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6PM9 (SCT011 / SCT013) struck a stolen Hilux traytop dumped on the tracks between Burracoppin and Carrabin on the morning of Sat 31/8, damaging the lead unit. As “insurance”, CSR012 was added to 6MP9 in South Australia and sent west to assist 6PM9 if required. Fortunately SCT011’s damage was only cosmetic, so the CSR wasn’t needed and continued through to Parkeston, where it was removed and collected by 1PM9 the following morning for return east. 6MP9 pulls up at the eastern yard limit board at Parkeston shortly before sunset to begin the shunt, 1<sup>st</sup> September; SCTs 008 & 005 leading CSR012. Photo: Peter Donaghy

Q4004 ex long-term storage, ACN4168 and P2515 are all currently being overhauled at Gemco Forrestfield. Q4014 and Q4015 appear to be stored.

Aurizon units on hire to Mineral Resources finally entered service on Koolyanobbing ore trains on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, when ACC6031 ran light engine from West Kalgoorlie to Higginsville to assist failed loaded ore 4035. Since then, ACC6031 and ACC6032 have become a regular part of the lashups – usually two sets of NR, MRL and ACC, with the third rake being NR + 2 MRLs, and the fourth rake hauled by triple NRs. ACB4402 is currently at Esperance, presumably for crew training.





The SCTs have cut off and moved ahead onto the Parkeston main, and now CSR012 moves to the siding, 1/9.



SCTs 008 & 005 power 6MP9 through Parkeston main, past stabled CSR012, Sun 1/9. Both photos: Peter Donaghy  
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DBZ2311 shunts woodchip hoppers into the repair shed at Albany, 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



DBZ2311 sits on the rear of the woodchip train after shunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. All three photos: Evan Jasper





Static exhibit XA1415 at Narrogin station, 4<sup>th</sup> September.



Stored DBZs at Beverley, 4<sup>th</sup> September.

All three photos: Evan Jasper







Around a dozen of the reactivated WOE's have received yellow sides, presumably to cover graffiti. West Kalgoorlie, 5<sup>th</sup> September. Photo: Peter Donaghy



CF4410 & SCT010 lead 3MP9 through Middle Swan on 6<sup>th</sup> September. This pair are still together in late October. Photo: Simon Barber





DFZ2405 works train 6823 through Brunswick East, 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Simon Barber



Q4006 prepares to shunt the stabled WOE rake, West Kalgoorlie, 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





7873 passes through Burekup behind DBZ2310, 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Simon Barber



Ps 2504, 2505 & 2514 haul 1721 loaded Mt Gibson ore through Chango, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Phil Melling





1763 loaded Karara ore runs through Sullivan behind ACNs 4152 & 4150, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Phil Melling



SCTs 014 & 004 enter Parkeston loop with 6PM9, crossing rare Ghan NRs 74 & 75 on 7MP7. Q4009 is stabled on the triangle to work 1C74 to West Kalgoorlie later in the day, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





Empty Mt Gibson 1720 races through Tardun behind Ps 2502, 2516 & 2506, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 74 & 75 lead 7MP7 under the out-of-gauge detector at Parkeston, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





DBZs 2305, 2302 & 2301 run 3K06 through South Guildford, 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Simon Barber



4430 & 4415 wait entry to Hedland Yard with a loaded ore while 4433 & 4475 overtake, 11/9. Photo: Roland Depth





4433 and 4475 top and tail the straddle crane and chute wagon at Redland Bridge, 11<sup>th</sup> September.



The straddle crane aka Lobster on Gemco-built wagon STTR6214, Hedland Yard, 11/9. Both photos: Roland Depth  
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Originally built for BNSF, 4328 leads 4360 on an empty consist at the Great Northern Hwy crossing, 11<sup>th</sup> September.



Another intended for BNSF, 4331 along with 4388 are the DP units, 11<sup>th</sup> September. Both photos: Roland Depth





4433 and 4475 sandwich the ballast train at Bing Siding, 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Both photos: Roland Depth



BHP rail test vehicle MM800, a Mermec Roger 800 model delivered in December 2015, 11<sup>th</sup> September.





MM800 shows its Movember Mo, 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Roland Depth



CBH006 with an empty grain rake at Geraldton port, 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Phil Melling





Ps 2504, 2505 & 2514 rumble through Mullewa with 7721 Mt Walton ore, 14<sup>th</sup> September. Both photos: Phil Melling



Ps 2508 & 2502 cross the Greenough River at Eradu with 7720 empty Mt Gibson ore, 14<sup>th</sup> September.





