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“Guests” stretch their legs while NR27 and 5AP8 Indian Pacific pause for water and fuel at Cook, 11th October.

Photo: Trevor Gibbs

As this issue is being put together on December 24th, through comes the terrible news that 7MP5 has run into the rear of a loaded grain train around 2am at Jumperkine, in Perth’s Avon Valley, killing MP5’s driver. Our sincerest condolences go to the driver’s family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

Q4013 has been reactivated at Forrestfield in mid December, being used on trip trains over the following week or so.

Bushfires on the Trans-Australian rail line around the Zanthus-Goddards-Kitchener region for much of November and into early December disrupted transcontinental rail traffic for quite a few weeks. The line was closed for multiple short periods, and overnight on a couple of occasions – just long enough to throw most trains off their paths and cause many crewing issues.

The Esperance line was closed on a couple of occasions due to fires around Norseman, mostly only a day or so but the most recent in mid December (also involving a bad heat kink between Cowan and Higginsville during extreme heat) lasted a week. The Leonora line was also closed for a couple of days in mid December due to the heat.

A few late submittals for October to start this issue.



2K06 grain ex Brookton passes through York behind DBZs 2302, 2301 & 2305, 14th October.



DBZs 2302, 2301 & 2305 ease 2K06 grain through Kenwick, 14th October.

Both photos: Sean McGarraghy



DBZ2309 on the woodchip rake at Albany, 18th October.



DBZ2309 Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes at Albany, 18th October.

Both photos: Trevor Gibbs



CBH016 has just been shut down on a stabled grain rake at Albany, 18th October.



DBZ2309 stabled at Albany, 18th October.

Both photos: Trevor Gibbs



Above: Qs 4006, 4003 & 4011, 7157 fuel shunt ex Kwinana. Note the four stored Aurizon Intermodal crew coaches.

Below: Stored DC2205. Forrestfield, 2nd November.

Both photos: Graham Saunders





Stored Q4012 (above) and DFZs 2404 & 2406 (below) at Forrestfield, 2nd November.

Both photos: Graham Saunders





X47 starts to shunt SCT's terminal (above) while its exhaust smoke blankets the Aurizon fuel shunt (below), Forrestdfield, 2nd November. Both photos: Graham Saunders





DRs 1564 & 1565 stabled in the Flashbutt compound, 2nd November.



NR26 leads 5AP8 Indian Pacific through the Avon Valley, 2nd November.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



CBHs 121 & 120 parallel Toodyay-Northam Road in the Avon Valley, 2/11.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



7PX4 at the Toodyay-Northam Rd crossing, NR97 leading MRLs 001 & 003 ex workshops to West Kal, 2nd November.



NR97, MRLs 001 & 003 approach Clarke St crossing, Northam, with 7PX4, 2nd November. Photo: Graham Saunders



Ps 2504, 2514 & 2508 arrive at Geraldton Port with 7721 Mt Gibson ore, 2nd November. Photo: Phil Melling



7030 empty Kooly ore departs Binduli behind NR57, ACC6030 & MRL004, 2nd November. Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACNs 4172 & 4170 (4144 on rear) with 7763 loaded Karara ore at Bringro East, 2nd November. Photo: Phil Melling



Stored DBZs at Beverley siding, 2nd November.



Construction of Forrestfield station is well advanced, 3rd November.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



8121 at Gemco's shed, Forrestfield; Aurizon Intermodal's stored crew coaches and fuel pods stand nearby, 3/11.



CFs 4405 & 4406 stored at Forrestfield, 3rd November.

