

West Australian Rails

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Qs 4009, 4010 and 4003 work 4158 BP fuel shunt from Forrestfield to Kwinana, April 11th.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



NRs 84 and 115 wait on the loop with 3PM6 for a cross at Karonie, just over 100kms east of Parkeston, April 11th.



NRs 61 & 35 race 2MP5 through the main line at Karonie for the cross with 3PM6, April 11th.

Both photos: Tim Philp



NRs 14 & 120 (failed) lead MRLs 004 & 001 on 5033 empty ore at Jandakot, April 12th. Photo: Sean McGarraghy



5033 empty Polaris (MinRes) ore at Thornlie, April 12th. Photo: Jim Bisdee



NR14, failed NR120, MRLs 004 & 001 on 5033 empty ore through Beckenham, April 12th.

Photo: Simon Barber



Two former AN/NR RTHY tanks are now in regular use between Esperance and Cook; a third arrived in Kalgoorlie in mid April for modifications and certification/registration. West Kalgoorlie yard, April 13th.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NRs 66 & 11 on 6SP5 wait to depart West Kalgoorlie at daybreak, April 15th.

Photo: Charles De Bruin



ACN4145 runs 1762 Karara ore through Narngulu, April 15th.

Photo: Phil Melling



ACC6030, 6026 & AC4308 (DPU 6022 & 6025) approach Binduli with 1414 empty ore; AC4308 will be removed and run to Perth that night for the workshops, probably wheel lathe. April 15th. Photo: Peter Donaghy



NRs 66 and 11 on 6SP5 wait in the loop at Cunderdin for a cross, April 15th. Photo: Charles De Bruin



NR25 races 1PA8 Indian Pacific through the main line at Cunderdin, crossing 6SP5, April 15th. Photo: Charles De Bruin



NRs 28 & 78 lead a late 6MP5 through Midland, April 16th. Photo: Jim Bisdee



SCTs 002 and 012 work 6MP9 through South Guildford, April 16th.



MRLs 001 and 004 haul 1032 empty Polaris ore through Bibra Lake, April 16th.

Both photos: Simon Barber



NR119 on 2445 Esperance fuel, CBHs 118 & 121 on 2S72 arrival ex Esperance and Qs 4017 and 4004 for 2426 to Perth add colour to West Kal yard, April 16th. The Esperance line grain program was completed for the 2018 harvest.



NRs 54 & 48 bring 7MP5 through the main, passing 2445 and crossing 2S72, West Kal, April 16th. Both photos: Peter Donaghy
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Qs 4017 and 4004 bring 2426 ex Kalgoorlie through Herne Hill en route to Kwinana, April 17th.

Photo: Simon Barber



FL220, HL203 and G511 work 3145 extra shuttle from North Port to Forresterfield, Thornlie, April 17th.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



FL220, HL203 & G511 work 3145 shuttle through Welshpool, April 17th.

Photo: Simon Barber



PN using the engineer's siding, Parkeston, to change out worn wheelsets on two tank wagons, 17/4.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NR14 & MRL003 run 3030 empty Polaris ore through Midland, April 18th.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



1MP2 steel train passes through Midland behind NRs 63 & 117, April 18th.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



MRLs 001 & 004 on 4033 loaded Polaris ore at Seabrook (above) and Meenaar (below), April 18th.

Photos: Simon Barber (above), Jim Bisdee (below)





CBHs 121, 118 and 120 haul 120-wagon trial grain train 4S56 into Grass Valley (above) and through Seabrook (below), April 18th – an Australian record for a grain train.
Photos: Jim Bisdee (above), Simon Barber (below)





DBZ2310 and DFZ2405 work train 4304 through Northam, April 18th.

Photo: Simon Barber



CBHs 024 and 023 lead an empty Watco grain through Hazelmere, April 18th.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



CBHs 121, 118 & 120 haul 4S56, an Australian grain train record of 120 hoppers, April 18th.

Photo: Alex Mackay



NR96 at the head of 4PS6, just arrived in West Kalgoorlie yard, April 19th.

Photo: Charles De Bruin



NR116 on 4MP7 is crossed at Stewart by the Kalgoorlie-bound Prospector, April 19th.

Photo: Charles De Bruin



Ex overhaul in Perth, AC4304 with fresh bogies waits to drop onto 6418 empty ore at Binduli, 21/4.
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Photo: Peter Donaghy



Solo 6028 on the front of 6418 empty ore, about to cut off and slot AC4304 in, Binduli, April 21st. Photo: Peter Donaghy



NR18 on 5AP8, Guildford, April 21st. This loco is expected to revert to standard PN blue shortly. Photo: Jim Bisdee



6024 & AC4303 (DPU ACs 4305 & 4307) approach Binduli with 1414 empty ore for a loco changeout, April 22nd.



AC4306 is about to move towards the train, then set back behind 6024. AC4303 and the flat wagon with loco sand tanktainers will then cut off and run to West Kalgoorlie, and the other pair will drop onto 1414, 22/4. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



P2507 works 2903 at Picton, April 23rd.



ACN4143 advertising RUOK (suicide prevention campaign) alongside P2516 at Picton, April 29th. Both photos: Simon Barber
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P2502 works 4865 through Picton, April 25th.



S3303 hauls train 4271 at Wokalup, April 25th.

Both photos: Simon Barber



5416 empty ore arrives at Binduli behind 6023, ACB4405 & ACC6030, the ACC will be removed, April 26th. Photo: Peter Donaghy



DBZs 2309 & 2310 pass a Q and AC in Forrestfield, April 26th.

Photo: Simon Barber



Partially repainted NR29, now in the Indian Pacific Mk III scheme, 27/4, NR30 rumoured to be next.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NR14 & MRL on 6033 empty Polaris ore at Kwinana Bulk Terminal, April 27th.

Photo: Charles De Bruin



NRs 29 & 92 run 7PM5 through Woodbridge, April 28th.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



Ps 2511, 2506 & 2503 on 7722 empty ore, CBHs 008 and 006 on an empty grain, Geraldton Port, 28/4.

Photo: Phil Melling



Ps 2514, 2505 & 2513 run 1720 ore through Narngulu, April 29th.

Photo: Phil Melling



NR108 on 1PA8 Indian Pacific at Midland, April 29th.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



Ps 2503, 2506 and 2511 bring 1721 loaded ore through Moonyoonooka, April 29th.

Photo: Phil Melling



8121 on the Bluescope shunt, April.

Photo: Charles De Bruin



MRL001 and sister unit about to cut off an ore arrival at the ocean end dead end, Kwinana Bulk Terminal, April.



MRL002 and sister unit change crews at signal 42, Perth Freight Terminal, Kewdale, April.

Both photos: Charles De Bruin



PSS2 shunt shift prepares NR53 for its next train, Kewdale, April.

Photo: Charles De Bruin



Not an April photo, but very newsworthy: NR14 and MRL003 bring 3030 Polaris ore through South Guildford on May 2nd – the final Mt Walton to Kwinana ore train.

Photo: Simon Barber