

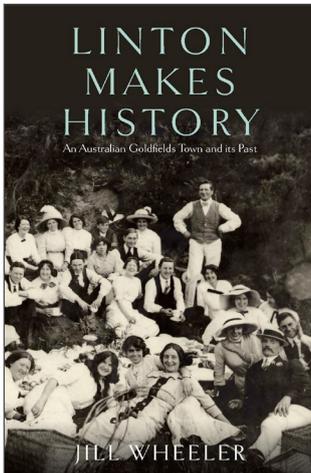
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LINTON MAKES HISTORY

by Jill Wheeler

'This is one of those rare local histories which illuminate the experiences of an entire community, rather than just cataloguing important people and events. Jill Wheeler takes us deftly through the multiple layers of Linton's past from her unique perspective as both "insider" and "outsider". There is deep scholarship behind this engrossing story, so movingly told. We know Linton—and Australia—much better for having this book.'—PROFESSOR PETER MCPHEE, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

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Linton Makes History reveals the potential of local history to be both enlightening and highly readable, and provides a template on which scholars and amateur local historians can base their own history.

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