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A common scene through February: a mix of multiple operators' locomotives on Koolyanobbing ore trains. Crewed by PN, Mineral Resources' MRL002, Pacific National's NR2 and Aurizon's ACC6031 team up on 6034 empty ore at Binduli on 1st February.

Aurizon commenced hauling a second Mineral Resources rake between Koolyanobbing and Esperance, and on 29th March, assembled and ran their first DPU train on this service in nearly two years, 1044 ex Esperance around 1600 that afternoon consisting of ACB4406 + AC4301 on the front, 106 WOE hoppers, then AC4303 + ACB4404 DPU and another 49 WOE's. Aurizon now run one or two ore trains per day on this route as they build up to their contracted five DPU rakes.

PN continue to run one or two ore trains per day as well; all NRs were returned to the Intermodal pool apart from NR77 which was port shunter for a couple of months. In early March, NR77 ventured out on an ore run or two before being returned to Intermodal and replaced by NR44. The latter is now the sole member of the class in Kooly ore traffic, after about a dozen had been in use only two months ago.

In these worrisome times, stay safe and obey the instructions from the medical experts.



ACN4141 is the rear DP unit on 1761 loaded Karara ore near Dean, 2nd February.

Photo: Phil Melling



Due to a shortage of Qs, AC4306 shunts 025 ex Perth, West Kalgoorlie, 2nd February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



1721 Mt Gibson ore climb out of Morawa behind Ps 2506, 2514 & 2516, 2nd February.



DRs 1564 & 1565 run around their rail consist at Perenjori, 2nd February.

Both photos: Phil Melling



DRs 1565 & 1564 on 1RT2 empty rail rake at Perenjori, 2nd February.

Photo: Phil Melling



MRLs 004 & 006 sandwich NR56 on 1030 empty ore approaching Binduli, 2nd February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



1RT2 passes Bowgada CBH, 2nd February.

Both photos: Phil Melling



ACNs 4169 & 4143 (with 4174 on rear) arrive at Bell with 1763 loaded Karara ore, 2nd February.



The DRs lead 1RT2 railset past Evaside on the “new” alignment, 2nd February. Section of the previous line remain.



Ps 2504, 2502 & 2505 climb near Canna with 1720 empty Mt Gibson ore, 2nd February. Both photos: Phil Melling



DRs 1565 & 1564 race through Mullewa with 1RT2, 2nd February.

Both photos: Phil Melling



ACN4141 leads Ps 2506, 2514 & 2516 on 1721, passing rear DPU ACN4171 on 1762 Karara, Northern Gully, 2/2.



1721 passes Bringio behind ACN4141 and Ps 2506, 2514 & 2516, 2nd February.

Both photos: Phil Melling



CBHs 006 & 011 pass Micko's Dip, Moonyoonooka, with 1G30 empty grain, 2nd February.



Unusual loading on 3MP5, Parkeston, 6th February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



TransPerth B set #75 at Mclver, 7th February.

Photo: Simon Barber



6PM7 arrives at Parkeston behind NRs 66, 30 & 98, 8th February.



NRs 31 & 88 roll into Parkeston with 7MP7, 9th February.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Grubby MRL001 leads CF4405 & MRL005 on 3031 ore, unusually diverted into West Kal, 11th February.



Q4001 races away from Hampton with 4410 loaded sulphuric acid, 12th February.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Aurizon-operated 4AU2 departs Hampton behind ACCs 6032, 6030 & AC4306, 12/2. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Three and a half years after it last ran, RZBY208 has emerged from a full refurbishment. 3PM5, Parkeston, 13/2.



Ps 2503, 2506 & 2508 lead 6720 empty Mt Gibson ore through Narngulu, 14th February. Photo: Phil Melling



NR86 hauls 8121 east for workshops attention on 7PX4, 15th February. Photo: Simon Barber

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Very late 7PX4 arrives at Parkeston behind NR86 hauling 8121, 16th February. Wagons have been added at West Kal.



NR67, AC4304 & MRL003 between Binduli and Hampton on 1033 ore, 16th February. Both photos: Peter Donaghy



AC4305, CF4406 & MRL004 race late 1030 empty ore between Hampton and Binduli, 16/2. Photo: Peter Donaghy



1PM5 rolls through Hazelmere behind NRs 18 & 35 (see page 16), 16th February.

Photo: Simon Barber



NRs 35 & 18 (see page 15) head 2445 empty fuel to Esperance, West Kal, 17th February. Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACN4151 is rear DPU on 4767 loaded ore at the west end of Karara, 19th February. Photo: Phil Melling



Ps 2503, 2506 & 2508 head 4720 empty Mt Gibson, Beachlands, 19th February.

Photo: Phil Melling



G511 stabled on a loaded ballast rake, West Kalgoorlie, 19th February.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NRs 94, 121 & 23 on 3MP5; NRs 35 & 41 on 4445, West Kalgoorlie, 20th February.



MRL003, AC4304 & NR67 depart Binduli on 5036 empty ore, 20th February.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Linfox have recently introduced some monster 48'11" reefers, numbered FTLD91509xx series (above) and fifty more standard 46'6" versions, FTLD91469xx series (below). 6PM6, Parkeston, 22/2. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





3722 empty Mt Gibson departs Geraldton behind Ps 2506, 2516 & 2505, 25th February.

Photo: Phil Melling



CF4403 & CSR012 smoke through Bellevue on 3PG1, 26th February.

Photo: Simon Barber



ACNs 4172 & 4170 power through Bringo West (above) and ease across the bridge at Eradu (below) with 7762 empty Karara ore, 29th February. Both photos: Phil Melling





NR78 works 7P51, the Sadliers trip train, Kewdale, 29th February.

Photo: Simon Barber



7G30 empty grain rolls through Beachlands behind CBHs 023 & 011, 29th February.

Photo: Phil Melling