



## **PRIME MINISTER**

### **STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON PJ KEATING, MP**

#### **VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY US PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE**

I am pleased to announce that the US Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral David E Jeremiah, will visit Australia in May as a guest of the Australian Government. Admiral Jeremiah will be the personal representative of President Clinton during the Australia–America Friendship Week and the 51st Anniversary of the battle of the Coral Sea.

Admiral Jeremiah will participate in various commemorative activities in Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth and will also meet senior members of the Government to discuss Australia–US relations.

Also visiting Australia to participate in events in other parts of the country will be Vice Admiral Wright, Commander 7th Fleet; Major General Redden, Director of Plans, Pacific Air Forces; and Brigadier General Smith, Commanding General of Marine Corps Barracks Camp Butler, Japan.

Fought in May 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea was the turning point of the war in the South Pacific and laid the foundations for the Australia–US alliance. Over fifty years later, this friendship endures, based on the same liberal democratic values that are so dear to us. The visit by Admiral Jeremiah will further strengthen the strong ties of friendship which link our countries.

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