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## 2008 UTAS Graduation biggest ever

A massive 2,566 University of Tasmania students will celebrate their academic achievements in graduation ceremonies in Launceston and Hobart this month.

Launceston's Albert Hall graduation ceremony for 411 students this weekend will be the biggest ever held in the history of the University.

It will also be the first occasion when Australian Maritime College (AMC) students have been part of the ceremony, following the amalgamation of the two institutions this year.

Hobart will include the Town and Gown graduation procession for the first time this year.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daryl Le Grew, congratulated all the graduands and commended their academic achievements.

"The Town and Gown procession and graduation ceremonies showcase our best and brightest," he said.

"UTAS is delighted to continue to contribute to the Tasmanian community by providing opportunities for Tasmanians and students from interstate and overseas to study at a world-competitive institution."

Apart from graduates across the eight faculties and institutes, Prof Le Grew said this year's AMC amalgamation substantially has also added to UTAS strengths in marine and maritime studies.

### Town and Gown details

- **Launceston's Town and Gown** procession to the Albert Hall begins on Saturday 13 December at 10.30am outside the Pilgrim Church on Civic Square, with the procession reaching the Hall at 11am to begin the graduation ceremony.
- **Hobart's Town and Gown** will take place on Wednesday 17 December at 2.00pm and will be for graduates and faculty members of the Faculty of Health Science. About 200 graduands are expected to be involved. The procession will leave from the Clinical School in Collins Street and move to the Federation Concert Hall via Argyle, Liverpool and Campbell Streets.

## **Hobart ceremonies:**

### **Tuesday Dec 16, 10am:**

Faculty of Business + Board of Graduate Research

149 graduating, 136 attending

Speaker: Angelique Klasan BA, senior business management consultant

### **1pm:**

Faculty of Business

176 graduating, 152 attending

Speaker: Mr Tony Howland-Rose, former chairman Allegiance Mining NL

### **4pm:**

Faculty of Law

106 graduating, 102 attending

Speaker: Mr Leigh Sealy SC, Tasmanian Solicitor General

### **7pm:**

Faculty of Education + Board of Graduate Research

117 graduating, 94 attending

Speaker: Professor Ian Hay, Dean, UTAS Faculty of Education

### **Wednesday Dec 17, 10am:**

Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology + Board of Graduate Research

198 graduating, 147 attending

Speaker: Dr Allan Clarke, honorary degree recipient (Doctor of Science)

### **2.30pm:**

Faculty of Health Science + Board of Graduate Research

261 graduating, 218 attending

Speaker: Hon. Lara Giddings, Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Human Services

### **6pm:**

Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology + Board of Graduate Research

162 graduating, 140 attending

### **Thursday Dec 18, 10am:**

Faculty of Arts + Board of Graduate Research

143 graduating, 114 attending

Speaker: Ms Hilary Burden, BA, broadcaster and journalist

### **1pm:**

Faculty of Arts + Board of Graduate Research

156 graduating, 127 attending

Speaker: Prof. Pamela Sharpe, UTAS School of History and Classics

### **4pm:**

Faculty of Arts + Board of Graduate Research

100 graduating, 79 attending

Speaker: Ms Sue Pickering

**Launceston ceremonies:**

**Saturday 13 Dec**

**11am:**

Australian Maritime College, Business Faculty and Science, Engineering and Technology Faculty

411 graduating

**2.30pm:**

Education Faculty  
259 graduating

**5.30pm:**

Arts and Health Science Faculties  
328 graduating

**Total nos. graduating:**

Launceston – 998

Hobart – 1568

***Total - 2566***

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