

West Australian Rails

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NR47 leads 7PX4 through the hills at Grass Valley, 18th May.

Photo: Sean McGarraghy

Three late-submitted photos from May to start off this issue.

Q4015 and the only ACB in regular use, ACB4402, were both placed into storage during May. ACB4403 was retrieved from storage and transferred to Hunter Valley coal via SCT. ACC6031 has been reactivated at the end of June, its first use since entering storage just over a year ago.

Regular Acacia Ridge shunter 8112 was brought over to Kalgoorlie in mid June; after only being used once in several weeks to shunt some hoppers from West Kalgoorlie to an ore train at Binduli, it was returned east on 9th July.

To meet Mineral Resources' increased iron ore export tonnages, PN introduced a fourth ore consist on the Koolyanobbing – Esperance run. Consisting of two NRs on some CFCLA CHEY hoppers, the initial runs hauled 11 CHEY pairs but were progressively built up each week or so as more CHEYs were transferred from Perth workshops modification / reactivation. Currently it runs with 31-32 pairs. The four ore rakes, the fuel train and a shunt unit plus a spare unit tie up nine or ten NRs at any one time. Occasionally there can be a spare unit or two at West Kalgoorlie as well, awaiting changeover with one or two Esperance units: a significant slice of the NR fleet.



The setting sun catches G511 & HL203 on 7146 at Jandakot, 18th May.

Both photos: Sean McGarraghy



3K64 from Wyalkatchem to Kwinana passes through Goomalling behind DRs 1564 & 1565, 21st May.



DRs 1564 and 1565 head 6K06 at Kwinana, 1st June.

Photo: Phil Melling



MRL002 and hoppers on transfer back to Esperance by NR44 on 7PX4, South Guildford, 1st June. Photo: Jim Bisdee



P2503 transfers three XY grain hoppers from Forrestfield to Narngulu as 7755, 1st June.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



A haulroad for KCGM has been built over the rail and access track near Parkeston, 1st June. Photo: Peter Donaghy



The still incomplete haul road crossing the Trans line just east of Parkeston, 1st June. Photo: Peter Donaghy



S3302 works 7271 loaded lime through Wokalup, 1st June. Photo: Phil Melling



CF4403 & freshly overhauled + repainted SCT001 depart Parkeston with 5MP9, 1st June. Photo: Peter Donaghy



(P)2512 hauls 7875 loaded alumina through Brunswick Junction, 1st June.

Photo: Phil Melling



A loaded FMG rake climbs towards the car dumpers behind 705 & 901, 1st June.

Photo: Mark Bennett



7294 loaded caustic passes through Brunswick Junction behind DFZ2405, 1st June.

Photo: Phil Melling



DBZ2310 on 1873 loaded alumina at Calcine (above) and Pinjarra East (below), 2nd June.

Photos: Simon Barber (above), Phil Melling (below)





Corporate-liveried S3310 leads 1238 empty caustic tanks at Pinjarra East, 2nd June.

Photo: Phil Melling



DFZ2405 passes Burekup with 1903 empty caustic tanks from Bunbury to Calcine, 2nd June. Photo: Sean McGarraghy



SCT011 & CF4410 team up on 7GP1, Parkeston, 3rd June.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACB4404 and DC2205 stored at Forreestfield, 3rd June.

Photo: Phil Melling



Q4012, ACB4406 & Q4010 stored at Forrestfield, 3rd June.



CFs 4406 & 4405 sit with stored ACC6031, DC2208 and an L at Forrestfield, 3rd June.

Both photos: Phil Melling



SCF have bought a batch of 48' curtainsiders recently. SCFU818161 at Parkeston, 3rd June. Photo: Peter Donaghy



8121 prepares to shunt Perth Freight Terminal, 4th June.

Photo: Evan Jasper



CBHs 024 & 023 run a grain through Bootenal, 6th June.

Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 84 & 1 shunt 1PM5 at Perth Freight Terminal, Kewdale, 9th June. NR84 is now the only unit wearing the Southern Spirit colour scheme.

Photo: Evan Jasper



CBHs 013, 002, 014 & 015 on 2K64 from Koorda await crew change, Avon Yard, 10th June.



CBHs 025 & 007 wait to cross 4K63 before departing Wyalkatchem on 4K66, 12th June. Both photos: Kieran Wright



Watco's DRs 1565 & 1564 stabled at Midland's Flashbutt siding, 13th June.

Photo: Evan Jasper



A rainbow reveals its pot of gold to be ACNs 4145 and 4149 stabled on their Karara ore trains at Narngulu, 14th June.

Photo: Phil Melling



Ps 2504, 2514 & 2506 on 6720 empty Mt Gibson west of Narngulu, 14th June.

Photo: Phil Melling



DRs 1564 & 1565 work 6RT1 rail train through Middle Swan on 14th June.

Photo: Simon Barber



7720 empty Mt Gibson runs through Erad behind Ps 2514 & 2506, 15th June.

Both photos: Phil Melling



Ps 2508, 2502 & 2504 roll through the hills at Bringa with 7721 Mt Gibson ore, 15th June.



CF4403 & CSR001 enter Forrestfield with a very late 5MP9, 16th June.



ACs 4306 & 4308 lead a late 7426 ex Kalgoorlie through Midland, 16th June.

Both photos: Jim Bisdee



With a suitably liveried NR29 leading, 1PA8 rolls through Midland on 16th June.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



Ps 2508, 2502 & 2504 on 7721 loaded Mt Gibson ore at Beachlands, 16th June.

Photo: Phil Melling



Infrastructure work on the gantry roads at West Kalgoorlie saw container transfers for 025/426 undertaken on Black Swan road for almost two weeks. Wagons are being loaded for 4426 on 17th July.



ACs 4301 & 4306 approach Binduli with 4410 loaded acid ex Hampton, 17th June.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



NRs 116, 2 & failed 30 on a late 7SP5, Midland, 18th June. Original lead loco NR30 had failed near Goddards; NR2 was taken from the Esperance fuel train at West Kalgoorlie and ran light to Goddards to assist NR116.



Standard gauge Speno rail grinder RRD2430 at Midland, June 18th.

Both photos: Jim Bisdee



DRs 1564 & 1565 depart Midland loop with 3RT1 rail train, 18th June.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



Regular Acacia Ridge shunter 8112 in West Kal yard, 19th June, arrived the previous night.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NRs 102 & 88 lead 2MP5 past NRs 78 & 46 on the ARTC ballast, Parkeston, 19th June. Photo: Peter Donaghy



CBH122, FL220 & VL361 provide an unusual lashup on 5S51 through Swan View, 20th June. Photo: Simon Barber



DR1565 & 1564 work 6RT2 rail train to Kwinana through Wattle Grove (above), and 6RT1 empty back to Flashbutt Midland passes through Woodbridge (below), 21st June. Both photos: Jim Bisdee





VL361, FL220 & CBH122 rumble through Hazelmere on 6S56 Watco grain, 21st June.

Photo: Jim Bisdee



CBHs 006 & 003 on 6K23 await a fresh crew at Avon Yard before running to Pithara to load, 21st June.

Photo: Kieran Wright



BIS trialled two new sulphur containers earlier this year and has now introduced a couple of dozen into regular use. Three CIMC-built BICN containers are seen in a block on 6029, West Kal, 22nd June. Photo: Peter Donaghy



CBHs 017, 015, 010 & 023, 7K63 empty grain, Thornlie; lead unit to detach at Forrestfield. 22/6. Photo: Jim Bisdee



CBHs 023 & 011 operate 7G53 loaded grain through Georgina, 22nd June.

Both photos: Phil Melling



7G52 empty grain to Coorow is worked through Mahomets Flats by CBHs 024 & 005, 22nd June.