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CBHs 009 & 002 pass through Cockburn on 7K07 empty grain to Wagin, 2nd May.

Photo: Sean McGarraghy

Mineral Resources' Koolyanobbing – Esperance ore trains now almost all run as 150-160 wagon 2+2 loco DPU, with more WOE's being returned to service from storage at Avon or West Merredin most weeks. There remains one return service, as xMR2 (empty) / xMR1 (loaded) each week which PN operates (though Aurizon ran it one week in late June) with two or three locos and anything from 50 to 120 wagons.

In a surprise move, orange Q4005 returned to service in early July; this unit had originally been put at the end of the queue due to a blown engine but possibly received the power plant from another Q. Q4004's overhaul should be completed any day now; Q4012's is well underway; Q4017's has apparently commenced, while Q4015 and Q4018 remain on stands outside the workshop. Repairs on ACC6030 have not yet commenced, four months after it suffered an engine fire.



S3302 leads 7238, empty caustic tanks, at Mundijong on 2nd May.

Photo: Sean McGarraghy



NR74 and NR30 stabled on the Viva sidings at Esperance, 2nd May.

Photo: Phillip Martin



NR74 and NR30 parked on the Viva sidings, 2nd May.

Both photos: Phillip Martin





NR74 shunts tanks in the Viva compound, Esperance, 2nd May.

Photo: Phillip Martin



1763 loaded Karara ore is powered near Bringa by ACNs 4142 & 4174, 3rd May.

Photo: Phil Melling



NR84, AN11 & NR111 hustle through Hazelmere on 1PM5, 3rd May.

Photo: Mitchell Radford



NRs 30 & 74 wait to haul 1446 fuel from Esperance Viva yard to West Kalgoorlie, 3rd May.

Photo: Phillip Martin



1MP2 with NRs 78, 35 & 50 hauling CFs 4408 & 4407, just arrived, West Kalgoorlie, 5th May. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Speno rail grinders RR48 #RG3, RR36 #RG05 (being commissioned), RR36 #RG04, 5th May. Photo: Pilbara Railways



Stored FMG SD90MAC units still with their original 265H engines – 910, 911, 912, 917, 913, 914, 915 & 916, 5th May.



C44-9W 012 "Peter Tapine" sports modified handrails, kick rail and steps, 5th May. Both photos: Pilbara Railways



FMR’s 012 shunts new wagons undergoing commissioning and leak testing, 5th May. Photo: Pilbara Railways



CFs 4407 & 4408 await transfer to Esperance, West Kalgoorlie yard, 6th May. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Ps 2503, 2502 & 2514 ease 6721 loaded Mt Gibson ore through Narngulu, 8th May. Photo: Phil Melling



6K44 grain passes through Thornlie, led by DBZs 2305, 2301 & 2302, 8th May. Photo: Simon Barber



Q4008 leads ACs 4305 & 4302 on the BP & Maintenance shuttle, Hope Valley, 8th May. Photo: Sean McGarraghy



6G51 loaded grain ex Mingenew rolls through South Greenough behind CBHs 007 & 006, 8th May. Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 111 & 84 parked on the Viva sidings at Esperance, 9th May.



CFs 4407 & 4408 sit with NR2 in Esperance yard, 9th May.

Both photos: Phillip Martin



AQRY1001 has over-run the end of the shunt neck, West Kalgoorlie, 10th May.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



Following crew change, AC4304 & NR8 depart Binduli with Esperance drivers on PN's 7037 loaded ore, 10th May.



NR108 & AC4301 are the distributed power units on 7037 loaded ore, Binduli, 10th May. Photo: Peter Donaghy



1G51 loaded grain parallels the pipeline at Narngulu South behind CBHs 007 & 006, 10th May. Photo: Phil Melling



Colourful NRs 74 & 30 lead 5MP2 through Herne Hill, 10th May.

Photo: Simon Barber



A northside view of derailed ACRY1001 on the shunt neck, West Kalgoorlie, 11th May.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



Among 280 new containers purchased by Linfox late last year are eight LDDU-coded boxes with doors at both ends. LDDU3089214 on 7SP5, West Kal, 11/5. Note "Front" and Rear" marked on box. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





NRs 16 & 64 on 7SP5 overtake AC4301 & NR108 on Aurizon's 2040 empty ore, Binduli, 11th May.



NR8 & ACB4406 are the DP units in 7040 empty ore, west leg, Binduli, 11th May.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



5142 ILS Port Shuttle passes through Fremantle behind HL203 & G511, 14th May.

Photo: Sean McGarraghy



After 2½ years in storage, AC4302 has been repaired and reactivated. West Kal, 14/5. Photo: Peter Donaghy



HL203 & G511 skirt the shore at South Fremantle with 6142 ILS Port Shuttle, 15th May. Photo: Sean McGarraghy



TransPerth B set 62 runs along the Kwinana Freeway median, South Perth, 15th May. Photo: Simon Barber



The sun sets as TransPerth B set 102 waits at Midland, 15th May.

Photo: Simon Barber



CF4408 on its maiden Kooly ore run approaches Binduli between ACC6032 & AC4302, 16/5. Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACC6032, CF4408 & AC4302 with DPU ACB4402 & MRL006 approach Binduli with 6044 empty ore from Esperance to Koolyanobbing, note fresh horns and bogies in recently-reactivated AC4302. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





MRL006's steps, damaged several months ago in a level crossing incident. The mid-loco steps have since been replaced with a set probably taken from a sister unit. Both photos: Peter Donaghy





S3303 arrives into Kwinana on 7968 loaded bauxite, 16th May.



S3303 stands by as PA2819 unloads 7222 alumina at Kwinana, 16th May.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



7222 alumina is unloading at Kwinana, 16th May.



CBHs 001 & 009 depart Kwinana terminal with 7K25 empty grain.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



7271 lime near Wellard, hauled by S3304, 16th May.



Q4003 arrives into Kwinana with 6430 empty sulphur ex Malcolm, 16th May.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



Q4009 stables while sulphuric acid from Hampton smelter is unloaded at Coogee terminal, 16th May.



7223 empty alumina is led through Mundijong by PA2819, 16th May.

Both photos: Mark Bennett



7763 loaded Karara ore with ACNs 4171 & 4169 (4170 on rear) to Geraldton Port, 16th May. Photo: Phil Melling



S3311 passes through Keysbrook on 7972 loaded bauxite, 16th May. Photo: Mark Bennett