7720 empty Mt Gibson ore led by Ps 2508 & 2502 climbs through Indarra, 14<sup>th</sup> September.



ACNs 4144 & 4146 haul 7765 loaded Karara ore through Canna, 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Both photos: Phil Melling





ACNs 4172 and 4146 approach Tardun (above) and pass through (below) with 1765 loaded Karara ore, 15<sup>th</sup> September. Both photos: Phil Melling







CBHs 011 & 006 lead an empty grain at Narngulu East, 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Phil Melling



MRL006, NR21 & MRL003 on the WOE rake, West Kal, awaiting their first run together, 17/9. Photo: Peter Donaghy





Rare – a quad and an AN! NRs 118, 7, 77 & AN1 on 3MP5 at Parkeston, 19<sup>th</sup> September. NR77 was detached at West Kalgoorlie for Esperance.  
 Photo: Peter Donaghy



S3304 on 6971 crosses PA2819 at Mundijong, 20<sup>th</sup> September.  
 Photo: Simon Barber





Two derailment-damaged MHPY hoppers pass through Kalgoorlie on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



MRL006, NR21 & MRL003 haul 7035, the leased WOE's on their second run, into Bindulu, 21<sup>st</sup> September.





NRs 94 & 30 stand on extra fuel service 7445 while Q4016 shunts eighteen CHEYs for 5MP2 to collect for Perth the following morning. West Kalgoorlie, 21<sup>st</sup> September.



SCTs 014 & 004 enter West Kalgoorlie loop with 6PM9, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





SCTs 013 & 015 have just pulled up on the main with 5MP9, NRs 94 & 30 stand on the arrival road with 7445 empty fuel while SCTs 014 & 004 on 6PM9 “split the middle” via the loop, West Kalgoorlie, 21<sup>st</sup> September.



NRs 10, 59 & 77 lead 7030 empty Koolah ore away from Binduli, 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy





NR57 leads MRLs 004 & 005 on 1033 loaded Koolah ore approaching Hampton, 22/9.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Eight of the thirteen RMOYs were in 7MP5's consist, Parkeston, 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Photo: Peter Donaghy





Train 4423 passes through Calcine behind S3301, 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Simon Barber



Ps 2508, 2502 & 2506 haul 7720 empty Mt Gibson rake through Northern Gully, 28<sup>th</sup> September. Photo: Phil Melling





ACNs 4141 & 4149 race 7762 empty Karara hoppers through Bringo, 28<sup>th</sup> September.



Ps 2505, 2503 & 2504 pass Bringo on 7721 loaded Mt Gibson ore, 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Both photos: Phil Melling





Another rare quad – NRs 45, 99, 118 & 114 depart Parkeston with 5MP5, 28<sup>th</sup> September. NR118 to be detached at West Kalgoorlie for Esperance.  
Both photos: Peter Donaghy



NRs 116 & 92 on 7MP7 race past MRLs 002, 001 & NR58 on 1030 empty hoppers, Binduli, 29<sup>th</sup> September.





Reactivated two days earlier after more than a year in storage, ACB4406 stands at West Kalgoorlie, 29<sup>th</sup> September.



1033 loaded ore enters Binduli behind NR21 and MRLs 003 & 006, 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy





NRs 94 & 30 lead 5MP2 through Woodbridge, 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



VL361 leads CBHs 121 & 118 with another load of grain for Kwinana, 29<sup>th</sup> September.





1PM5 passes through Woodbridge behind NRs 114 & 28, 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Photo: Graham Saunders



MRLs 006 & 003 lead NR21 and empty WOE as train 2036 away from Binduli, 30<sup>th</sup> September. Photo: Peter Donaghy





Loco transfer to Esperance, 2445 fuel only has 6 tanks behind NRs 114, 28 & 118, 30/9. Note locos ex pages 26 & 29.



MRL004, NR57 & MRL005 on 2035 ore arriving at Binduli, 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy





Ghan NRs are rare in the west: NRs 109 & 15 on 7MP5 on West Kalgoorlie loop, 30/9. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Issues with SCT001 forced trailing unit SCT004 to be moved to the front. A late 1PM9 races through Parkeston after sunset on 30<sup>th</sup> September, as my dust cloud slowly dissipates. SCT004 was later turned on Rawlinna triangle.