Both photos: Graham Saunders

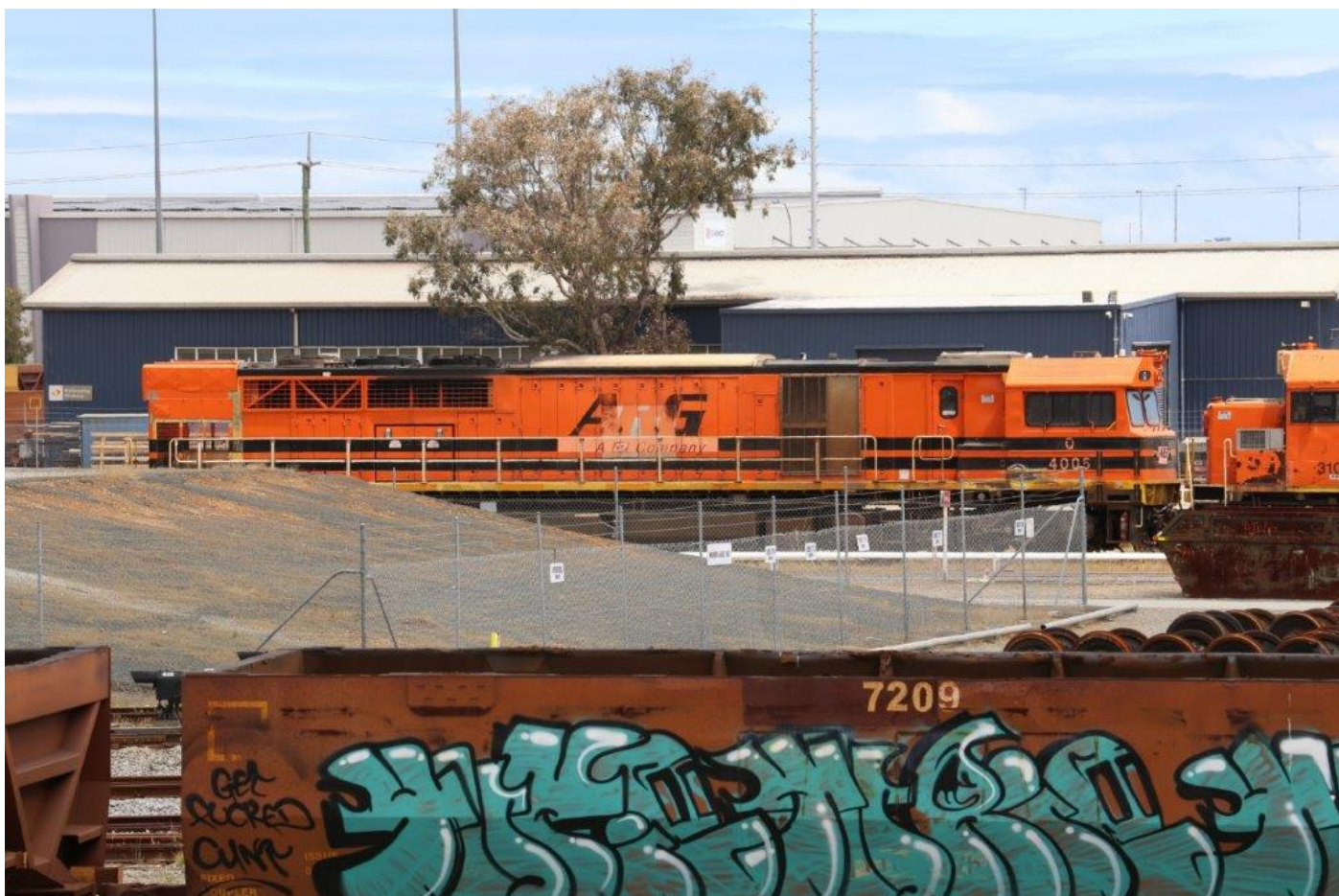


Q4005 & LZ3109 stored at Forreestfield, 3rd November.



Stored LZ3114, Forreestfield, 3rd November.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



Tatty Q4005 stored at Forrestfield, 3rd November.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



With most of its class now back in service, AC4302 remains on stands at Forrestfield, 3rd November.



P2509 *Shire of Three Springs* has arrived from Hamilton on 1572 for workshops attention, 3rd November.



DFZ2403 and a sister unit stored at Forrestfield, 3rd November.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



Stored shunters H2 & H3 beside a pair of SCTs, Forrestfield, 3rd November.



Q4003 and a sister unit await their next working at Forrestfield, 3rd November. Both photos: Graham Saunders



NRs 47 & 19 ease 6SP5 through Bells Rapids, 3rd November.



PN shunter 8121 stands at Forrestfield, 3rd November.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



ACNs 4146 & 4151 (4171 on rear) with 2763 loaded Karara ore, Kojarena, 4th November.

Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 82 & 44 shunt 7MP5; NRs 85 & 40 lead MRLs 003 & 001 on 445 empty fuel to Esperance, West Kalgoorlie, 4th November.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NRs 85 & 40 haul MRLs 003 & 001 on 445 empty fuel, West Kal, 4th November.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



3764 empty Karara ore powered by ACNs 4174 & 4143 (4149 on rear) at Beachlands, 5/11.

Photo: Phil Melling



The van and three tank wagons continue to elude the scrapper’s torch, Boulder, 9th November.



Parts of APNys and a flat wagon at the scrap yard, Boulder, 9th November.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Sections of scrapped wagons, Boulder, 9th November.



NRs 18 & 83 ease a late 7PM5 away from Kalgoorlie, 10th November.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Over six hours late, 7PM5 arrives at Parkeston behind NRs 18 & 83, 10th November.



NR18 in Journey Beyond's latest Ghan scheme, Parkeston, 10th November.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



NRs 43 & 96 approach Parkeston with 6MP4, 10th November.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



SCF have recently invested in many new containers, including around twenty 46'6' reefers.



MRL001, ACC6030 & MRL003 depart Hampton with 1030 empty ore, 10th November.



Freshly overhauled and repainted ACN4151 leads ACN4174 on 1764 ore, Northern Gully, 10/11. Photo: Phil Melling



With NR85 sent to rescue failed 6MP5 on the desert, NR40 was left to run 2446 empty fuel solo to Esperance, 11/11.



Linfox received several hundred new containers recently – a 40' LCGU on 6MP5, 11/11. Both photos: Peter Donaghy
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Linfox have also refurbished several former FCL curtainsiders recently – FTLU4320015 on 6MP5, 11th November.
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