

## **Condobolin stories shared at arts networking**

Arts OutWest brought their Winter Arts Networking event to Condobolin on Tuesday July 7 with enlightening presentations by five local creatives. The events are an opportunity for those engaged in the arts to network with other artists and organisations in their local area. They're also a great way to showcase the depth of talent in our regional towns.

*"This is the first time we've brought Winter Arts Networking to Condobolin. We used the 20x20 concept, where each speaker had 20 images, projected onto a screen, and 20 seconds to talk about each image. It's amazing what people can tell you in six minutes forty seconds."* Ms Callinan said.

Artist Karen Tooth, got the presentations started with a look at works from her Lake Cowal Art Project. Karen shared moody black and white works of old farm structures as well as vibrant watercolour landscapes and gave us a peek of where the project is headed. Lake Cargelligo artist Zoe Hayward took us through the huge array of processes she uses to create her paintings and Heather Blackley from the Lachlan Arts Council stepped in to present a selection of works from local artist Tess Kelly.

Condobolin artist Erin Mullins shared her whimsical and tactile collage work and talked about how art can elevate the community. Joe Conrad finished off the presentations by introducing his pieces of elegant and detailed woodcraft and educating listeners on Australian timbers.

The presentations were inspiring, fun and well received. Around 30 locals made it along to the night at the Condobolin Sports Club, where Arts OutWest had put on after-work finger food. It was also a both a chance for Condobolin area people to make connections with Arts OutWest and find out how the regional arts organisation can help them.

Nights have also recently been held in Forbes, Orange, Wellington and Bathurst. The next events will be in Cowra (July 29), Parkes (August 5), Grenfell (August 12) Canowindra (August 18), Oberon (August 19), Blayney (August 25) and Lithgow (August 26).

To RSVP for any of the upcoming events email [artsoutwest@csu.edu.au](mailto:artsoutwest@csu.edu.au) or call Arts OutWest on 6338 4657.

Video of the presentations will be available soon at [www.facebook.com/artsoutwest](https://www.facebook.com/artsoutwest)