



NOTES ON "ROCK-SHELTERS," OR "GIBBA-GUNYAHS,"  
AT DEEWHY LAGOON.

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SEVERAL fine "Rock-shelters" may be seen along the escarpment of Hawkesbury Sandstone forming the southern boundary of the hollow wherein lies the Deewhy Lagoon, between Manly and Narrabeen. Some of these were examined by Messrs. G. H. Barrow, R. Jenkins, and the Writer, and the following notes obtained:—

The Shelters are of the usual type seen throughout the Port Jackson District, recesses in the escarpment, overhung by thick, more or less tabular masses of rock, in some cases dry and habitable, in others wet and apparently never used by the Aborigines. The first examined lay at the south-east end of the escarpment, where the latter almost abuts on the swampy ground of the lagoon. The length was twenty-nine feet, depth sixteen feet, height from floor to ceiling four feet, the total height inclusive of the rock covering nine feet six inches. Interments did not appear to have been made in this Shelter, or if they had, we failed to discover any remains. From the regular and undisturbed condition of the hearth-earth, I think it more than