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NR45 & MRL005 prepare to depart Kewdale with 7PX4, 17th November.



5AP8 Indian Pacific runs through Avon Yard behind NR26, 17th November.

Both photos: Evan Jasper

We start this issue with a few November photos which went astray when my laptop crashed whilst preparing that month's editions – apologies to Evan.



NR11 & AN2 shunt the rear portion of 6SP5, Kewdale, 18th November.



NRs 79 & 91 plus AN2 on 4PM6, Kewdale, 28th November.

Both photos: Evan Jasper

The pre-Christmas rush has ended, traffic has dropped back to normal levels with a number of “extra” services now cancelled until next October/November. Kooly ore trains have settled into a constant pattern of three locos (a mix of MRLs and NRs) on 110 hoppers.

Early on January 6th, a wheel shattered under a wagon on 6MP9 just east of Cook; fortunately there was no big derailment nor any significant track damage, though the line was closed for nearly a day and a half til heavy cranes arrived to lift the wagon and change the bogie.

Mid afternoon on January 13th, lightning sparked a bushfire close to the rail line at Stewart, closing the line between Kalgoorlie and Perth til around noon the next day. The fire continues to burn four days later, with the line being closed several times, usually for a few hours each time.

ACBs 4401 and 4405 have been sent east to Newcastle in early January for coal duties.



CBHs 006 & 025 on an empty grain through Watheroo, 1st December.

Photo: Phil Melling



Parkeston shuttle loco Q4017 stabled for the day just off the loop at Parkeston, 1/12.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



SCTs 011 & 005 on 6PM9 arrive beside NRs 70 & 87 on 6PM6, Parkeston, 1st December. Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACBs 4402 & 4405 with AC4307, Forrestfield, 1st December. Photo: Phil Melling



S3308 shows the new corporate colours on 7224 loaded alumina, Pinjarra East, 1st December. Photo: Phil Melling



CSRs became common again in WA late in 2018, though doubles were rare – CSRs 009 & 005 arrive at Parkeston with a late-running 5MP9, 1st December. Photo: Peter Donaghy



LZ3120 ponders her fate as the wheels of industry pass her by, Avon Yard, 2nd December. Originally Comalco Weipa unit 1-002, then R1002, then sold to Westrail and renumbered Lw276, followed by a period in storage under ATN ownership, then sale back to Westrail, a rebuild at Dynon and renumber to this current identity. Does yet another resurrection lie in her future or will the scrapper's torch finally end the story? Photo: Kieran Wright



CBHs 025 & 006 on 1K53 empty grain cross smoky NR97 & NR78 on 1038 empty ore hoppers from Forrestfield to Kwinana to clear the remaining iron ore stockpile, Wattle Grove, 2nd December. Photo: Jim Bisdee



NRs 97 and 78 lead 1038 empty ore past the site of the new flashbutt depot at Wattle Grove, 2nd December.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



One WOD and 48 WOE hoppers stored on the rail siding at Hampton, 2nd December. These were transferred to West Kalgoorlie on 17th December, joined by another 40 from Norseman around noon the following day, then the entire rake departed that afternoon for Kwinana, presumably for scrap.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NRs 29, 16 & 15 work through Hazelmere on 5MP2, 2nd December.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



HL203 & G511 with a loaded container train at South Fremantle, 3rd December.

Photo: Phil Melling



NR29 hauls Coonana derailment-damaged NR120 from temporary repairs at UGL Bassendean as 3P24 to Kewdale, to forward east for further repairs, South Guildford, 3rd December. Both photos: Jim Bisdee





2039 ore from Kwinana to Esperance passes through Jandakot behind NRs 78 & 97, 3/12.

Photo: Simon Barber



After several years in the Pilbara, CFs 4403 & 4410 were overhauled at UGL Bassendean, then seen here at Guildford as 4110 light engine transfer to SCT Forresterfield for haulage back east, 5th December.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



CBH023 stabled on an XT grain wagon rake, Forrestfield narrow gauge short arrivals, 8th December.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



MRL005, NR64 & MRL001 depart Binduli with 7033 ore to Esperance, 8th December.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



SCTs 007 & 009 on a late 5MP9 pass ACC6030 & Q4017 on 7426 at sunset, West Kalgoorlie, 8th December.



