

## Editorial

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**C***reative Approaches to Research* adopts a highly original perspective on the activity and processes of research. Throughout its history it has provided opportunities for writers to explore areas of human experience that are inadequately understood or engaged with from the ‘respectable’ positions and ‘ways of knowing’ that dominate those paradigms and models of social science commonly imbued with authority and legitimacy. To say that knowledge and all ways of knowing should be open to challenge, contestation and rethinking is not to necessarily embrace a postmodernist philosophy of knowledge relativity. It can equally be seen as embracing the foundational perspective of criticality and creativity that has characterised innovation as a radical concept in human history and thought. New ways of knowing always build upon the past through an endeavour of re-imagining.

During these times, when journals proliferate by the minute and also profit from the control of and accessibility to ideas, it is refreshing to see the success of CAR and the opportunities it is providing for pushing against the boundaries of ‘authority’. CAR offers a breath of fresh air to its readers and opportunities for writers to engage across disciplinary boundaries, epistemologies, methodologies and traditions.

Over the last 10 years CAR has established itself as a significant journal providing space for writing of the highest quality, but also writing that is innovative, creative and thought-provoking. No small part of the credit for this goes to Mark Vicars who has just stepped down from the position of editor. His commitment to CAR as an open access journal publishing the very best work across disciplines in the human 'sciences' is inestimable. The current issue of the journal introduces a new editor, Ann Cheryl Armstrong, and all those associated with the journal wish her well in building on the success of the journal and of course making her own contribution to its future development.

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