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## Winter Arts Networking comes to Wellington

Winters Arts Networking comes to Wellington, powered by a fun fast format called PechaKucha 20x20.

Local artists will share an eclectic mix of stories and ideas at the networking night on Wednesday July 30, from 5pm (through to 6.30pm) at the Cow & Calf Hotel.

Hosted by regional arts organisation Arts OutWest, the Wellington event is one of nine nights happening throughout the Central West this winter.

“This will be a social event for the whole arts and creative community, for anyone interested in arts and culture. A chance to meet, mingle, introduce yourself, make contacts and maybe even kick start future collaborations,” Arts OutWest executive officer Tracey Callinan said.

Each of the presenters on the night will have just 20 slides, shown for 20 seconds each to tell their story. Hear from Danielle Anderson on plans for an umbrella arts organisation for the Wellington area; Matilda Julian will share the latest from the Papillion Foundation; and meet Alf Cantrell, the energy and brains behind Yeoval’s new Banjo Paterson museum. There will also be arts stories from further afield, including an insight into the Cementa contemporary arts program in Kandos whilst theatre and community arts practitioner Greg Pritchard will share perspectives on doing international arts residencies in Singapore, Indonesia and Senegal.

“We’ve already had networking nights in Cowra, Bathurst, Lithgow and Orange and are still getting great feedback from people about how enjoyable the nights were, how much they learnt about the local arts scene,” Ms Callinan said. “People think ‘oh I know all the artists here’, or ‘I’ve heard all the stories’ and they were surprised to find such a depth of local ideas and talent. There has been a real buzz across the region about the events and especially about the PechaKucha 20x20 format. We’re looking forward to some diverse and fascinating stories,” Ms Callinan said.

PechaKucha 20x20 (pronounced peh-cha-coo-cha) was started in Japan in 2003 by Tokyo's Klein-Dytham Architecture. There are now PechaKucha nights in more than 700 cities around the world.

Everyone is welcome, entry will be by donation, finger food will be provided, with the bar open to buy drinks.

Other events happen in Forbes (August 6 at Mezzanine Style), Oberon (August 26 at Cafe Savannah), Grenfell (August 20) and Canowindra (August 27).

To RSVP (for catering numbers) or for more information call Arts OutWest on 6338 4657.