

Editorial

Hello readers, and welcome to the final issue of the *Journal of Alternative and Community Media* for 2019. We're pleased to present this special issue, edited by Andrew Ó Baoill and Salvatore Scifo, on 'Sustaining Community Media: Challenges and Strategies'. This is our third special issue to be published, following on from 'The "Other" Alternatives: Political Right-Wing Media On- and Offline' and 'Ethnic Minority Media: Between Hegemony and Resistance', which have generated a great response for our guest editors and authors.

We also wish to let you know that this will be the final issue of the Journal published open-access through the support of Griffith University. We are pleased to announce that Intellect Books have agreed to publish the Journal from 2020 onwards, initially as an online-only journal in 2020 and moving to both print and online versions in 2021. This is a great outcome to ensure the future of the Journal. While we are disappointed we have not been able to sustain the Journal as open-access from 2020 onwards, all volumes and issues published to date will remain open access following Intellect's agreement to host all content published from 2016–2019 on their website. For now, you can access present and past content on our usual site, joacm.org, with content to be fully migrated to the Intellect site in early 2020 – check [here](#) for our new cover and all other info about our new home.

Our first issue of 2020 will be the second part of this special issue on 'Sustaining Community Media' – the response to the Call for Papers was so overwhelming that we are running two issues on this topic which is clearly of interest to a great number of scholars and practitioners.

And in another 'last', this will be Chris Atton's final issue as Co-Editor of the Journal. We founded this journal in 2016 with the support of the IAMCR's Community Communication and Alternative Media section, and the Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research – since that time Chris has made a huge contribution. He has been central to the framing and scoping of the Journal; and has always offered a keen eye on article revisions, reviews and overall content direction. Susan Forde will continue as Principal Editor for 2020 once the Journal moves into the Intellect stable, although we hope to announce a Co-Editor to help take the Journal forward in 2020. More on that in the New Year.

For now, our very best wishes to all our readers, authors, guest editors and reviewers. A big thanks to our terrific Editorial Advisory Board who continue to assist with reviews and ideas for future issues and directions. We'll see you in 2020 with a new publisher and new look.

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Professor Chris Atton
Editors
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