

ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE AT TOODYAY

As in past years ex-servicemen of both World Wars paraded in Stirling Terrace, Toodyay, on Sunday last, April 25, to honour and remember those gallant men and women who made the supreme sacrifice so that we could enjoy a peaceful life.

The parade moved off on its march to the Memorial Gardens, headed by the Northam Salvation Army Band followed by the ex-servicemen, members of the Toodyay Volunteer Fire Brigade and children from the Convent and State schools. A large crowd followed the procession to the garden area where Mr. R. Temperley (in the unavoidable absence of the president of the R.S.L., Mr. Brian Buzzard) conducted the service.

After the assembly sang "Lest We Forget" the Last Post was sounded, followed by Reveille, when the Union Jack was hoisted to the top of the flagpole. Then the hymn "Lead Kindly Light" was sung to the accompaniment of the band.

Mr. Temperley addressed the gathering relating the gallant deeds of the Anzacs who landed at Gallipoli in 1915. Since that day many thousands of our men and women have given their lives so that we could live a happy peaceful life. Mr. Temperley stressed that we must all do our little bit to safeguard that peace which our men and women died to preserve.

The president of the Dowerin R.S.L. Mr. Mervyn Bateman, was guest speaker and very ably outlined the importance of Anzac Day.

The memorial was adorned with many beautiful wreaths by those who had lost their loved ones and

by the various organisations in the town.

At the Toodyay Town Hall after the service the chairman of the Toodyay Road Board (Mr. E. Davy) unveiled an honour roll in recognition of those men and women who enlisted from the Toodyay district during the Second World War.

A dainty afternoon tea was then served by the Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.L.