

# West Australian Rails

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LZ3117 & LZ3109 shuttle 1426 ex Kalgoorlie from Forrestfield to Kwinana, Kenwick Junction, 1/1/18.

Photo: Simon Barber

I am grateful to Jim Bisdee for allowing me to take over producing this e-Mag – after he'd put it together for the previous nine years, it would have been a shame for his legacy to the fans of Western Australian railways to end. Thanks also to those who contribute photos, regularly or irregularly, to allow this publication to continue.

2018 looms as an ominous year for the WA railscene: Aurizon Intermodal has just ceased business; Mineral Resources have almost exhausted their iron ore deposits at Mt Walton and have had their application to mine in the Helena – Aurora Range knocked back on environmental grounds so will cease operations around May. Cleveland Cliffs have announced the low iron grades at Koolyanobbing are no longer in demand so anticipate exiting Australia at the end of this year, a decision which will severely impact on Esperance Port as this iron ore is 70% of their export loading. There are also rumours that Mt Gibson is likely to cease production in the Midwest of the state at year's end. Fingers crossed for all of the drivers and staff in the affected depots that other projects may eventuate and fill the void.





LZ3117 & LZ3109 on 1426 ex Kalgoorlie at Kwinana, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Photo: Sean McGarraghy



LZ3117 & LZ3109 shuttle loading for 2025 Kalgoorlie freight out of Kwinana, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Photo: Brendan Cherry





P2515, P2517 & P2506 on 4720 empty ore, Narngulu, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling



NR68 & AN3 lead 5PM5 through High Wycombe, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber





LZ3114 runs 5SG3 at Forreestfield, trip train of tank wagons to BP's Kewdale sidings, 3/1.

Photo: Simon Barber



Ex-Intermodal unit 6027 about to be slotted into 2416 empty ore behind AC4304, Binduli, 4/1.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





CBH002 & CBH004 loading grain at Mullewa CBH, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling



Q4017 runs the final 6170 Forrestfield-Kwinana container train through Thornlie, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Jim Bisdee





Rescue unit Q4017 hauls failed Q4016 on 7197 Soundcem cement shuttle, Wattle Grove, 6/1. Photo: Jim Bisdee



NR34 & AN3 lead 5SP5 through Herne Hill, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Simon Barber





Q4002 & Q4018 on 1025 freight to Kalgoorlie, Bellevue, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber



Q4008 on final 1426 Forrestfield-Kwinana shunt, Wattle Grove - 426 now runs direct to Kwinana, 8/1.

Photo: Jim Bisdee





Q4010, final 2194 Soundcem cement shunter from Forrestfield, Wattle Grove - now runs from Kwinana. Photo: Jim Bisdee



Q4001 through Welshpool on final working of 2196 ex Forrestfield, now runs from Kwinana, 8/1. Photo: Simon Barber





Q4001 works final 2196 Forrestfield–North Port Fremantle, Wattle Grove, now originates at Kwinana, 8/1. Photo: Jim Bisdee



CBH002 & CBH004 on 2G51, Narngulu West, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling





Standard gauge CBH120 & CBH121 work 2S56 through Thornlie, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber



Q4008 on 2025 Kalgoorlie freight at Thornlie, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber





Watco's FL220 & G511 work 2143 through Thornlie, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Simon Barber



6029, Q4002 & LZ3111 at Midland on 2426 ex Kalgoorlie, the final LZ to return from Kal, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Simon Barber





6029, Q4002 & LZ3111 at Welshpool on 2426 ex Kalgoorlie, January 9<sup>th</sup>. 6029 is yet to enter ore traffic. Photo: Simon Barber



Almost twenty years after being sold and transferred to NZ and rebuilt for Tasrail, former D1565 is home again! Now DR1565 and owned by Watco, it was photographed passing through Glen Forrest on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Simon Barber





LZ3111, shunts stored sisters 3106, 3112 & 3117 at Forreestfield along with stored wagons, 10/1.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



Q4001 runs 4157, BP fuel shuttle from Kwinana to Kewdale, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber





