ANCIENT BONES
MUSEUM MAN DUGS SKELETONS FROM NEWCASTLE SAND

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

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, including a skeleton, he says, from the old aboriginal burial ground. On a former visit he found three skulls and one skeleton.

Former Morna Point was a great camping-ground of the Gringal tribe 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 flaked work which is said by the Museum expert to be comparable with palaeolithic productions of Europe.