

## **Commodore Tom Phillips, RAN**

### **Acting / Director General Submarines**

Commodore Tom Phillips hails from Brisbane, Queensland and joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1990 as a Maritime Warfare Officer.

Tom is a graduate of the Australian Defence Force Academy receiving a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography. On completion of Maritime Warfare Officer Training, Tom served in a number of ships and submarines, both Australian and foreign, and has enjoyed one posting to the United Kingdom with the Royal Navy. In preparation for command, Tom undertook the Netherlands Submarine Command Course 'Perisher' in 2006.



Tom was promoted to the rank of Commander in 2008 and subsequently had the honour of taking command of HMA Submarines *Farncomb* and later *Collins*. Post command, Tom was appointed Commander Sea Training – Submarines. During this period, Tom read for his Masters in Project Management at UNSW and later graduated from the Centre for Defense and Strategic Studies.

Tom's other postings include:

- Director Submarine Operations
- Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of the Defence Force
- Director of Navy Capability Plans
- Director of Current Operations