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National *Photographic* Exhibition at Berry Courthouse

In 2000, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer, identified the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in the Asia-Pacific as a key concern and development priority for the Australian Government.

As part of a nation-wide community education program on this important issue, AusAID will be visiting rural and regional centres across Australia with its amazing free photographic exhibition, *positive.negative*.

In partnership with the Australian Women's Weekly, AusAID commissioned five of Australia's most talented photographers - Stephen Dupont, Lorrie Graham, Ingvar Kenne, Alice Pagliano and Jack Picone.

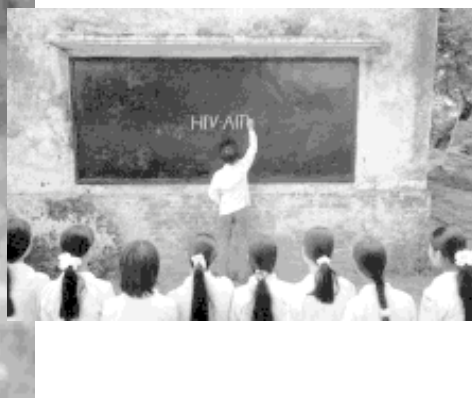
Travelling to Thailand, Papua New Guinea, China, Vietnam and Indonesia, their assignment was to capture images that

would document the crucial role of **AusAID**-supported activities to help combat the spread of HIV/AIDS in each country.

A total of 55 unique, personal and challenging images were selected for *positive.negative*. To date, these highly moving photographs have been viewed by more than two million Australians, to wide acclaim.

Australian author Bryce Courtenay has written a foreword for the exhibition and along with Dr Cindy Pan and Deborah Thomas (editor, *The Australian Women's Weekly*), has also lent his support to *positive.negative* by appearing in an information video in the exhibition.

positive.negative, launched at the Sydney Opera House on World AIDS Day 2003, and with the co-operation of the Berry Courthouse Committee will be exhibited in the Berry Courthouse on August 3-10, 2004. Entry is free.



Positive + Negative -

New Development plans in Queen Street

There are currently two applications in at Council for developing areas of Queen Street in the CBD.

The first one is at Berts Garage and Greg has been kind enough to call the Alliance after the plans were submitted and walked me through the proposal.

The second one is at the rear of the Newsagency and into the Berry Country Gardener area.

Both these applications are linked and went in to Council in unison.

The Berry Alliance has been approached by a number of people concerning these applications. The issues appear to include the fact that car parking relies on access through another property and Councils' car park for one development and neither development appear to comply with the DCP for this area that was set some time ago. This may be the cause of some of the opposition or questions arising and that have been brought to the Alliance requesting a Forum.

We have received requests to hold a forum on these two developments and this has been set for 5.30 pm on Monday 9th August 2004. The applicants will be invited to attend and address the Forum as will Council.

**Berry Alliance Forum
Monday 9th August 2004,
5.30pm at the Berry
Courthouse**

Rick Gainford - Berry Alliance