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NR21, MRL003 & NR118 on the first loaded run (4037) using the leased WOE hopper rake. This train was brought into West Kalgoorlie yard due to the failure of the preceding loaded train (4035) at Higginsville. The locos had run around the consist and departed soon after.

Photo: Peter Donaghy

ACCs and to a lesser extent ACBs have become regular runners in Mineral Resources ore train lashups with MRLs and NRs. Generally only two are in traffic at any time, with one at West Kalgoorlie and one at Esperance on standby. In late November, CFCLA's GE CF4405 and 4406 were taken out of storage at Forrestfield and transferred to West Kalgoorlie on lease to Mineral Resources. CF4406 was then forwarded to Esperance on the empty fuel train and commenced ore duties late on 30th November. CF4405 remained at West Kalgoorlie until 9th December, presumably for driver training, before being hauled to Esperance.

Aurizon are re-establishing a presence in Esperance, reactivating the workshops for loco and wagon repair, and will apparently take over shunting hoppers to the port for unloading. AC4307, AC4308 & ACC6030 worked 2411 light to Esperance on 28/10; AC4307 & ACC6032 hauled 160 WOX-family hoppers as 4414 from Esperance storage to West Kal on 30/10 and onto Avon the next day. AC4304 & AC4308 ran 3411 light to Esperance on 3/12; AC4304 returned as 2414 on 9/12 with 124 WOX hoppers, and continued to Kwinana the next day as 3414.

Qs 4005, 4012 through to 4015, and 4017 through to 4019 now all appear to be stored, with Q4004 being overhauled. AC4305 was reactivated in early December, after being stored since mid 2018.



MRL004, NR57 & ACC6031 on 5036 at Binduli, the first use of a leased Aurizon unit by MinRes, 3rd October.



NRs 85 & failed 84 on 4PM6, stabled at Golden Ridge awaiting a relief loco, 3/10.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



715 / 004 light to Cloudbreak mine to swap out the banker units, Woodstock, 3rd October. Photo: Mark Bennett



Leased ACC6031 leads NR57 & MRL004 on 6036 approaching Binduli, 5th October. Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACC6031, NR57 & MRL004 about to cross Kundana Road with 6036 to Koolyanobbing, 5th October.



NRs 10, 59 & 111 approach Binduli with 7035 from Koolyanobbing, 5th October.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



The destination board is a little wrong - former Melbourne W class tram 1017 at Whiteman Park, 5th October.



Bennet Brook Railway #7 – Planet at Whiteman Village Junction, 5th October. Both photos: Graham Saunders



Clean SCTs 002 & 001 on 5MP9 overtake NR118, MRL003 & NR21 on 7030, Binduli, 5/10. Photo: Peter Donaghy



BBR #7 at Whiteman Village Junction, 5th October. Photo: Graham Saunders

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CBHs 023 & 001 at Georgina with 7G51 loaded grain ex Carnamah, 5th October.

Photo: Phil Melling



Former APNY lime/cement hoppers chopped up, Boulder, 6th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACNs 4175 & 4141 depart Narngulu East on 2763 Karara ore to Geraldton Port, 7th October.



2722 empty Mt Gibson ore passes Separation Point behind Ps 2502, 2504 & 2506, 7/10. Both photos: Phil Melling



Ps 2514, 2505 & 2508 haul 4720 empty Mt Gibson ore through Nola, 9th October.



ACNs 4175 & 4172 (with 4174 at rear) pass through Tardun with 4173 Karara ore, 9th October.

Both photos: Simon Barber



Close to sunset, CBH006 & 011 haul 5G51 through Bootenal, 10th October.

Photo: Phil Melling



6PM7 races through Binduli behind NRs 19 & 18, 12th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Former yellow Indian Pacific, now Ghan NR18 on 6PM7, Binduli, 12th October.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy

