

OUTSKIRTS  
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## OUTSKIRTS

### A profit-for-purpose photography exhibition



In December 2015 Sydney-based photographer, Vitor Queiroz, had an opportunity to spend time in Anlung Pi, a small village in north Cambodia. There he interacted with the local community, experienced their heart-warming hospitality, and observed their daily rituals. These experiences resulted in *Outskirts*, a collection of twenty-five alluring black & white photographs that provide a unique insight into the life of local villagers and their place within the surrounding environment which is at once idyllic and untouched by human hand, but also increasingly industrialised and contaminated.

*'What I experienced in Anlung Pi not only impressed me but also put in perspective what we all take for granted. Even with a backdrop of destructive industrialization and lack of resources for essential needs, the villagers showed incredible hospitality and generosity. They made me feel like a part of their family, never hesitating to share, with a stranger, whatever resources they had at their disposal. The lack of material goods almost resulted in the abundance of spirit. It is in the midst of what we perceive as poverty that I've encountered the richness of the Cambodian soul,'* said Queiroz.

One of many reasons for Queiroz's visit to Anlung Pi was to learn about and participate in the activities of the local NGO *Volunteer Development Children's Association* (V.D.C.A.) - a small organisation that provides free education to the underprivileged children of Anlung Pi village who cannot afford the school supplies or monthly fees. Seeing the immense value of V.D.C.A.'s work, Queiroz returned to Sydney to put on *Outskirts*, a profit-for-purpose exhibition with 100% of the profits going directly to V.D.C.A., to help fund and run their schools.

*“V.D.C.A. is doing important work in offering these children the chance for a better future. But as a grassroots organisation it, naturally, depends on the financial support from the more privileged societies. With Outskirts, I would like to use the opportunity to point out to their work and encourage those present to help support their initiatives. The funds from the sale of the images and/or donations submitted via the online fundraising page (which we will launch on the opening night) will go directly to purchasing essentials such as books, stationery, tables, chairs and teacher salaries. Every dollar will count and even the smallest contribution will go a long way. So maybe it even comes down to a couple of less coffees for you in exchange for a better future for these Cambodian kids,”* explained Queiroz.

*Outskirts* will be on show at ZGallery in Chippendale from 19 April to 3 May with the official opening night on Saturday 23 April from 6pm. You are warmly welcome to join us for the opening.

**ABOUT THE ARTIST:** Born in Portugal, Vitor Queiroz has been living in Sydney since 2010 where he finished a Diploma of Screen and Media at the Sydney Film School. For the last eight years he has been working as a photographer and cinematographer, involved in a variety of projects - from motion picture feature films to documentaries, music videos and art installations.

For more about the artist see: <http://www.vqueiroz.com>

**ABOUT V.D.C.A.:** *Volunteer Development Children's Association* was established in 2005 by two Buddhist monks, Rathana Nn and Togh Main, who wanted to give some of the region's poorest children a future that would not depend on begging. Since then, V.D.C.A. has worked tirelessly, with the help of local and foreign volunteers, to provide a free education to more than 600 children a year, from the ages of five to twenty. Some of their other projects include creating temporary housing for the local families and micro loans to start small businesses. V.D.C.A. is entirely funded through the generous sponsors, donors and fundraisers from around the world.

For more about V.D.C.A. see: <http://www.vimeo.com/vitorqueiroz/vdca>

**FUNDRAISING PAGE:** To accompany the exhibition, we have created an online fundraising campaign where you can find out more about the ways you can contribute to V.D.C.A. initiatives. To find out more, please visit: <https://www.mycause.com.au/page/122026/vdca>

**MEDIA CONTACTS:** For further information and to request interviews and images relating to *Outskirts*, please contact Ira Ferris  
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**KEY DATES & DETAILS:**

Vitor Queiroz

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19 April - 3 May, 2016

Opening Night: 6pm, Saturday 23 April

ZGallery, 83 Abercrombie St, Chippendale (entry via Teggs Lane)

