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The board will decide what are matters of policy, and in case of disputes the Minister's decision will be final.

## ANCIENT BONES

### MUSEUM MAN DIGS SKELETONS FROM NEWCASTLE SAND

A diligent, sun-tanned searcher who has been crawling round acres of sand dunes in Newcastle district during the past fortnight is not a beach-comber.

He is the ethnologist of Sydney Museum, Mr. W. Thorpe.

At Morna Point, south of Fort Stephens, he found an ancient skull, excellently preserved, with the complete set of bones alongside the last skeleton, he says, from the old aboriginal burial ground. On a former visit he found three skulls and one skeleton.

Formerly Morna Point was a great camping-ground of the Gringal tribe,



*The Bones.*

who have left behind many stone implements.

A large collection of these implements has been made by Mr. Thorpe.

Among specimens collected on the beach south of Redhead are "chipped back" knives for making scars and performing minor acts of surgery.

Blacks living in the Newcastle district over 40 years ago produced flake work which is said by the Museum expert to be comparable with paleolithic productions of Europe.