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* **Walsh Brothers, Melbourne (retailer)**

Wilson Hall presentation set, c.1879, Special Collections, Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne.

* **A skeleton of a moa**

Tiegs Museum, Department of Zoology, University of Melbourne. Photography by Campbell Phillips.

* **'Experimental gentlemen'**

Visitors enjoying the exhibition at the Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne. Photograph by Viki Petherbridge.

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