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Thirteen correctional recruits graduate at Fulham Correctional Centre.

Prison recruits graduate

THIRTEEN new recruits have been welcomed into the corrections system at a graduation ceremony at the medium security Fulham Correctional Centre.

Eastern Victoria MLC Andrew Ronalds represented Corrections Minister Edward O'Donohue at the ceremony and congratulated the recruits on their career choice.

"Victoria's corrections staff perform an excellent job, day-in day-out, to provide a safe and secure corrections system for the community," Mr Ronalds said.

"Fulham's new prison officers will proudly uphold the security and integrity of our corrections system, while also working with offenders to reduce the likelihood that they will re-offend in the community."

The new officers have undertaken a rigorous seven-week training and assessment program, which covers security processes, conflict resolution, in-prison programs, reporting procedures and emergency and risk management.

They come from a range of professional backgrounds and include bricklayers, mothers, nurses, real estate agents, pilots and information technology specialists.

Mr Ronalds said the state government was continuing to deliver the largest prison expansion in Victoria's history to help build a safer community.

"The government is delivering new permanent



Fulham Correctional Centre acting general manager Col Caskie and Eastern Victoria MLC Andrew Ronalds congratulate the youngest prison officer graduate, 18-year-old Ryan Allott.

beds and expanding existing prison facilities as quickly as possible," he said.

"While supporting a safer Victoria, the new prison infrastructure is also driving investment in Melbourne and in regional Victoria, and creating

hundreds of new jobs."

Earlier this year the government announced the installation of 18 portable accommodation units at Fulham prison, housing an additional 54 prisoners.