSL Commemorative Sword, while MIDN Shannon Martin, who attained the highest aggregate score in studies, was awarded the Australian Marine Technologies Prize.

The Governor-General spoke of recently spending time at sea in RAN warships and being deeply impressed by the skill, professionalism and discipline of the men and women she saw at work in an environment of expanding technology.

"As engineering graduates, you will be at the centre of this [technological] change," Ms Bryce said.

"It will fuel and drive your careers and your rich contributions to our national defence."



**ALL DRESSED UP:** Governor-General Quentin Bryce reviews the Vice Regal Ceremonial Divisions at HMAS *Cerberus*. Coincidentally it was also CAPT Sheldon Williams' final parade as CO.  
**INSET:** The Governor General and outgoing CO CAPT Williams address the parade.  
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