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New QRN locomotive 6021 on its first trip to WA leads L3108 on very late 2MP1 at Great Eastern Highway Northam Bypass Bridge at entrance to Avon Yard September 27th. Photo Jim Bisdee

Gindalbie Metals Karara Mining new iron ore export terminal at Geraldton was opened by WA Treasurer Mr Buswell in a ceremony at the Geraldton port held on September 18th. Karara Mining have now completed and commissioned the rotary car dumper at Geraldton port with test loaded ore trains having been run to assist with its commissioning.

Karara mine of Gindalbie Metals have commenced operations with ore trains running daily to the car dumper at Geraldton Port. On September 23rd ACN4144 & ACN4171 with 100 ore cars [50 two packs] and ACN4149 DPU locomotive on rear ran as a trial to mine in the evening. Earlier in the day ACN4148 & ACN4151 had run 78 loaded ore cars to the dumper. Karara mine site has a large stock pile of iron ore and are in a position to rapidly ramp up production.



6008 with 6022 the first of the new 6020 class locomotives to run to WA arrives on 6MP1 QRN intermodal at Parkeston on September 23rd. Photo Peter Donaghy



6008 & 6022 run 6MP1 QRN intermodal at Binduli September 23rd. Photo Peter Donaghy

Upgrade and improvements to Queens Park Station on the Armadale line have commenced that will see improved and modernised facilities being installed to replace the outdated brick shelters in use.



P2508, DA1906 & P2516 on Mt Gibson ore train unloading at Geraldton Port with CBH003 & CBH005 on Watco grain entering the port with loaded Karara Mining ore cars at Dumper 16/09. Photo Phil Melling

The commissioning of the final section of CTC on the Geraldton Mullewa line between Eredu at 71km and Mullewa at 100km took place around the week ending September 21st. New Terindawa crossing loop was bought into use as CTC controlled loop with the Mullewa line now all CTC controlled by Mid West Control from Midland Control Centre. This marks the end of the major works of the \$500 million upgrade of Mullewa Geraldton and Mullewa Perenjori lines with only minor finishing works being undertaken now.

QR National still hauls fuel to Cook from BP in Kewdale on PM1 intermodal with empty tankers being returned on MP1 intermodal services on a temporary basis as Pacific National are not yet in a position to commence haulage of fuel out of Mobil refinery in Adelaide to Cook.

Two power vans Wegman HRG96 and smaller van that had been used on now discontinued Spirit of The West Dinner Train have been sold and were trucked from SSRS/Gemco yard Bellevue to Dwellingup and Isandra to see use as power supply on HVR operations.

ZB2120 ran 3K05 light engine from Gemco Bellevue to Gemco Forrestfield where CBH012 following commissioning was attached. CBH012 then hauled ZB2120 to CBH Kwinana to enter service.

New 6020 locomotives 6021 and 6022 have both now worked to WA on QRN intermodal services on 27/09 and 23/09 respectively.



ACB4404 on 6C74 Parkeston shunter with empty cement/lime wagons at Kalgoorlie September 28th.



NR52, NR63, dead NR110 & NR116 on 6PM7 express West Kalgoorlie 29/09. Both photos Peter Donaghy



ACN4148 on test train testing Karara Mining car dumper Geraldton Port September 3rd. Photo Phil Melling



S3309 & DBZ2310 on 3271 lime empty coal train at Keysbrook September 18th. Photo Brendan Cherry



S3308 on 3953 empty bauxite train at Keysbrook September 18th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



AC4301 & ACB4405 on 7415 ore at Binduli September 29th.

Photo Peter Donaghy



CBH003 & CBH005 on Watco grain at Narngulu September 16th.

Photo Phil Melling



ACN4171 & ACN4168 on Mt Gibson ore train at Kojarena on September 17th.

Photo Phil Melling



ACN4148 & ACN4151 on Karara Mining ore train at Nola East September 23rd.

Photo Phil Melling



Q4001 & AC4303 remote DPU units on 7415 ore train at Binduli September 29th.