A train likely to be no more by mid year – MRL004 & NR92 on 4033 at Bellevue, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber



Several SCT services ran with double drew coaches during January, likely conveying officials or guests. SCT011 & SCT005 drag 2MP9 out of Parkeston, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





NR95, AN8 & NR21 on 5PM5 at Swan View, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber



P2506, P2517 & P2515 lead 5721 loaded ore through Beachlands, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling





The last remaining active LZ, 3111, hauls stored sisters 3106, 3112 and 3117 and surplus Intermodal wagons through High Wycombe as train 6111 to Avon Yard for storage, January 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Photo: Sean McGarraghy



Train 6111 passes through Middle Swan, January 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Photo: Simon Barber





MRL001 hauls offline NR85 & NR100 and a rail wagon to flashbutt yard at Bellevue through South Guildford, January 10<sup>th</sup>. A rare photo of an MRL leading something other than an ore rake. Both photos this page: Jim Bisdee



LZ3111 runs 6112 light engine from Avon Yard to Forrestfield, likely the final mainline run by an LZ in WA, January 10<sup>th</sup>.





Q4011 & Q4008 bring 3478 nickel and rare earths into Kalgoorlie from Leonora, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Peter Donaghy



RHA1018, RHA1019, CD4302 and RHA1013 lead 11 loaded TA-class fuel tanks from the port to the mine. Only the CFCLA CM40-8M unit was powering. The additional locos were for banking duties from the mine, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Roland Depth





CD4302 on the Roy Hill fuel train, 12/1. Note the modified fuel filler attached to the walkway handrails. Photo: Roland Depth



The Roy Hill fuel train powers away from the port, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Roland Depth





NR108 & MRL004 lead 5030 loaded ore from Mt Walton to Kwinana through Herne Hill, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Jim Bisdee



Q4001, Q4004 & AC4304 set up on 5426 to Perth, January 18<sup>th</sup>. AC4304 was removed from an ore train an hour earlier, destined for overhaul in Perth. Photo: Peter Donaghy





Previously leased to Aurizon Intermodal, LDP001-005 are now on hire to SCT with LDP006-009 going to PN. 6PM9 departs Kalgoorlie behind LDP002 & LDP003 on January 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Both photos this page: Peter Donaghy



The two LDPs on 6PM9 pause for reefer checks beside 6PM6 (NR87 & NR113) at Parkeston, January 20<sup>th</sup>.





Two days after leading Mt Walton ore, NR108 is stabled with NR85 & NR6 on 7PM5 at Forreestfield, 20/1. Photo: Evan Jasper



Q4007, Q4005 & ACB4403 lead 7025 to Kalgoorlie through South Lake, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Kooly ore locos circulate regularly through the workshops, being conveyed between Perth and Kalgoorlie on the regular freights. Photo: Brendan Cherry





The second of the former Tasrail D class returns to WA for its new owner, Watco, after twenty years in NZ and Tasmania. DR1564 is hauled through Mundaring en route from SSR Bendigo, Vic, to UGL Bassendean, 22/1. Photo: Simon Barber



CBH016 hauls 6RT2 railtrain from flashbutt Bellevue to unload in the Kenwick-Cockburn section, 24/1. Photo: Jim Bisdee





Two leased LDPs, 004 in plain white and 005 in Progress Rail scheme, lead 2MP9 through Binduli, 24/1. Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACN4148 & ACN4144 on 5761 loaded Karara iron ore, Northern Gully, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling





P2515, P2517 & P2506 with 5720 empty ore cross Greenough River, Eradu, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling



LDP005 & LDP004 race 5PM9 through Binduli on approach to West Kal, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





Progress Rail scheme on LDP005 - a subsidiary of Caterpillar. Note the small EDI logo on the front, 26/1. Photo: Peter Donaghy



P2508, P2513 & P2501, 7725 loaded ore departs Eradu, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling





ACN4151 & ACN4145 lead 7764 empty ore through Bringo, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling



ACN4168 & ACN4142 at Geraldton Port, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling





CBH011 & CBH004 on 2G31 loaded grain, Bringo, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling

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