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Australian archaeologists unearth ancient Egyptian tombs

Australian archaeologists have discovered six unknown Egyptian tombs in Cairo dating back to 3,000 BC. The tombs, predating the pyramids by hundreds of years, contained the skeletons of two women as well as a wealth of artefacts.

n Archaeologist Christiana Kohler headed the project by the Australian Centre for Egyptology at Sydney's Macquarie University. She said the discovery, made during December 2000 and March 2001, came after four years of painstaking fieldwork.

n Dr Kohler described the discovery, at the Helwan cemetery on the southern outskirts of Cairo, as « absolutely astonishing and unexpected ». « In Egypt today, discovering unexcavated tombs of such an early date is very rare, » she said. « You don't find intact tombs of that early date anymore. « The wealth

