

# *West Australian Rails*

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P2517, P2506 & P2515 with 6725 loaded Mt Gibson ore, Eradu, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling

A lot of photos submitted this month so February will be split across two issues.





LDPs 002 & 003 depart Parkeston with 6PM9, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



7414 empty ore powers out of Binduli behind 6024 & AC4308, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





DPU on 7414: 6027 & 6023. Strong rumours indicate these trains will cease in the next month or two. Photo: Peter Donaghy



The failure of NR109 to communicate with its end-of-train marker on 5MP7 resulted in a turn on the Binduli triangle so NR64 could lead, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Otherwise a 2-person crew would be required through to Perth. Photo: Peter Donaghy





SCT010 & LDP005 lead a late 5MP9 away from Parkeston, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Sign at the location of the new Forreestfield station, terminus of the new airport line, 4/2. Photo: Simon Barber





Two views of construction underway on the new Forrestfield station, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Both photos: Simon Barber







P2512 and cruise ship *Crystal Symphony*, Geraldton, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling



DBZ2309, 2366 light engine trial Forrestfield-Kwinana, at Wattle Grove, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Jim Bisdee





Heading for workshops attention, ACC6032 leads 1430 Minera Resources (empty Malcolm sulphur) at Swan View, 5/2.



2426 ex Kalgoorlie runs through Midland behind 6029, failed Q4014 & dead-hauled Q4012, February 6th. 6029 still remains in general traffic, it hasn't yet joined its eight classmates on Koolyanobbing ore workings. Both photos: Simon Barber





6029, failed Q4014 and dead-hauled Q4012 on 2426, South Guildford, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



CBH Group have purchased ten DBZs (2301-08, 12 and 13) from Aurizon, and progressively moved them to their loop at Beverley. DBZs 2305 and 2313 were photographed there on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Evan Jasper





CBH's DBZ2313 and 2308 stored at Beverley, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Evan Jasper



S3302 leads 3943 empty bauxite through Keysbrook, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Jim Bisdee





One of the DBZs being retained by Aurizon, 2309 hauls 3271 lime, North Dandallup, 6/2.



S3308 leads 3953 empty bauxite through Keysbrook, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Both photos: Jim Bisdee





Former Queensland 2800-class unit 2819 was the unsuccessful first attempt at a standard-gauge conversion for NSW use prior to regauging to narrow for WA use. Now PA2819, it is seen with 3323 empty alumina at Keysbrook, 6/2. Photo: Jim Bisdee



Sometimes late running giveth, providing photo opportunities normally not possible: LDP003 & LDP002 work 3MP9 through South Guildford on February 9<sup>th</sup>. This train usually arrives in Perth around midnight. Photo: Simon Barber





CBH016 hauls DBZ2308 & 2303 on 6K03 grain to York for temporary storage, 9/2. This was the second pair to be moved.



CBH016 has shunted out the two DBZs for temporary storage at York, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Both photos: Simon Barber





DBZ2308 & 2303 at York, 9/2. These have since been relocated to Beverley with the other eight.

Photo: Simon Barber



Former AN/NR tank RHTY661 behind NRs 10 & 107 on 6445 empty fuel to Esperance, 9/2. Once loaded, the RTHY would be towed to Cook along with four ex-Westrail tanks to replenish the storage bunker.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





Common in recent years in NSW but unheard of for well over a decade on the desert: two ANs leading a train. The annual ballast program is on and AN6 & 2 worked the train over from SA, arriving that morning. Parkeston, 9/2.



Q4013 & 4018 in rare cab to cab formation at Parkeston for 6C74, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Both required turning for their next train so were sent together to use the triangle here before collecting their loading. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





CBH011 & 001 haul DBZ2302 & 2312 on 7K05 through Herne Hill, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Simon Barber



ACN4150 is rear DPU on a loaded ore, Bringo, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Phil Melling





NR46 failed at Kitchener whilst leading 5SP5 in the early hours of February 10<sup>th</sup>; ballast locos AN2 & AN6 were sent light engine to assist and ended up working right through to Perth. AN6, AN2, NR46 (dead) & NR111 at Parkeston just before departure (above) and arriving at West Kalgoorlie for crew change and cross with 6PM6 (below). Both photos: Peter Donaghy







ANs galore! 6PM6 departs West Kalgoorlie behind NR36 & AN8, February 10th, having just crossed the double ANs on 5SP5.



AN6, AN2, NR46 (dead) & NR111 on 5SP5 at Binduli, February 10<sup>th</sup>.  
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Both photos: Peter Donaghy





Q4001 and ACC6032 at Forrestfield, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Both photos: Peter Chandler



Former Philippines unit, now Greentrains U201 and former SAR (now SteamRanger) 527, Forrestfield, 10/2.





Southern Spirit-liveried NR85 at Forrestdfield, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Peter Chandler



CBH004 & 008 at Geraldton Port, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Phil Melling





NR109 & 97 bring 5MP7 into West Kalgoorlie as Q4013 assembles wagons on the shunting neck, 10/2. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Another train in its final months: NR47 & MRL003 on 1030 empty Polaris ore from Kwinana to Mt Walton passes through Hazelmere, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Jim Bisdee





SCT001 & LDP005 on 6MP9 at Parkeston, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Q4008, Q4001, ACC6032 & 6029 lead 1025 Kalgoorlie freight through Bellevue on sunset, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Photo: Simon Barber





The sun is setting as NR18 & NR74 bring 7MP5 over Gatacre Drive and into West Kalgoorlie on February 12<sup>th</sup>, passing Q4019 & 6029 on 2426 to Perth, and Q4011 with nickel hoppers for the next morning's 3438 to Redmine. Both photos: Peter Donaghy







Colourful 7MP5 with Indian Pacific NR18 and Ghan NR74, West Kalgoorlie, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Q4019 & 6029 near the end of their journey with 6426 ex Kalgoorlie, South Guildford, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber





After 3 days' travel across Australia, 7MP5 runs through South Guildford behind NR18 & 74, 13/2.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



CBH011 & 001 haul DBZ2307 & 2304 on 3K05 through Bellevue, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber





1417 Kooly ore derailed a bogie at Stewart in the early hours of February 13<sup>th</sup>, closing the Kalgoorlie-Perth line til late afternoon. 1GP1 (SCT006 & 005) stabled at Golden Ridge for much of the day. Photo: Peter Donaghy



CBH001 & 011 haul DBZ2301 & 2306 through Swan View, the final pair on transfer to Beverley, 14/2. Photo: Simon Barber





LDP004 leads SCT002 on 2MP9, Binduli, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



On its first trip of the program, ballast loco AN2 was swapped with NR9 on 3PS7 at or near Cook. On return to Parkeston on February 14<sup>th</sup>, the new power is NR9 & AN6, NR9 was turned at Binduli the following morning.





DBZ2309 & S3311 on 7271 at Wattleup, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Photo: Simon Barber



SCT014 & LDP003 on 6PM9 run along Parkeston main past NR9 on the stabled ballast, 17/2.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





Q4019 runs 6430 empty sulphur from Malcolm through Wattleup, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Both photos: Simon Barber



PA2819 loading caustic soda at Alcoa Kwinana, February 17<sup>th</sup>.