

Donald Trump, Malcolm Turnbull to address N Korea in first meeting since the US election



Top of the priority list for Donald Trump and Malcolm Turnbull is set to be North Korea. Picture: AP
Sharri Markson in New York
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DONALD Trump and Malcolm Turnhull will discuss North Korea’s “reckless and dangerous conduct” in a meeting shortly before a prestigious dinner with the likes of golfing legend Greg Norman, News Corp executive chairman Rupert Murdoch, mining magnate Gina Rinehart and actor John Travolta.

The United States President cancelled his scheduled one-on-one meeting with Mr Turnbull, to be held in the afternoon prior to the dinner, at the eleventh hour, as Mr Trump’s health care bill to repeal major aspects of Obamacare passed the US House of Representatives.

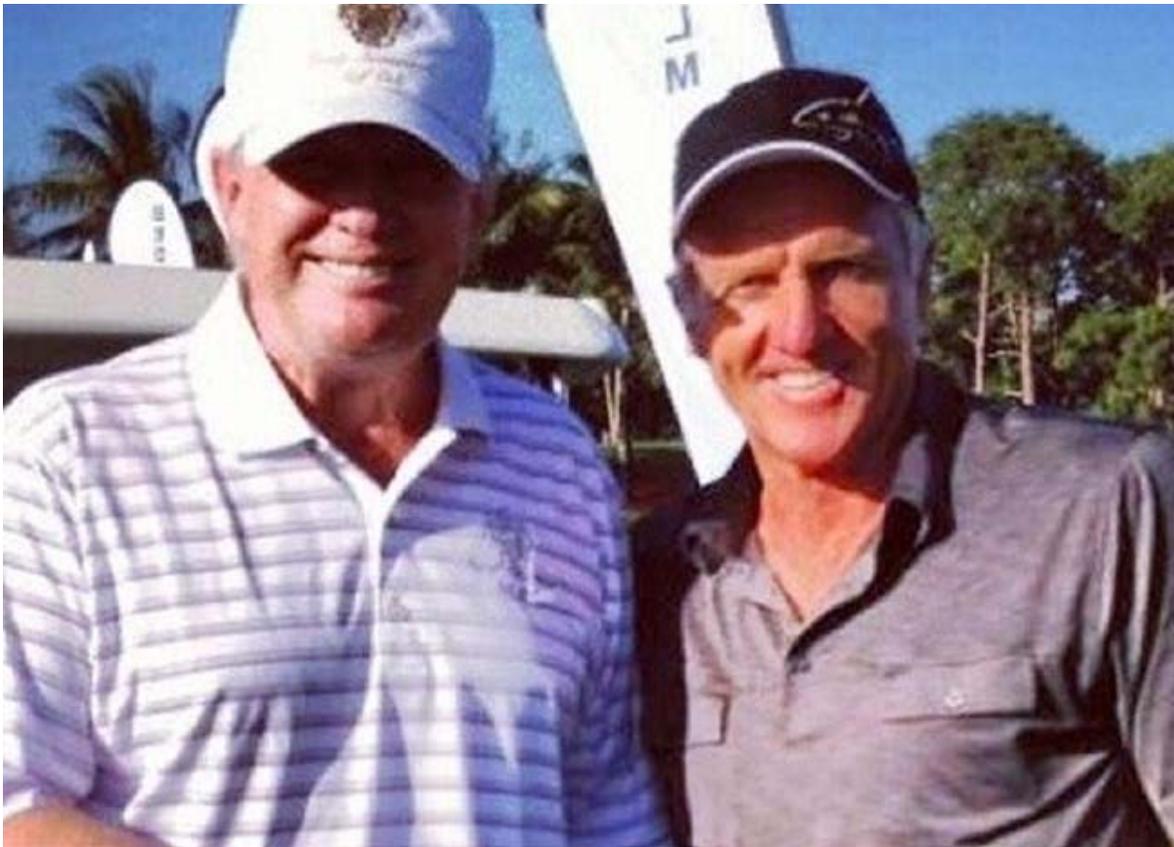


US President Donald Trump talks with House Speaker Paul Ryan in the Rose Garden of the White House after the House pushed through a health care bill. Picture: APSource:AP

The White House press office said the President would remain in Washington for meetings and would meet with Mr Turnbull at 7.15 shortly before the dinner instead of the planned extended bilateral meetings scheduled for 4-5pm.

