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Hook up in Benalla

Inside this 120-year-old Benalla building is a classic art nouveau tile-work butcher shop from where the Leatham family sell ready-to-eat meals, handmade sausages, preserves, charcuterie and cuts of 28-day, dry-aged, grass-fed beef raised on their farm at nearby Boho. When we visited Sandy Leatham, owner and mother of four young-adult children (all of whom spend time working in the shop), was roasting several legs of mutton for local customers' dinners while explaining the intricacies of dry ageing to tourists from Melbourne. Named Hook and Spoon, this is a regional treasure in the making.

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*Hook and Spoon, 16B Carrier Street, Benalla, 5762 2044.
Open 9am-6pm Wed-Fri.*

