Record Nr. UNINA9910254764503321 Autore Boileau Joanna Titolo Chinese Market Gardening in Australia and New Zealand [[electronic resource]]: Gardens of Prosperity / / by Joanna Boileau Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2017 **ISBN** 3-319-51871-2 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (340 pages): illustrations, maps Collana Palgrave Studies in the History of Science and Technology, , 2730-972X Disciplina 635.0973 Soggetti China—History Islands of the Pacific—History Labor—History Environmental geography History of China Australasian History Labor History **Environmental Geography** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction -- Chapter 2: The Human Resource -- Chapter 3: The Physical Environment -- Chapter 4: Making a Living in New Gold Mountain -- Chapter 5. Small Businesses on the Land -- Chapter 6. New Ideas in New Lands -- Chapter 7: The Social Environment --Chapter 8: Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto This book offers a fresh perspective on the Chinese diaspora. It is about the mobilisation of knowledge across time and space, exploring the history of Chinese market gardening in Australia and New Zealand. It enlarges our understanding of processes of technological change and human mobility, highlighting the mobility of migrants as an essential element in the mobility and adaptation of technologies. Truly multidisciplinary, Chinese Market Gardening in Australia and New Zealand incorporates elements of economic, agricultural, social,

cultural and environmental history, along with archaeology, to

document how Chinese market gardeners from subtropical southern

China adapted their horticultural techniques and technologies to novel environments and the demands of European consumers. It shows that they made a significant contribution to the economies of Australia and New Zealand, developing flexible strategies to cope with the vagaries of climate and changing business and social environments which were often hostile towards Asian immigrants. Chinese Market Gardening in Australia and New Zealand will appeal to students and scholars in the fields of the Chinese diaspora, in particular the history of the Chinese in Australasia; the history of technology; horticultural and garden history; and environmental history, as well as Asian studies more generally.