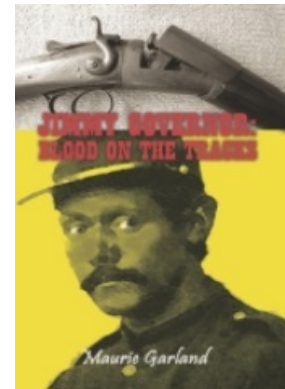


Justice and Law and Order

The most significant exhibit in this theme is the small timber lockup that held Aboriginal bushranger, Jimmy Governor – best known through Thomas Keneally’s powerful book, “The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith”. Jimmy Governor was captured at Bobin (20km west of Wingham) by a party of settlers and held in this lock up until his transfer to Darlinghurst Jail, where he was hanged in January 1901.

An audio recording plays the story of Jimmy Governor’s capture as visitors enter the cell. The book of his life, written by noted historian and author Maurie Garland, is also available from the museum.



On display inside the lockup are a cast iron bed, handcuffs, leg irons, and a mantrap. The collection also includes items associated with policing in the early 20th century, including a police truncheon and a rattle and horse bridle used by the NSW police corps.

