

## Calling for creative PechaKucha presentations

Arts OutWest are bringing their popular Winter Arts Networking Night to Oberon this month and are on the hunt for a few more great local arts stories for the fun fast format called PechaKucha 20x20.

Local artists will share an eclectic mix of stories and ideas at the networking night on Tuesday August 6, from 5pm (through to 6.30pm) at café 131 on Main (what was Café Savanna). The Oberon event is one of nine nights happening throughout the Central West this winter.

In the PechaKucha (pronounced pech-cha-cuh-ka) format, presenters have just 20 slides, shown for 20 seconds each to tell their story.

Nights have already been held in Cowra, Bathurst, Lithgow, Orange and Wellington. Local presenters to share stories have included visual artists and photographers sharing their techniques, to personal stories from milliners, instrument makers and sculptors. There have been heritage buffs and local arts supporters, theatre makers and museum managers sharing their work. There's been inspiring tales of painting expeditions into the outback and even a survey of the architecture of Abu Dhabi.

"We're looking for creative people from the Oberon to share their ideas, experiences or even a rundown of their current projects. It's a great way to promote what you do and enthuse others about it," Ms Callinan said.

Oberon-based sculptor Harrie Fasher and acclaimed painter Joanna Logue have already put their hands up to do a PechaKucha 20x20 presentation on the night.

"People think 'oh I know all the artists here', or 'I've heard all the stories' and but at the nights we've held so far people have been surprised to find such a depth of local ideas and talent. The PechaKucha 20x20 format is a great way to share a variety of perspectives all in one night," Ms Callinan said.

"This will also 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.

PechaKucha 20x20 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.

To propose a presentation, or to RSVP (for catering numbers) call Arts OutWest on 6338 4657 or email [artsoutwest@csu.edu.au](mailto:artsoutwest@csu.edu.au)