

## Peace-Mobile Departs for Canberra Palm Sunday Rally

On Friday 11 April the Peace-Mobile, driven by Macclesfield peace activist Mr Andrew Dykstra, departed for the Palm Sunday Rally in Canberra.

(PRWEB) April 12, 2003 -- Mr Dykstra is driving his car, which is covered in peace messages, from Macclesfield in the Adelaide Hills to Canberra. He will arrive in time to speak at the Canberra Palm Sunday Rally which starts at 1.30 outside The Lodge. Mr Dykstra will be travelling along the Mallee Highway to Ouven, then the Sturt Highway from Balranald to Narrandera. He will then be passing through Junee, Gundagai, Yass and Canberra. Before he departed he said "When the government ignored the massive demonstrations held all over Australia before this war, it became clear to me that this government does not listen to the will of the people. "My action today is not so much about stopping what is currently happening, it's more about ensuring that it never happens again, it's about freedom of speech. "It's about demanding a government that truly represents the people. "If we forget what happened, that this government acted against the wishes of the majority of Australians by embarking on this unsanctioned and illegal aggression, we will never be able to stop it from happening again. "I see this as an opportunity to turn a disempowering event into an empowering one. "This is about ensuring that we continue to give the message that there is no longer any place for non-representative government and a global political system that does not take humanity and the people it supposedly represents into direct consideration when making decisions". Mr Dykstra concluded by asking "Do we live in a Democracy or a Dictatorship?" -- ENDS --

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<u>drive.org/'>http://www.peace-drive.org/</a>)grew</u> from an inspiration to paint peace messages on a car prior to driving to a peace rally on the steps of the South Australian Parliament on the day war started. Photos of Mr Dykstra departing in his car are available for use in conjunction with this story from <a href='http://www.peace-drive.org/depart.html'>http://www.peace-drive.org/depart.html</a> Details on the Canberra Palm Sunday Rally can be obtained from <a href='

http://www.actnow.canberra.net.au/'>http://www.actnow.canberra.net.au/</a>For an extensive description of how the peace drive came about see <a href='http://www.peace-drive.org/about.html'>http://www.peace-drive.org/about.html'>http://www.peace-drive.org/media/pr-2003-04-11.html'>http://www.peace-drive.org/media/pr-2003-04-11.html</a>



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