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who paved the way to a social archaeology of Indigenous Australia.*

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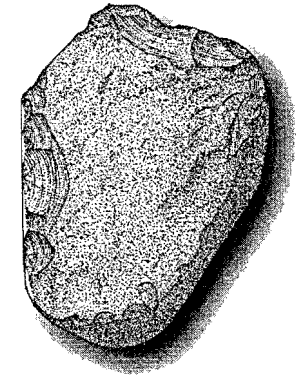
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## Part 1

# The emergence of social archaeology in Australia

*Bevel-edged tool dating to the last 1000 years. It was used by an Aboriginal woman in southeast Queensland to process the starchy rhizome of Bungwall fern (a local staple plant food).*