

# Native Skeleton on Beach

Part of a skeleton found on the beach south of Norah Head yesterday was found to be the remains of an aboriginal in part of an old native burial ground.

Two detectives from Newcastle, Sergeant A. Barber and Constable R. Whalen, went to Norah Head when Mr. Max Byrne, of Mangrove Mountain, reported that he had found a skull sticking out of the ground about 200 yards from the water's edge.

Mr. Byrne, who told the detectives he had been studying aboriginal lore for many years, was on holidays in the district, and was searching for fossils.

He said the skeleton was probably that of a gin, because the skull contained two full sets of teeth. Male aborigines invariably had one tooth missing.

On their return to Newcastle the detectives said the skeleton was found on the site of an old aboriginal burial ground, and skeletons were becoming uncovered by drifting sand. The skeleton had probably been there a very long time.

They brought the skull and several bones back with them for examination.