SCTs 007 & 009 smoke as they depart West Kalgoorlie into the sunset, 8th December. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



NRs 97, 78 & 117 accelerate away from Binduli on 1030 empty ore, 9th December.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



A reduced 84-wagon empty consist departs Binduli as 2034 behind NR94 & MRL006, 10th December.



A late 2PM9 with SCTs 014 & 015 crosses MRL005, NR64 & MRL001 on 3030 empty ore, Binduli, 11th December.



MRL005, NR64 & MRL001 work 3030 empty ore upgrade out of Binduli, 11th December. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



3030 empty ore smokes up the grade out of Binduli, 11th December.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



CSR012 makes its maiden voyage to WA behind SCT006 on Christmas extra service 1MP9, Parkeston, 11/12.



The setting sun catches SCT006 & CSR012 on late-running 1MP9, 11th December.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2503, 2506 & 2505 lead 4725 loaded Mt Gibson ore towards sunset, Moonyoonooka, 12/12. Photo: Phil Melling



ACNs 4174, 4146 & 4151 at Narngulu with 6762 empty Karara ore, 14th December.

Photo: Phil Melling



NR115 & MRL003 haul derail-repaired IP car wagon from UGL to Kewdale, Woodbridge, 14/12.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



CSR009 leads fresh overhaul/repaint SCT002 on Christmas extra 5AP9, Parkeston, 14/12. Photo: Peter Donaghy



NR115 transfers MRL003 to West Kal for ore duties on 7PX4, South Guildford, 15th December. Photo: Jim Bisdee



NR117, MRL006 & NR94 ease 7032 empty ore around the west leg of Binduli triangle (above), and changing crews (below), 15th December.
Both photos: Peter Donaghy





7031 rolls onto the triangle at Binduli behind MRL005, NR64 & MRL001, 15th December. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2513, 2514 & 2509 on 1721 loaded Mt Gibson ore in light rain at Tardun, 16th December. Photo: David Melling



1K46 Watco grain at Midland behind CBHs 024 & 023, 16th December. Photo: Jim Bisdee



PA2819 works 1238 through Keysbrook, 16th December. Photo: Simon Barber



Fresh SCT002 leads CSR009 on 1PA9, 16th December.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



MRL003, NRs 97 & 78 crest the 644km and roll downhill towards Binduli with 1033 ore, 16th December.



MRL001, NR80 & MRL002 smoke away from Hampton with 1030 ore, 16th December. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2503, 2506 & 2505 on 725 cross Ps 2517, 2501 & 2507 on 720 at Bell, 16th December. Photo: David Melling



Ps 2517, 2501 & 2507 on 720 empty Mt Gibson ore at Morawa, 16th December.

Photo: David Melling



2512 works 1854 through Harbour Junction, 16th December.

Photo: Simon Barber



VLs 361 & 357 with a rake of 66 NGXH hoppers as 2AP1 on delivery from NSW waits outside Parkeston for C74 shuttle to clear, 18th December.



2AP1 rolls along the main at Parkeston, 18th December.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



VLs side by side at Parkeston while removing the coach off, 18th December.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



VLs 361 & 357 haul 4S72 away from Meckering, 19th December.

Photo: Simon Barber



Freshly repainted Q4003 works 4158 fuel shunt from Forreestfield to Kwinana, Thornlie, 21/12. Photo: Jim Bisdee



NRs 78 & 97 lead MRL003 on 5030 empty ore upgrade away from Binduli, 20/12. Photo: Peter Donaghy



NRs 109 & 2 haul MRL004 from workshops to West Kal on 5PM5, Stratton, 20th December. Photo: Simon Barber



NR94, MRL006 & NR117 roll 5033 downhill towards Binduli at sunset, 20th December. Photo: Peter Donaghy