

## SOME TERMINOLOGY

Some examples of the common terminology and slang of the Southwest

**The BD** - Scavenger Slang - The former city of Bunbury. Short for "Bunbury Detonation Zone".

**The Desert** - The vast sandy desert that spread towards the coasts after the war, engulfing many towns. Travel more than 100km into the Desert is considered impossible due to the lack of water sources.

**The Dragon** - Scavenger Slang - A legendary statue deep within the Dead Forest of the PD. To "Name the Dragon", that is reach the statue and carve one's name on it, is the ultimate test of bravery and skill for Scavs.

**DZ** - Scavenger Slang - The area of almost total detestation surrounding a nuclear crater for about a kilometre. Nothing remains in this area except blackened and burnt ground and occasional rubble and foundations of large or strongly constructed buildings. Still dangerously radioactive. Short for "Detonation Zone".

**The FD** - Scavenger Slang - The former port city of Fremantle. Short for "Fremantle Detonation Zone".

**Field** - Scavenger Slang - An open area in the Rubble Sea or DZ, usually the remains of a park or sports field. Generally considered slightly safer to camp in than amongst the ruins.

**Grease Merchant** - Derogatory term for an inhabitant of Porongurup State. A reference to the whale oil trade. Sometimes "Grease Monkey" or "Greaser" is used instead. Rural Porongurupans use this term exclusively for the inhabitants of Albany.

**Grease Monkey** - See Grease Merchant.

**Hamlet** - Derogatory term for an inhabitant of Denmark State. A reference to an obscure pre-war play of the same name, although many think it derives from the state's piggeries.

**Hapgood Expedition** - A group of explorers who set sail on board the specially fitted out *Desert Jaxx* to explore eastwards of Cape Le Grande in August 2089. They passed out of radio range a week later, and have not been heard from since. All are presumed deceased.

**The Island** - Scavenger Slang - Garden Island. A long thin island off the coast of the Radlands. Location of a pre-war naval base. Devastated (and cut in half) by a nuclear strike, although numerous underground facilities are rumored to have survived.

**Kalgoorlie** - Semi-legendary pre-war city where the streets were paved with gold and beer flowed freely. Supposed to exist many week's journey into the Desert. Considered entirely mythical by many.

**The Leeuwin** - The STS Leeuwin II is the largest sailing vessel in the southwest. A pre-war replica ship that made an epic voyage from the far north town of Broome to Albany in the immediate aftermath of the war, carrying 100 survivors. It set the yet to be broken record for the Windy Harbour to Albany timber run in 2077, completing the journey in just under 12 hours.

**The MD** - Scavenger Slang - The former city of Mandurah. Short for "Mandurah Detonation Zone".

**PAF-B** - See Pearce AFB.

**Paper Maker** - Derogatory term for an inhabitant of D'Entrecasteaux State. A reference to the state's paper industry.

**The PD** - Scavenger Slang - The former CBD of the city of Perth. Short for "Perth Detonation Zone".

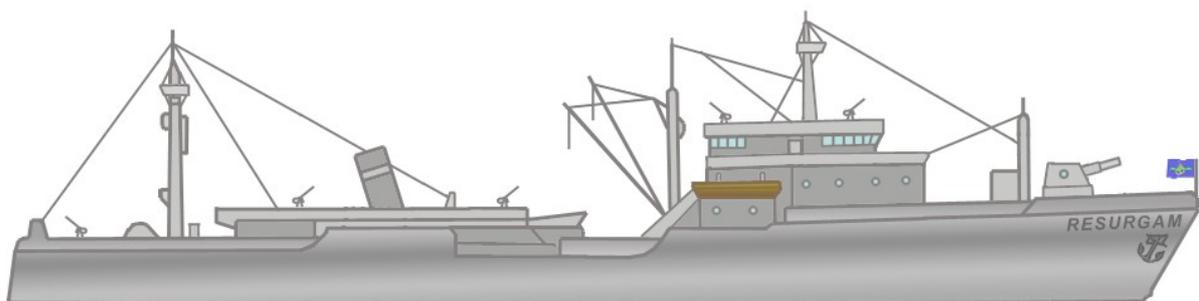
**Pearce AFB** - Scavenger Slang - RAAF Pearce, a prewar air force base. Hit by a nuclear strike, but large parts of the actual base survived relatively intact due to the missile being a few kilometres off target. Sometimes called PAF-B.

**Pirate Coast** - The coast east of Albany as far as Cape Le Grande.

**Pirate War** – A series a raids and battles fought by the Porongurup Rangers against sea going raiders along the coast east of Albany between 2062 and 2066.

**The Radlands** - The coastal strip from Bunbury northwards and inland to the Darling range. Badly contaminated by radiation, chemical weapons and biological agents, and inhabited by vicious mutants. At least six nuclear detonations took place at Perth, Fremantle, Garden Island, Mandurah, RAAF Pearce and Bunbury. The northern extent of the Radlands are unknown, although they are presumed to run into the Desert beyond the northern end of the Darlings.

**The Resurgam** – The Porongurup Rangers Ship (PRS) Resurgam. The most powerful warship in the Southern States, and possibly the entire world. Constructed during the Pirate War in 2062. It regularly patrols the south coast and makes occasional trips around Cape Leeuwin to keep an eye on the Warlords. The name is Latin for "I Rise Again".



**Roo Money** – Something worthless. Usually used during bartering to disparage someone's offer - "That's roo money!". Refers to the scrip issued by the Kangaroo Savings and Loan Company of Albany, which went bankrupt in 2080.

**Rubble Sea** - Scavenger Slang - Area of severe to partial devastation surrounding a nuclear impact site for around ten kilometres. On the fringes are partially destroyed houses and buildings, which soon degenerate to piles of undifferentiated rubble in the sea proper. Radiation risk is variable. "The" Rubble Sea generally refers to the former suburban strip between the Garden Island, Fremantle and Perth DZs.

**Satellite Plague** - A devastating plague that passed through the Independent Settlements and States in 2066 and 2067. It was triggered by the crash landing of a satellite near Maradup - either a biological weapons platform, or carrying viruses mutated from exposure to radiation. Thousands were killed before the Albany Hospital developed a vaccine.

**Scav** - See Scavenger

**Scavenger** - A person who makes a living salvaging pre-war materials from the Radlands or Desert. Given the hazardous nature of this occupation Scavengers tend either to be very good at what they do, or dead. Despite the many precautions they take, most Scavengers tend to die fairly young, often from TRICs. Also called Scavs.

**Sheep-Shagger** - Derogatory term for an inhabitant of Pallinup State. A reference to the state's wool and mutton industry.

**TRIC** - Scavenger Slang - **T**erminal **R**adiation **I**nduced **C**ancer - a common cause of death among Scavs. Sometimes erroneously spelled "trick".

**Throat Trouble** - Slang - Hanging is the standard form of execution in the southern states, hence "to die of throat trouble" is to be executed. Execution is the standard penalty for murder, attempted murder, rape, treason and engaging in the slave trade.

**War of 2081** – A major offensive carried out against the southern Warlord Realms by an alliance of D'Entrecasteaux and the Independent Settlement of Nannup in 2081. It wiped out close on a dozen warlord camps and villages and broke the power of the Southern Warlords, who are still to recover. Known in D'Entrecasteaux simply as "the war" (as opposed to 'The Great War').

**War and Winter** - A common expression of exasperation, frustration or shock, referencing the Great War and the nuclear winter that followed. "War and winter! What's wrong with you!?" or "War and winter that's big!" for example.