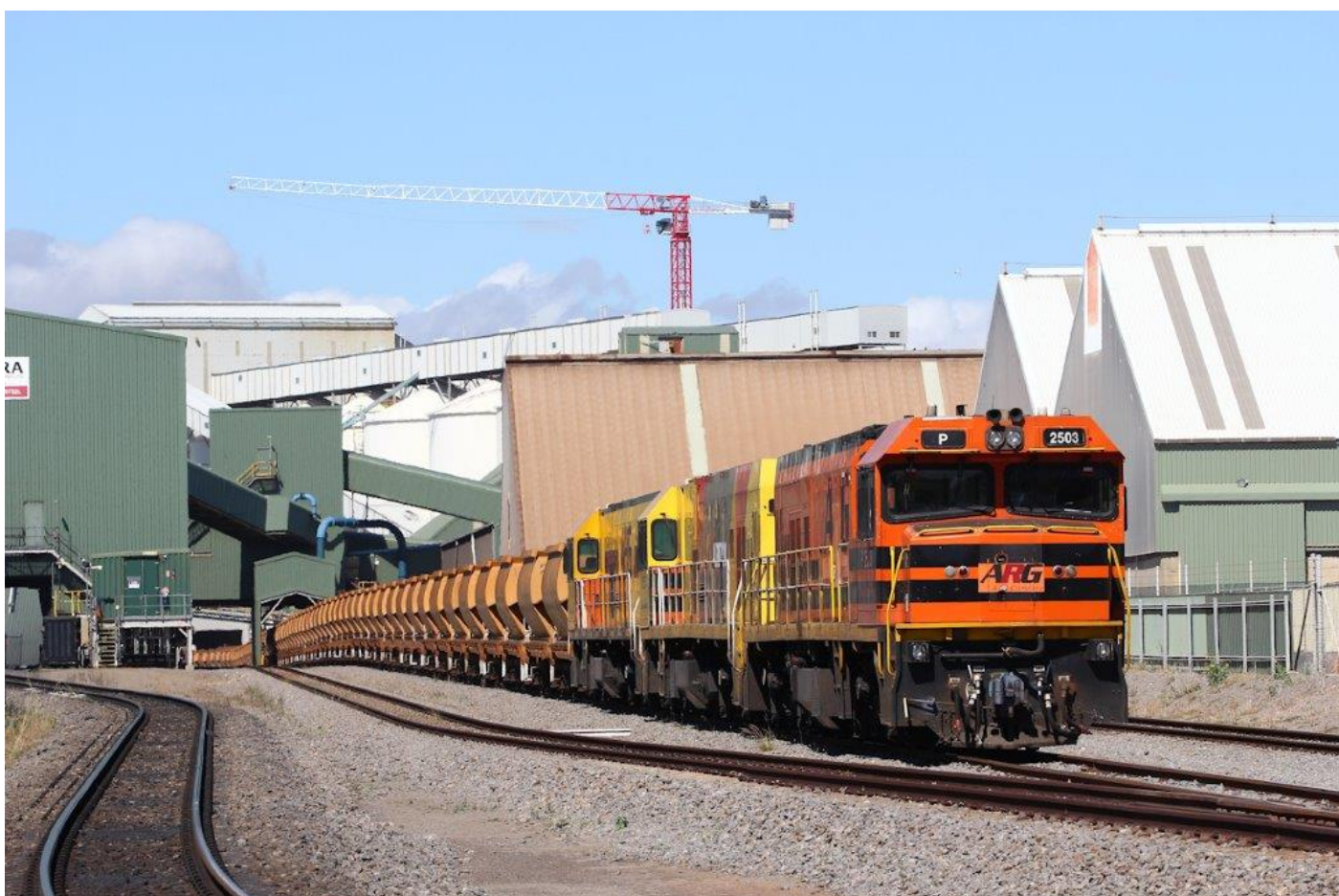


NR21, MRL003 & ACB4402 lead 7035, the leased WOE rake, onto Binduli west leg, 12th October.



NR21, MRL003 & ACB4402 depart Binduli with 7035 to Esperance, 12th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2503, 2506 & 2502 unload 7721 Mt Gibson ore at Geraldton Port, forming 7722, 12/10.

Photo: Phil Melling



HL203 receives a service beside RA1918, RHWA museum, Bassendean, 13th October. Photo: Simon Barber



MRL004, ACC6032 & NR57 await crew change on 1031, Binduli, 13th October. Photo: Peter Donaghy



NR21, ACB4402 & MRL002 arrive at Binduli with 1030, 13/10. Esperance crew not qualified on the ACB, perhaps?



1030 departs Binduli behind rearranged ACB4402, NR21 & MRL002, 13th October.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2516, 2506 & 2503 bring 1721 loaded Mt Gibson ore through Separation Point, 13/10.

Photo: Phil Melling



DAZ1901 under lights at Forrestfield, 12th October.

Photo: Graham Saunders



P2510 at Forrestfield at sunset, 13th October.



SCT005 & CSR002 wait to depart Forrestfield with 1PM9, 13th October.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



