

West Australian Rails

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Ps 2514, 2506 & 2502 ride the roller coaster through Bringo with 1720 empty Mt Gibson ore, 1st January.

Photo: Phil Melling

Aurizon commenced running their own service in late January for Mineral Resources, between Koolyanobbing and Esperance, powered by ACs, ACBs and ACCs. Surprisingly, they are using a rake of Mineral Resources' own MHPY hoppers, while the Aurizon WOE's form two of the four rakes being worked by PN, hauled by a mix of MRLs, PNs, CFs, ACs, ACBs and ACCs.

Q4014 has been overhauled and repainted in recent weeks into the new austerity Aurizon scheme but has not yet been released from the Gemco workshops at Forrestfield. Q4012 is now inside for the same treatment after being stored a couple of years ago.

ACC6030 suffered a serious fire in the engine compartment at Burracoppin in the early hours of 23rd February, while trailing AC4306 on 7426 freight from West Kalgoorlie to Perth.



Repainted rail lobby advertising NR84 races through Middle Swan on 2SP7, 2nd January. NR34 is now the same.



4430 ex Malcolm passes through Brigadoon behind Qs 4006 & 4011, 2nd January.

Both photos: Simon Barber



NR103, ACB4406 & NR46 stabled at West Kalgoorlie, 2nd January. This had been train 1033 four days earlier, parked at Kambalda due to bushfires before returning north as 4032 to await line reopening. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Led by CBH006, 6G31 grain loads at Morawa, 3rd January.
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Photo: Phil Melling



6K06 passes through York behind CBHs 008 & 009, 3rd January.



DBZs 2301, 2302 & 2305 stand at York on a loaded grain, 3rd January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



Stabled at Binduli since Sun 29/12 due to Esperance line bushfires, 1035 is headed by MRL004, NR56 & CF4406, 4/1.



NRs 84 & 87 depart West Kalgoorlie on 6PM7, 4th January.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



NR84 shows its new rail industry advertising, Parkeston, 4th January.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



7K06 grain waits at York behind DBZ2305, 2302 & 2301, 4th January.

Photo: Phil Melling



Stored DBZ2313 looks on as sisters 2305, 2302 & 2301 pass through Beverley on a grain working, 5th January.



DBZs 2302 & 2305 at Brookton CBH with 1K03/1K04, 5th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



DBZ2305 shunts Brookton, 5th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



Corporate-liveried S3305 heads an empty Worsley coal service through Allanson, 6th January.



P2513 leads 2854 empty caustic train through Picton Junction, 6th January.

Photo: Simon Barber



Double S class 3307 & 3301 pass through Wokalup on 2271 lime, 6th January.

Photo: Phil Melling



ACN4150 hauls 2875 loaded alumina through Harvey, 6th January.



Another load of caustic soda passes through Burekup behind DFZ2405, 7th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



DBZ2310 rolls through Blythewood on 3874 empty alumina, 7th January.



3964 empty bauxite is led through Pinjarra East by S3310, 7th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



P2507 approaches a nasty dip in the track with 3865 loaded alumina, Burekup, 7th January.



3823 caustic is led through Olive Hill (Collie line) by P2510, 7th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



DBZ2310 enters Benger loop with 3875 loaded alumina, 7th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



DBZ2310 and 3875 loaded alumina wait on Benger loop to cross DFZ2405 on 3924 loaded caustic, 7th January.



DBZs 2309 & 2311 form 3305 light engine at Mt Barker, 8th January.

Photo: Phil Melling



Ps 2510 and 2509 load caustic soda trains at Bunbury, 8th January.

Photo: Simon Barber



CBH015 heads an empty grain near Carbarup, 8th January.



DBZ2311 departs Albany on 5606 empty woodchip rake, 9th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



As the sun sinks low, 5601 loaded woodchip service is led out of Albany by DBZ2309, 9th January.



CBHs 014 & 017 haul 6A82 to Lake Grace through Mount Barker, 10th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



6A82 to Lake Grace rolls through Kendenup behind CBHs 014 & 017, 10th January.



P2509 creeps out of Burekup loop with 6922 empty caustic, 10th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



S3311 sits at Pinjarra with 6972 loaded bauxite, 10th January.

Both photos: Phil Melling



Former Queensland GE PA2819 heads 6223 empty alumina at North Dandalup, 10th January.



6975 empty bauxite rattles through North Dandalup behind S3303, 10th January.

Photo: Phil Melling



SCTs 015, 003 & 010 pass through Kalgoorlie on 5MP9, 11th January. SCT010 was included for 6PM9 further west, the latter having donated one of its locos two days earlier.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



MRL006, NR56 & MRL004 smoke away from Hampton with 7030 empty ore, 11th January. Photo: Peter Donaghy



CBHs 009 & 010 shunting 7K53, Moora, 11th January.

