



PRIME MINISTER

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CORAL SEA WEEK GUEST OF HONOUR - 1974

The Prime Minister announced today that Admiral Bernard A. Clarey, USN (retired), former Commander of the Pacific fleet, will come to Australia for the Coral Sea Week Celebrations this year.

Mr Whitlam said that Admiral Clarey will be accompanied by Mrs Clarey and that their official itinerary will begin in Sydney on Monday 6 May. Admiral and Mrs Clarey will then visit Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne and Hobart. If time permits visits to Western Australia and Adelaide will be included.

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BACKGROUND

Admiral Clarey was born 4 May 1912. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1934. He served in Australia from both Perth and Brisbane in submarines during World War II. He operated in the Coral Sea area while serving in the submarines "Dolphin" "Amberjack" and "Peto". From 1943-45 he was Commanding Officer of the submarine "Pintado".

In his later career Admiral Clarey was Commander 2nd Fleet Atlantic 1966-67, Vice Chief of Naval Operations 1968-70 and Commander Pacific Fleet 1970-72.