

## Aboriginal Culture and History

Wingham Museum has a small, but representative group of traditional Aboriginal tools and weapons including grinding stones, axes, spears, throwing sticks, a coolamon, shield and boomerangs used by the local Birpai people of Munyaree, Dingo Creek, as collected by John Summerville, c1850-60.



Other Aboriginal artefacts of interest include some finely carved walking sticks made by Charlie Morris, who lived at the Dingo Creek Reserve and the cabbage palm furniture made by Barney Simon and his sons who lived at the Forster Reserve, c.1940. These items highlight the creativity and resourcefulness of aboriginal people following European settlement.