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RETRACTION AND APOLOGY TO PROFESSOR ANGELA MCCARTHY

In the previous edition of *New Zealand Journal of History* 49, 1 (2015), we published a letter to the editor from Brad Patterson, Tom Brooking and Jim McAloon. This letter was a response to a review by Professor Angela McCarthy of *Unpacking the Kists: The Scots in New Zealand*, which appeared in NZJH 48, 2 (2014).

The authors wish to clarify that the reference to conflict of interest in the letter was not in any way intended to impugn Professor McCarthy's professionalism or to suggest that her review reflected anything other than her genuine and informed views on the academic merits of *Unpacking the Kists*. The authors apologise for and unconditionally withdraw any inference to the contrary that may be considered to arise from the letter. Equally, the NZJH editors stand by their decision to publish Professor McCarthy's review.

The authors repeat their appreciation for Professor McCarthy's contribution to the work in its inception, and express their regret that her withdrawal was made necessary by her return to an academic post in the United Kingdom.