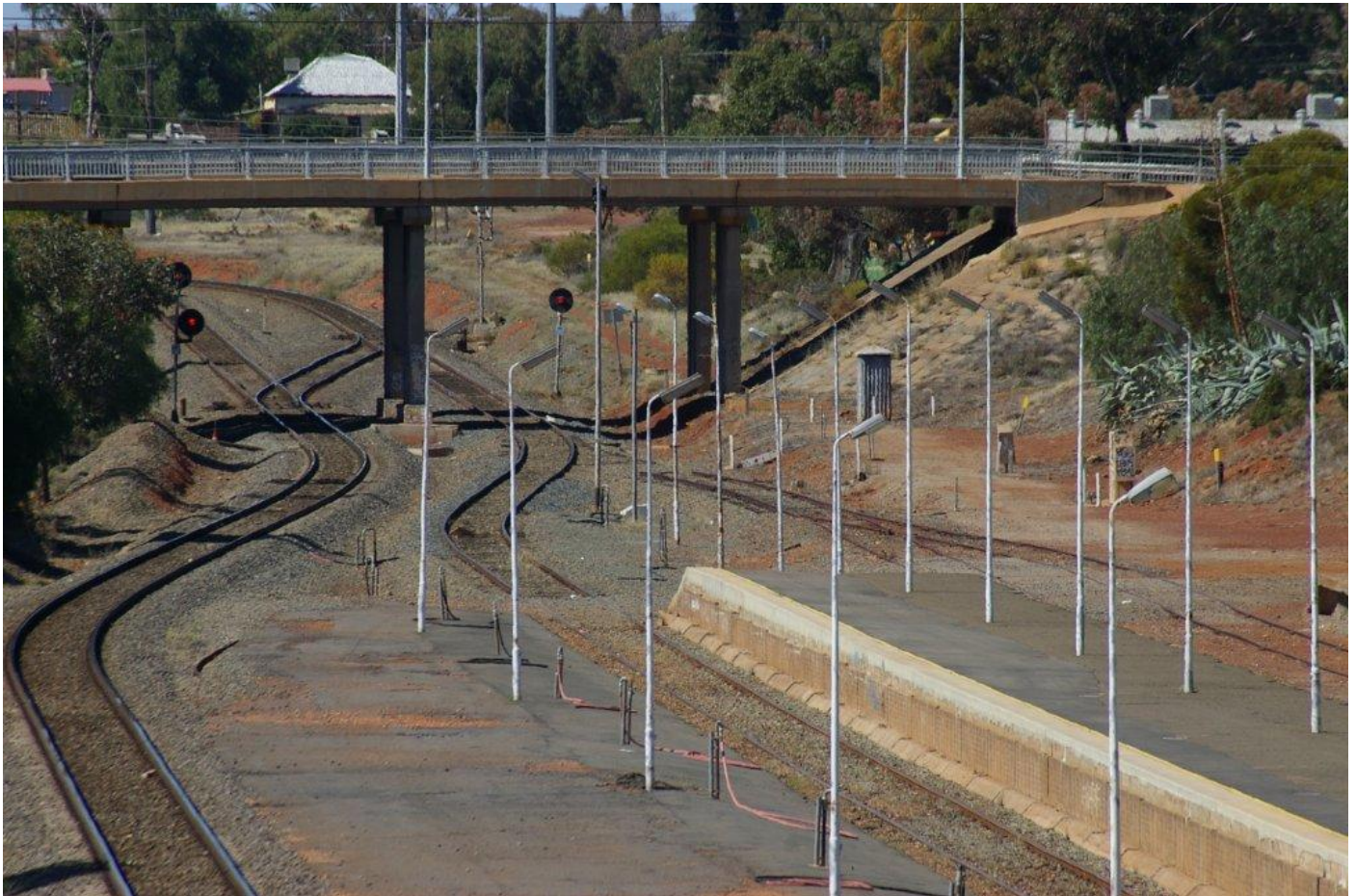
Photo Peter Donaghy



P2506, DAZ1904 & P2501 on Mt Gibson Perenjori ore train at Canna September 29th. Photo Phil Melling



Select Plant hire track Machine TT002 in a Kewdale Transport Yard with a lot of track work now completed this will become a more common site as these machines are returned 27/09. Photo Matt Hayes



East end of Kalgoorlie Station with disconnected Trans Dock and yard track on right, Brookfield connection to ARTC interstate line in centre and left with crossovers, Leonora line on top left September 29th.



West end of Kalgoorlie Station with Prospector Dock behind fence on left, connection to Kalgoorlie loco track centre right with connections of Kalgoorlie to left 29/09.

Both photos Peter Donaghy



SCT008, SCT006 & SCT014 on 5MP9 SCT freight going under the Maritana Street Bridge showing the massive size of the SCT Hi Cube vans and the foresight of building the EGR with high clearances 29/09.



6003 & 6007 with in line fuelling on double stacked 5MP1 QR National intermodal going under Maritana St Bridge in central Kalgoorlie September 29th. Both photos Peter Donaghy

SCT014 was hauled back to WA on SCT freighter 5MP9 behind SCT008 & SCT006 following service and maintenance September 29th to resume short term hire on Watco grain trains.



ACN4144 & ACN4171 on empty Karara Mining ore train at Narngulu East 23/09.

Photo Phil Melling