Both Mr Turnbull and Mr Trump are speaking at the black-tie American Australian Association dinner on board the USS Intrepid ship, now a sea, air and space museum on the Hudson river.

Some of Australia's most powerful business figures and celebrities will attend the dinner to support the United States and Australian alliance.



Greg Norman, right, arranged the first phone call between Malcolm Turnbull and Donald Trump. Picture: Supplied *Source:Supplied*

The man who first organised a phone call between Mr Trump and Mr Turnbull after the shock US election result, Aussie golfing legend Greg Norman, will give a short speech at the dinner, along with Dow Chemical CEO Andrew Liveris, JP Morgan & Chase's global chairman for technology, media and telecommunications investment banking Jennifer Nason, Chevron chairman Michael Wirth, Qantas Chairman Leigh Clifford and actor John Travolta.

Mr Murdoch is expected to introduce Mr Trump, while US Defence contracting firm Northrop Grumman's chief executive Wesley Bush will welcome Mr Turnbull.

As part of the entertainment for the evening, Beccy Cole will be singing.



Gina Rinehart will attend the dinner. Picture: Supplied *Source:Supplied*



Qantas chairman Leigh Clifford.*Source:News Corp Australia*

Other attendees include billionaires Frank Lowy, Lindsay Fox, Anthony Pratt and Australia's Ambassador to the United States Joe Hockey.

The dinner, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea, will recognise the defence, national security and economic ties between Australia and the United States.

There was anticipation among United States and Australian government officials that Mr Trump would announce the new US Ambassador to Australia while Mr Turnbull was in New York.

Mr Turnbull has praised Mr Trump recently and said he had a lot to learn from the businessman turned politician.



US President Donald Trump gives the pen he used to sign an executive order to Dow Chemical President, Chairman and CEO Andrew Liveris. Picture: APSource:AP

But Foreign Minister Julie Bishop yesterday said the pair did not need to be “best friends” but would be “gracious” towards each other.

Mr Turnbull told *The Daily Telegraph* North Korea’s threat to peace in our region and terrorism in the Middle East would be on the agenda for his talks with Mr Trump.

“The United States Alliance is the enduring foundation of Australia’s security and a force for peace and stability in the region and the world,” Mr Turnbull said.

“We have important, pressing issues to discuss. They include North Korea’s reckless and dangerous conduct which threatens peace in our region and beyond as well as developments in the Middle East where over 1700 Australian servicemen and women of our ADF are working side-by-side with our American allies to defeat the terrorists.”



Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop says Malcolm Turnbull and Donald Trump don't have to be BFFs.
Picture: AAP Source: AAP

Earlier today, Mr Turnbull attended the New York Police Department's Joint Operations Centre, meeting with Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism John Miller and Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill.

They discussed the challenge of terrorist and criminal use of the internet, in particular the use of encryption to plot terror attacks.

Their talks also canvassed the global challenge of weaponless terrorists using vehicles in an attack, such as what took place recently in London.

They spoke of the need to address this through agency co-operation and the use of measures like barricades.



A protester walks on the pier near the USS Intrepid, a decommissioned World War II aircraft-carrier now the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. Picture: AFP *Source:AFP*

Mr Turnbull also met with Admiral Harry Harris, who heads the US Pacific Command for the Navy, about the ongoing threat from Islamic State in the Middle East and globally.

They also spoke about North Korea, where the Admiral said the United States' objective was to bring Kim Jong-un to his senses not his knees.

Mr Turnbull and the Admiral agreed China's role in resolving the threat of North Korea was key, given it carried the greatest leverage to influence the regime.

They also spoke about South China Sea and the need for claimants to avoid actions which contribute to tensions including by militarisation.