Colin Barnett says ‘the Americans are back’, US-Australia relations revived

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WA Premier Colin Barnett says there is a strong relationship between the US and Australia. 
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PREMIER Colin Barnett says West Australians feel that “the Americans are back”.

Mr Barnett was speaking at the American Australian Association 2014 Benefit Dinner at UWA’s Winthrop Hall last night, where relations between the two countries were celebrated.

Among those at the dinner included Governor Malcolm McCusker, Foreign Affairs Minister Julie Bishop and News Corp Australia chief executive Julian Clarke.
Chevron Australia managing director Roy Krzywosinski and Rio Tinto iron ore chief executive Andrew Harding were honoured at the event.

John Olsen, Roy Krzywosinski and Andrew Harding at the American Australian Association 2014 Benefit Dinner at University of WA.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott paid tribute to Mr Krzywosinski and Mr Harding for their “significant contribution to Australia”.

Mr Barnett said “there is no bigger American than Roy Krzywosinski”.

The Premier said his sole goal as a youngster was to be American because “it seemed to me that America had it all”.

Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi and Annise Parker at the American Australian Association 2014 Benefit Dinner.
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at University of Western Australia.

He said there was a revival in US-Australia relations similar to what was seen after World War II and the America’s Cup in 1983.

“There is very much a sense in Perth and WA that the Americans are back,” he said.

Ms Bishop told the crowd that WA was a “state of boundless opportunity” and “endless potential”.

“There is no more important security partner for Australia,” she said.

“There is no more significant investment partner for Australia than the US.”

Ambassador of the US to Australia, John Berry, recalled stories his father told after World War II of Australians being “warm hearted and generous”.

“Our friendship is long and it is fast,” he said.

“The spirit of the ANZACs and the goodness that my father witnessed in 1943 is alive and well in Australia today.”

The American Australian Association also celebrated Australia to US education fellows in various fields.

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