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## Winter Arts Networking comes to Orange

Winters Arts Networking comes to Orange, 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 16, from 5pm (through to 6.30pm) at Union Bank Bar.

Hosted by regional arts organisation Arts OutWest, the Orange event is the fourth in a series of nine happening throughout the Central West this winter.

"It's really going to be a social event for the whole arts and creative community. 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 a successful local print maker, a top milliner, a photographer and a wooden instrument maker. Hear about a trek of local artists to paint in the South Australian desert and a survey of the art and architecture of Abu Dhabi.

"We've so far had networking nights in Cowra, Bathurst and Lithgow and are still getting great feedback from people about how fun 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 Wellington (July 30 at the Cow and Calf Hotel), 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.