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## Introduction

The start of a new academic journal is always an exciting initiative for all involved and it is with great pleasure I am able to introduce *Before Now*. In doing so it is important for me to formally acknowledge the tireless work of the founding editorial collective who have been working on this new scholarly publication for almost two years at Federation University Australia. Can I also acknowledge the support of the School of Arts in enabling this initiative. *Before/Now* is a welcome addition to the postgraduate journal landscape in Australia where postgraduate history journals have enjoyed something of a recent revival against broader trends in publishing.

Postgraduates are the lifeblood of much of the new and dynamic research occurring in the humanities and social sciences in Australia. The first cohort of PhD and MA students (a group that has been as large as fifty in recent years) conceived this idea during a 'strategies for publishing your research' event with Emeritus Associate Professor John Arnold from Monash University. Because of this group of researchers, and the sense of energy to engage and publish their ideas, CRCAH is an ideal forum to host *Before/Now*. It's a Centre where historical research and allied areas including in cultural heritage, regional studies, Australian studies and cultural tourism are core areas of enquiry. They are also thematic areas covered in this new journal.

CRCAH is an inclusive cross-university centre and CRCAH postgraduate current research trajectories include Australian history, Historic Urban Landscapes (HUL) and sustainable regional development, Australian art history, critical biography, the centenary of the Great War, historical justice, Victorian goldfields history, public history, Indigenous studies, business, working class and regional histories. If you are interested in publishing your work, reviewing a book for the first time or want to get involved in how to run a journal then contact the editorial collective. If you are interested in pursuing further research in history or an allied area of enquiry contact the Centre and feel welcome to come along visit.

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