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Winter Arts Networking comes to Canowindra

Winters Arts Networking comes to Canowindra, 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 27 August, from 5pm** at Finns Stores on Gaskill St Canowindra.

Hosted by regional arts organisation Arts OutWest, the Canowindra event is last 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.

Canowindra musician Nerida Cuddy was a hit when she presented at the Forbes networking night a few weeks ago with the story of Folk @Canowindra; she’ll be joined on the 27th by Bob Craven with tips on arts marketing, Phoebe Cowdry from the Corridor Project, architect Dylan Gower on educational models that include arts and technology, Cowra author Rebecca Foster who has just self published her new novel, and exuberant Cowra visual artist Shani Nottingham.

“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 Canowindra,” 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 Grefell (August 20) and Oberon (August 26).

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