



During the field excursion following the ANZAAS Congress of January 1967 John Mulvaney discusses the finds from Green Gully, Kellor, on site, with (from left) Edmund Gill, Dermot Casey and Lord Casey.
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DEDICATED TO PROFESSOR D.J. MULVANEY

DEDICATION

At the end of 1985 John Mulvaney retires from his position as Foundation Professor of Prehistory in the Faculties at the Australian National University. When discussing plans for this thematic volume with the Editorial Board I proposed that it should be dedicated to John Mulvaney in recognition of his great contribution to Aboriginal studies. It is also appropriate for us to dedicate this south-eastern volume to him as his teaching of Prehistory began at Melbourne University and his archaeological field work in the south-east. Before the famous excavations in the north at Kenniff Cave and at Ingaladdi that demonstrated unequivocally the Pleistocene antiquity of Australia's Aboriginal past, there were those at the Fromms Landing rock shelters on the Murray, at Glen Aire and Keilor, and field survey work on the Glenelg. From the Australian National University he returned to field work in the south-east with investigation of sites at Lake Mungo, again uncovering material older than any previously recorded.

Research on the history of anthropology and archaeology in Australia has always held a particular interest for John Mulvaney. Here the south-east again is appropriate. The key figures in his studies, Alfred Howitt and Baldwin Spencer, were giants in Melbourne's intellectual world at the turn of the century. Their researches, like those of John Mulvaney, were not in any sense local or parochial, but Australia-wide. Yet they also had their intellectual roots in the scholarly activities of the southern capital which his research is now illuminating for us. His biography of Baldwin Spencer *So much that is new – Baldwin Spencer 1860-1929* written with John Calaby as co-author is due for publication in July 1985 by Melbourne University Press.

So it is with tremendous pleasure that I, as Editor for Volume 8, join with members of the Editorial Board in dedicating this volume on the Aboriginal History of south-eastern Australia to Professor John Mulvaney. It is some small tribute from us to mark his outstanding research and leadership in studies of the Aboriginal past, and to express our deep respect and affection for him as a colleague.



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John Mulvaney at Murrumbidgee, New South Wales, talking to a student group about problems of site interpretation and conservation.