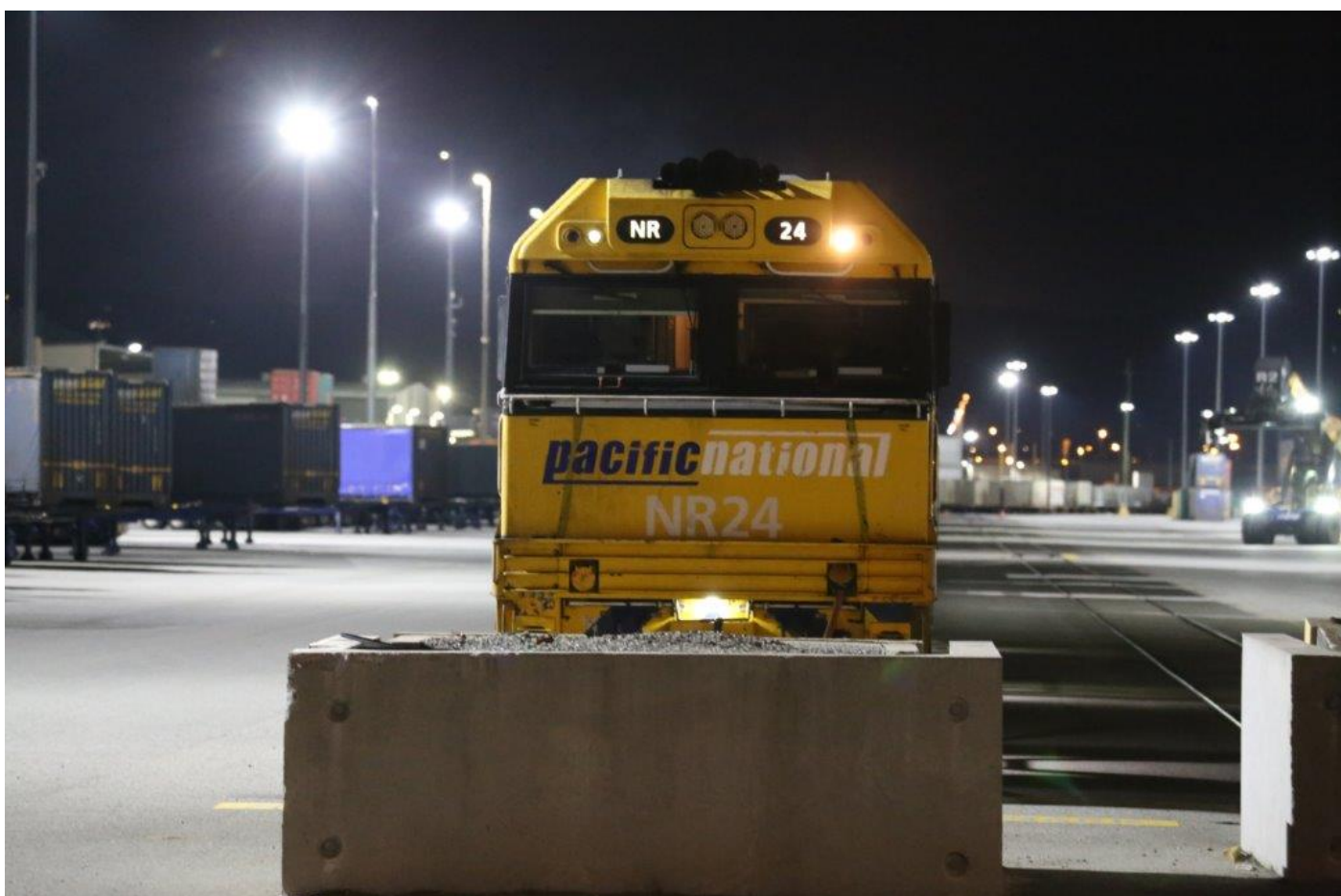
Stored Q4005 & LZ3109, Forreestfield, 13th October.



SCT005 & CSR002 on 1PM9 preparing for departure, Forreestfield, 13th October. Both photos: Graham Saunders



NRs 24 & 61 with 5MP2 at the buffer stop, Kewdale, 13th October. PN containers galore in the below photo, awaiting delivery to their customers.
Both photos: Graham Saunders





CBHs 011 & 001 at Geraldton Port with 2G30 empty grain to Perenjori, 14th October.

Photo: Phil Melling



Freshly outshopped NR31 trails NRs 106 & 8 on 4MP5, Parkeston, 18th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NRs 106, 8 & 31 depart Parkeston with 4MP5, 18th October.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Journey Beyond's Great Southern scheme on NR31, 18th October. NR30 has since received the same treatment.



CBH001 leads sister 011 and 19 XT hoppers as 6G31at Narngulu, 18th October.

Photo: Phil Melling



NR31 on 4MP5, West Kalgoorlie, 18th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NRs 106, 8 & 31 blast away from West Kalgoorlie on 4MP5, 18th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2508, 2505 & 2514 climb through Bringo with 7720 empty Mt Gibson ore, 19/10.

Photo: Phil Melling



7721 loaded Mt Gibson ore rolls through Bringo behind Ps 2516, 2506 & 2503, 19/10.

Photo: Phil Melling



NR77 leads 7AK2 into Kalgoorlie ex Leonora, 19th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



MRL006, ACC6031 & NR21 depart Hampton with 7030 empty ore, 19th October.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



SCTs 012 & 003 lead a late-running 5MP9 through Woodbridge, 20th October.

Photo: Graham Saunders