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## Glossary of Terms

<b>agisted</b>	The paddocking of stock.
<b>amber fluid</b>	Beer.
<b>back burning</b>	Lighting a fire to burn into the main
<b>fire</b>	Must be with the wind blowing into the main fire.
<b>Bloke</b>	A fellow male.
<b>Blue</b>	An argument or disagreement.
<b>bush telegraph</b>	Rumours and facts spread by mouth.
<b>bulldust</b>	Colouring the truth. Not quite a lie.
<b>cackers</b>	Undersized legal Crayfish
<b>come to the party</b>	Agree to help.
<b>off the rails</b>	Go astray.
<b>Cook's Tour</b>	A packaged tour where all comforts were found by a company called Cook's Tours. To show someone the ropes.
<b>Coolgardie Safe</b>	A safe with an iron frame, hessian around the sides, water in a container on the top and flannel strips from the water tank to the hessian. Used to keep food cool.
<b>crook ticker</b>	Heart problem.
<b>deal</b>	Light timber to make boxes.
<b>dining in</b>	An evening meal which all officers in the services are expected to attend.
<b>dobbed in</b>	To tell on.
<b>Dockers</b>	Fremantle Football AFL Football Club.
<b>Dog Act</b>	Restriction on buying alcohol.
<b>mae-west</b>	A lifejacket strapped around the shoulders to keep you afloat, named after the film star Mae West.
<b>middies</b>	A large glass of beer, 10-12 ounces.
<b>off the rails</b>	Out of the mainstream.

<b>piddle</b>	To urinate.
<b>pinch</b>	Take without permission. Not quite steal.
<b>roo</b>	Kangaroo.
<b>rort</b>	A deception or a racket.
<b>shandy</b>	A drink made up of 1/2 beer and 1/2 soft drink, usually lemonade.
<b>shiny bum</b>	Clerk or administrative officer or airman at a desk in headquarters.
<b>sitting ducks</b>	Persons or aircraft on water which are as defenceless as a duck which is sitting in a flock on a lake.
<b>tiger spirit</b>	A term used by the Claremont and
<b>Richmond football clubs</b>	The club mascot is a stuffed tiger in an airtight case.
<b>true blue</b>	A solid trustworthy person.
<b>Tumbling Tommy</b>	A scoop for cleaning out dams.
<b>3%</b>	Is the allowance made available to the Council for entertainment.