

# West Australian Rails

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ACNs 4150 & 4174 stand beside ACN4148 under dark skies at Narngulu, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Photo: Phil Melling

Aurizon placed standard gauge units Q4001 and Q4008 into storage early in May, supposedly in an attempt to reduce the active fleet to the bare minimum required. Both had been overhauled and repainted in recent years. A week or two later, Q4008 re-entered service, replaced in storage by Q4002. Q4015 was also mothballed at the end of May. Qs 4004, 4005, 4010, 4012, 4013 and 4018 remain stored. Q4016 commenced overhaul in mid March.

In late April, Mineral Resources announced plans to ramp up iron ore production from the Koolyanobbing mine from 6 million tonnes per year to 8 million. In early May, a rake of twelve CFCLA CHEY hopper pairs arrived in Kalgoorlie and were forwarded to Esperance for evaluation. Several days later, NR94 ran light from Kewdale to Avon Yard and retrieved 26 CHEY pairs for return to Kewdale. It appears these (and more) will form a fourth rake for the Kooly – Esperance haulage.

SCT leased GE units CF4403 and CF4410 from CFCLA during May to supplement their fleet; the remaining two LDPs were de-hired and immediately “picked up” by PN.

Mt Gibson ore trains recommenced in mid May, hauling stockpiled low grade ore from Perenjori to Geraldton. Two 90-wagon rakes per day, each hauled by triple Ps, are planned to run for up to six months.





Downer's standard gauge tamper STA008, Woodbridge, 4<sup>th</sup> April.



Ballast regulator SBR008, Woodbridge, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Both photos: Jim Bisdee





Newly arrived B set #126 (last of current order) at Kewdale, awaiting transfer to Midland for bogie change, 4<sup>th</sup> April.



NRs 42 & 74 run around B set #126 at Midland, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

All three photos: Evan Jasper



MR99 hauling MRL001 depart the Forrestfield wheel lathe as 6P31 to UGL Bassendean, 5<sup>th</sup> April.





NRs 74 & 42 run 5P31 with B set 126 to Bellevue for bogie exchange, Woodbridge, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Both photos: Jim Bisdee



Australind railcars ADPs 101 & 103 return to Claisebrook after a test to Midland, Woodbridge, 5<sup>th</sup> April.





A small road-rail tip truck on 6PS7, West Kalgoorlie, 6<sup>th</sup> April. Note the coupler on each end.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy







NRs 32 & 7 haul 5P31, 4 x 2-packs of rail to Flashbutt, South Guildford, 11<sup>th</sup> April.



NRs 32 & 7 shunt 5P31 railsets adjacent to B set 126 in PTA yard, Bellevue, 11<sup>th</sup> April. Both photos: Jim Bisdee





DRs 1564 & 1565 deliver B set 126 from Bellevue to Midland, 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Photo: Simon Barber



CBH003 stands at Muckinbudin with 6K63, 12<sup>th</sup> April. CBH014 will pull the train forward to release CBH003 to the loop; CBH003 will then attach to the front of CBH014 to lead 6K64.

Photo: Kieran Wright





NR44 hauls 7PX4 (including wheelsets and an RTHY fuel tank), South Guildford, 13/4.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



CBHs 005 & 006 lead 7G55 loaded XT grain rake, South Greenough, 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Photo: Phil Melling





Ps 2508 & 2514 on 7761 loaded Karara ore depart Narngulu East (above) and pass through Narngulu (below), bound for Geraldton Port, 13<sup>th</sup> April.  
Both photos: Phil Melling







VLs 361 & 357 pass through West Toodyay with 7S56 grain, 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Photo: Simon Barber



1AP8 Indian Pacific is led through Midland by NR26 on 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Photo: Jim Bisdee





ACN4141 sporting repairs following an altercation in the Karara unloader, 16<sup>th</sup> April. Ownership appears uncertain!



CBHs 006, 005 & 011, 3G50 empty grain to Mingenew, seen just west of Narngulu, 16/4. Both photos: Phil Melling





CFs 4405 & 4406 depart Bassendean on 4410 to Forrestfield (above) and on the west leg of Woodbridge triangle (below), 17<sup>th</sup> April.  
Photos: Simon Barber (above), Jim Bisdee (below)







NR113 running late with 1004 empty Indian Pacific cars to East Perth, South Guildford, 21<sup>st</sup> April.



1S51 empty NXGF rake is led through South Guildford by CBHs 120 & 121, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Both photos: Jim Bisdee





CFs 4406 & 4405 join stored Aurizon units on Forrestfield loco ladder, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



Surplus wagons were moved from West Kal to a Boulder scrap yard in mid April, seen 21/4. Photo: Peter Donaghy





Four AOXY/WGL open wagons, three ATBY fuel tanks, fourteen APKY lime/cement hoppers, one AQFY flat wagon and a box van transferred from West Kalgoorlie to Boulder to await scrapping, 21/4. Both photos: Peter Donaghy







APNYs await scrapping in Boulder, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



A late 1PS6 has NRs 20 & 94 hauling MRL003 to West Kalgoorlie, Woodbridge, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Photo: Jim Bisdee





Wagons await a crane to replace worn wheelsets at “PN workshop”, Parkeston, 21<sup>st</sup> April. Photo: Peter Donaghy



P2511 stored without bogies, Narngulu, 21<sup>st</sup> April. Photo: Graham Saunders





P2501 at Narngulu, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



A pair of ACNs bring another load of Karara ore towards Geraldton Port, 21<sup>st</sup> April.





A stored Mt Gibson rake at Narngulu, 21<sup>st</sup> April.



ACNs 4142 & 4170 bring 1763 Karara ore through Narngulu, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Both photos: Graham Saunders





ACN4148 brings up the rear of 1763 Karara ore, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



ACNs 4142 & 4170 haul 1763 Karara ore on approach to Geraldton Port, 21<sup>st</sup> April.





Previous corporate signage shows through the worn paint patch on an ACN, 21<sup>st</sup> April.



The Indian Ocean provides a backdrop to ACN4148 on 1763 ore, Geraldton, 21/4. Both photos: Graham Saunders  
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1763 ore passes through the unloader at Geraldton Port, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



The former 1763, now forming 1766 empty Karara, rounds the balloon loop at Geraldton Port, 21<sup>st</sup> April.





ACNs 4145 & 4141 lead the emptying 2761 out of Geraldton Port, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



ACN4149 trails the final hoppers of 2761 ore into the unloader, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Both photos: Graham Saunders





ACN4145 brings up the rear of 2764 empty Karara ore as it returns to Narngulu after unloading, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



ACNs 4145 and 4141 stand at Narngulu, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Both photos: Graham Saunders





A pair of ACNs raise the dust through the dry countryside near Geraldton, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



P2514 and a sister unit stabled at Narngulu East, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Both photos: Graham Saunders





Train 2903 is led through Cookernup by DFZ2405, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Photo: Simon Barber



ACNs 4142 & 4170 bring 2763 loaded ore towards the coast, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Photo: Graham Saunders





ACN4148 brings up the rear of 2763 loaded Karara ore, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Photo: Graham Saunders



ACN4173 leads 2832 through Roelands, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Photo: Simon Barber





CBH011 stabled at Mullewa CBH sidings, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Photo: Graham Saunders



ADP103 making a rare appearance on 2510 Australind, Burekup, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Photo: Simon Barber





VL361 rests at Kwinana CBH, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Photo: Kieran Wright