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Winter Arts Networking comes to Grenfell

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

Artists and creative people will share an eclectic mix of stories and ideas at the networking night next Wednesday 20 August, from 5pm at DA Yates Photography + Design studio on Main Street Grenfell.

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

“This will be a social event for anyone interested in arts and culture. A chance to meet, mingle, introduce yourself, make contacts and meet the Arts OutWest team,” Arts OutWest executive officer Tracey Callinan said. “It’s also a chance to hear local arts stories in bite-sized presentations.”

Each of the presenters on the night will have just 20 slides, shown for 20 seconds each to tell their story, with a mix of Grenfell locals and others from around the Central West.

Canowindra musician Nerida Cuddy will share the joyful tale of her local folk club (and has promised to sing something too); Kandos-based contemporary artist Christine McMillan will explain boost the Cementa arts festival has given to her small town; locals presenting include photographer Denise Yates and Quandialla Candle Company founder Sarah Ryan.

There’s still room for another keen presenter to join the list. “Around the region presenters have included history buffs to architects to wooden instrument makers to music fans. We’ve had artists sharing the process of making a new work to volunteers sharing the story of their local project,” Ms Callinan said.

“We’ve been running these networking nights right across the region since June and are still getting comments from people about how enjoyable the nights were, how much they learnt about the local arts scene, how much it’s enthused them” Ms Callinan said.

“People think ‘oh I know all the artists here’, or ‘I’ve heard all the stories’ but they were surprised to find such a depth of local ideas and talent. The PechaKucha 20x20 format keeps it all fast and fun with no room to be bored. We’re looking forward to some diverse and fascinating stories in Grenfell,” 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. The night will run 5pm through about 6.30pm.

Other events happen in Oberon (August 26) and Canowindra (August 27).

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