

## Local Businesses, Trades and Tourism

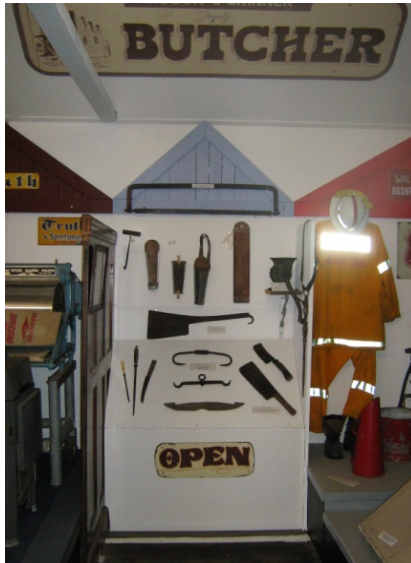
The most significant artefact in this theme is the museum building itself – that is, the former Moxey's General Store, which is now one of the oldest (built circa 1869), most intact and significant buildings in the town precinct. The building is significant as a representative example of a vernacular, timber commercial building made of local hardwood using traditional skills – once common in rural towns like Wingham.



On the inside an extensive array of products, groceries and advertising have been arranged in a display that is dedicated to interpreting the building's former use as a general store. A cash register of the period and the original Moxey's benching complete the exhibit.



Other local business and commercial histories are also well represented. The museum collection includes an extensive range of artefacts from Pollock blacksmithing, Hayward engineering, Gibson and Skinner's Butchers, Biddle's boot makers and Saxby's soft drinks.



The importance of local news and newspapers is reflected in the collection, including the newspaper editor's desk used by Horace Dean for his work on the Manning River News 1868-73 and an Arab treadle printing press owned by the Fitzpatrick family (of Wingham Chronicle).