Photo: Phil Melling



Operated by PN, 1033 loaded ore had MRL003 leading leased Aurizon units AC4308 & ACC6032, approaching Binduli (above) and halfway to Hampton (below), 12th January. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





ACs 4304 & 4305 lead 1405 empty acid into Hampton, 12th January.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



120 WOE's were reactivated and partly painted yellow with Aurizon logo for Kooly traffic. West Kal yard, 16/1.



NR18 leads 7PX4 (including intermodal and MHPY hoppers) through Bellevue, 18th January. Photo: Simon Barber



Running 8 hours late and as 6AP8, NR28 leads the IP into West Kal, 18th January. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Re-pathed Indian Pacific arrives at West Kal as 6PM7 departs, 18th January.

Photo: Peter Donaghy

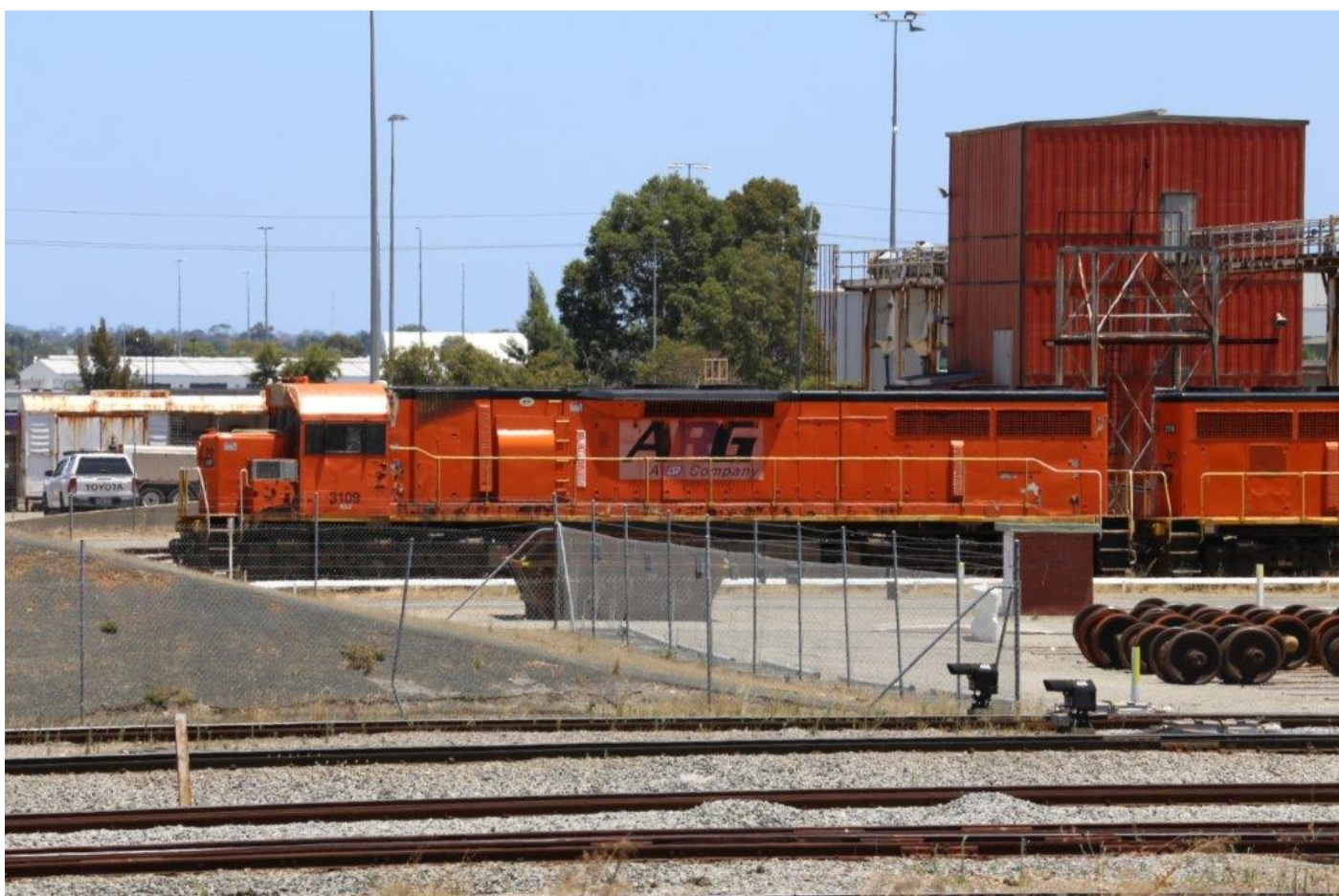


Aurizon Intermodal's four crew coaches mothballed at Forreestfield, 18th January.

Photo: Graham Saunders



Forrestfield's new station taking shape, 18th January.



Stored LZs 3109 & 3114 at Forrestfield, 18th January.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



Still awaiting lengthy reactivation work, AC4302 sits at Forrestfield, 18th January.



Freshly overhauled ACN4168 at Forrestfield, 18th January.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



Another angle of the new Forrestfield station, 18th January.



Ps 2505 & 2512 join AB1504 at Forrestfield, 18th January.

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