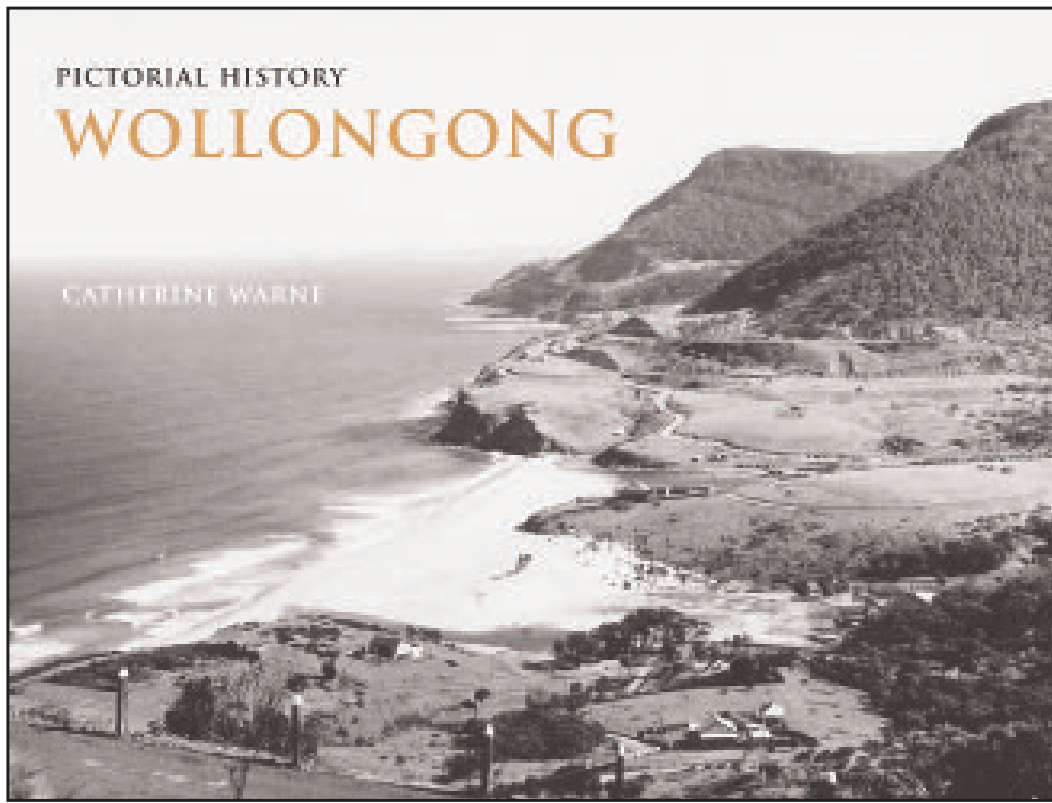



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A *Pictorial History Wollongong* covers the history of the city from Aboriginal to modern times. Located south of Helensburgh and the Royal National Park, Wollongong was first sighted by Captain Cook in 1770. The area was settled by various Aboriginal groups one of which encountered Bass and Flinders when they were beached north of Lake Illawarra. The fertile coastline attracted Charles Throsby and other pastoralists in 1815 and soon a thriving township developed with an economy based on timber, crops, coal and cedar. Roads were soon cut into the treacherous 'horrid steep descent'. When coal mining became widespread along the escarpment, small villages emerged around the pit heads and later along the south road. Bulli was the largest northern village.

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