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Calling for creative, local arts presentations in Cowra, Grenfell & Canowindra

Arts OutWest are bringing their popular Winter Arts Networking Nights to Cowra, Grenfell & Canowindra in the coming weeks and are on the hunt for great local arts stories that can be shared in a fun, fast format called 20x20.

Local artists will share an eclectic mix of stories and ideas at the networking nights. In the 20x20 format, presenters have just 20 slides, shown for 20 seconds each to tell their story. That works out to a grand total of 6 minutes and 40 seconds each.

Nights have already been held in Forbes, Bathurst, Condobolin, Orange and Wellington. Local presenters to share stories have included visual artists sharing their techniques and inspiration, personal stories from potters, writers and sculptors. There have been gallery owners and local arts organisations, theatre makers and arts & health specialists sharing their work. There's been inspiring tales of Indigenous art centres in central Australia and even a trip to the Venice Biennale.

"We're looking for creative people from the Cowra, Grenfell & Canowindra areas 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.

Photographer Denise Yates, Cowra artist Shani Nottingham and Phoebe Cowdery from the Silos Project (Canowindra & Cowra) are some of the creatives who've already put their hand up to present at the nights.

"People think 'oh I know all the artists here', or 'I've heard all the stories' but at the nights we've held so far people have been surprised to find such a depth of local ideas and talent. The 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.

Everyone is welcome, entry will be by donation, finger food will be provided.

Cowra – Wednesday 29 July, 5-6.30pm @ The Oxley
Grenfell – Wednesday 12 August, 5-6.30pm @ D.A. Yates Studio
Canowindra – Tuesday 18 August, 5-6.30pm @ Finns Store

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