

# West Australian Rails

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CBHs 008 & 004 pass Woodbridge on 1K05 Kwinana to Narrogin, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Photo: Graham Saunders

A two-part March offering (with a few late entries from early February) to keep you occupied during your isolation. The April issue will likely be very lean and may end up being a composite edition with May and perhaps even June.

Pacific National commenced adding a third loco to almost all of their transcontinental freight services in early March, mostly offline but available to cover failures or to assist if the other two units were struggling (headwinds, weaker units, etc). By early April quite a few had dropped back to regular double-headers but many are still triple-headed. Most of those have been three NRs but quite a few ANs have also been in the mix, making a welcome reappearance in the West.

Aurizon introduced their second distributed power consist back into Koolyanobbing ore service in early April, and also commenced using their own block of ore train numbers. Pacific National's ore services are in the x030 to x037 series (x indicating the day of the week, as usual) while Aurizon are using x040 to x047, no doubt to increase to x049 once they get all five rakes running.





Desirable housing for railfans! NRs 98 & 117 run 6SP5 through Woodbridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.



An hour later, CBH121 & VL357 pass through on 1S56 Avon to Kwinana, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Both photos: Graham Saunders





ACC6031 with MRLs 002 & 003 on 1033 wait at Binduli for AC4306 on 1405 empty acid to Hampton, 1<sup>st</sup> March.



MRL001, CF4405 & MRL006 on 2033 approach crew changeover at Binduli, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





1446 fuel ex Esperance shunts at West Kal with NRs 57, 37, 2, MRL005 & NR67 – the rear two NRs being returned from ore traffic to intermodal, the MRL for workshops, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Both photos: Peter Donaghy







NR105, 8121 & NR19 at Parkeston with a 12-hour-late 6MP5, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The brake blocks were melted off the 81.



Qs 4001 & 4010 lead 1029 Malcolm sulphur under Maritana St, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy





NRs 57, 37, 2, MRL005 & NR67 shunt fuel wagons, West Kalgoorlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



NR105, 8121 & NR19 on 6MP5 cross SCTs 015 & 010 on 1PM9 as NR2, MRL005 & NR67 stable, West Kal, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.





ACNs 4151 & 4172 stabled on a Karara ore rake at Narngulu, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Photo: Phil Melling



16 hours late, 7SP7 at Parkeston with fresh repaint NR34 leading NRs 110 & 24, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





2923 caustic is led through Cookenup by former Queensland unit DFZ2405, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Photo: Simon Barber



ACs 4306 & 4308 lead ACC6032 on Aurizon's 2AU1 approaching West Kalgoorlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Photo: Peter Donaghy





1PM5 (main); NRs 34, 110 & 24 on 7SP7 (loop); 8121 stabled; ACs 4306 & 4308 & ACC6032 on 2AU1, West Kal, 2/3.



1PM5 has swapped NRs 55 & 48 for NRs 57, 39, 2 & 67; MRL005 stabled, West Kal, 2/2. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





ACN4150 races through Brunswick East with 2043, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Photo: Simon Barber



SCTs 013 & 003 arrive at Parkeston with 7GP1, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





DBZ2310 on 2854 caustic tanks, Brunswick Junction, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Photo: Simon Barber



8121 detached from 6MP5 at West Kalgoorlie account melted brake blocks, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Photo: Peter Donaghy





CBHs 011 & 023 haul 3G31 loaded grain through Bringo, 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Both photos: Phil Melling



7720 empty Mt Gibson ore stands at Narngulu East behind Ps 2505, 2502 & 2514, 7<sup>th</sup> March.





The late afternoon sun catches G511 stabled on an empty railset at Hampton, 7<sup>th</sup> March. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2503, 2514 & 2516 pass Separation Point with 7722 empty Mt Gibson ore, 7<sup>th</sup> March. Photo: Phil Melling





7720 empty Mt Gibson blasts through Bringo behind Ps 2505, 2504 & 2502, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Both photos: Phil Melling



Ps 2505, 2504 & 2502 on 7720 take the loop to cross P2516 on 7721 at Northern Gully, 8<sup>th</sup> March.





Ps 2516, 2508 & 2503 ease 7721 loaded Mt Gibson down through Bringo, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 31 & 10 rumble through South Guildford with a well-loaded 7PM5, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Photo: Alexander Mackay





NR31 sole unit on 2445 Esperance fuel after NR10 was sent east on 1PM5 to rescue failed 6MP5 at Zanthus, 9/3.



Freshly overhauled and repainted Q4014 shunts West Kalgoorlie, 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy





ACC6031, NR31 & ACB4402 on 5445 Esperance fuel, 12<sup>th</sup> March. The ACC was replaced by NR117 before departure.



NRs 30, 64 & 35 depart West Kalgoorlie on 6PS7, 14<sup>th</sup> March. Q4010 shunts the neck. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





PN-operated 7035 loaded Kooly ore awaits its Esperance crew (above) and departs Binduli (below) behind ACB4404, MRL002 & MRL003, 14<sup>th</sup> March. Both photos: Peter Donaghy







Aurizon's 7030 approaches Binduli behind ACB4406, ACC6032 & AC4306, 14<sup>th</sup> March.



AC4307 has been slotted into 7030 at Binduli as 4<sup>th</sup> unit for transfer to Esperance, 14/3. Both photos: Peter Donaghy  
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AC4305, CF4406 & MRL004 arrive at Binduli (above) with 1033 Kooly ore for crew change and allow AC4308 to pass (below) on 1405 empty acid to Hampton, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Both photos: Peter Donaghy







CSR009 & SCT014 lead a very late 5MP9 away from Northam (above) and through High Wycombe (below), 15<sup>th</sup> March.  
Both photos: Alexander Mackay







In the early hours of 16<sup>th</sup> March, two empty WN nickel wagons on 2479 to Leonora split the points and derailed while departing West Kalgoorlie yard. Rerailing was completed that afternoon. Both photos: Peter Donaghy







2035 Kooly ore arrives at Binduli with ACs 4307, 4306 & 4301 for crew change, 16<sup>th</sup> March.



CSR011 & SCT003 climb away from Binduli on a late 7GP1, 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy





Q4010 approaches Binduli with 2438 empty nickel ex Kambalda as the re-crewed 2035 waits to depart, 16<sup>th</sup> March.



ACs 4307, 4306 & 4301 depart Binduli with 2035 loaded ore to Esperance, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





Six older SCF reefers received repaints and Breeze Logistics logos in recent weeks, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Photo: Peter Donaghy



P2505 on 5722 empty Mt Gibson ore crosses ACNs 4141 & 4175 on 5763 loaded Karara ore and CBHs 006 & 023 on 5G31 loaded grain, Narngulu, 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Photo: Phil Melling





SCT012 & CF4410 race through Bellevue with 3MP9, 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Photo: Simon Barber



7035 ore waits at Binduli behind AC4305, CF4406 & MRL004, 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Photo: Peter Donaghy