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NRs 88 & 77 arrive into Parkeston with 3PM6, 1st July. With no train to cross and fuelling not required, they have been allocated the main line for their crew change.

Photo: Phil Melling

Kooly ore movements remained at reduced levels during August, due to ongoing issues at Esperance port and the mine at Koolyanobbing. Most services still ran, but almost all just had two or three locos leading 100-odd hoppers, and some ran short-loaded. A rake of MHPYs which had been moved to West Merredin in late July for temporary storage was moved back to West Kalgoorlie in mid August in anticipation of normal running resuming. However, another breakdown at Esperance saw it stored in West Kal yard for a further three weeks, only returning to traffic in the second week of September, when all other services returned to full consist lengths in DPU mode.

As suggested last month, Q4012's overhaul has definitely been cancelled due to its bent underframe. The shell has been set aside and appears likely to be scrapped. Q4018 has taken its place in the workshops, with Q4015 to follow. ACC6030 was returned from fire damage repairs at UGL Bassendean in early September then entered Forrestfield for further work prior to returning to traffic in mid September.

A new rumour has surfaced that ten Ls will be returned to service, three of which will go to NSW. A total rebuild of some or all ten has been mentioned, including refurbished engines. LZ3119 & LZ3120 will allegedly be retrieved from Avon yard and transferred to Forrestfield in mid September.



ACC6031 & MRL004 (above) lead Aurizon-crewed 4041 ore across Kundana Road just east of Kurrawang, 1st July,
with DPU AC4303 & MRL001 (below). Both photos: Phil Melling





CF4410 & SCT009 cross Kundana Rd, near Kurrawang, with 3PG1, 1st July.



SCTs 003 & 005 on 2MP9 cross 3PG1 at Parkeston, 1st July.

Both photos: Phil Melling



NRs 96 & 46 depart West Kalgoorlie with 4PM6, 2nd July.



Aurizon's 5041 loaded ore approaches Binduli behind ACB4406 & MRL005, 2nd July.

Both photos: Phil Melling



Distributed power on Aurizon's 5041 was ACC6032 & CF4405, Binduli, 2nd July.



Q4002 approaches Binduli with 5406 acid shuttle from Hampton, 2nd July.

Both photos: Phil Melling



Aurizon-crewed 5040 empty ore approaches Kundana Rd, Kurrawang East, led by AC4306 & CF4406 with DPU MRL006 & AC4301, 2nd July. Kooly loco pairings are almost always back to back nowadays. Both photos: Phil Melling





Passenger units NR29 (IP) and 74 (Ghan) get away from Parkeston with 3MP5, 2nd July.

Photo: Phil Melling



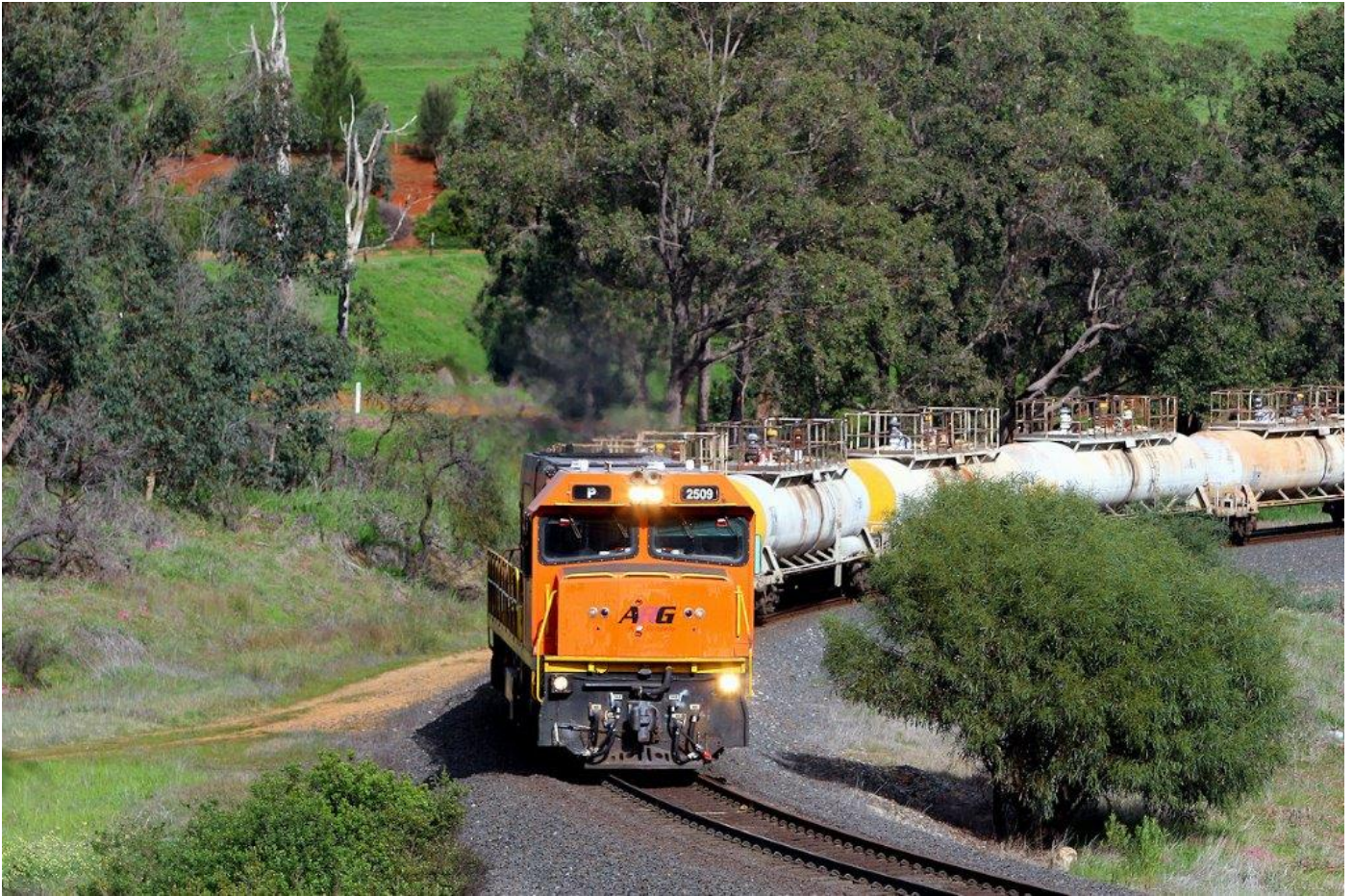
NRs 29 & 74 on 3MP5 pause beside NRs 120, 44 & 112 on 5445 empty fuel, West Kal, 2nd July. Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACC6031, CF4407 (to detach) & MRL004 approach Binduli with 5042 empty ore, 2nd July. MRL001 & AC4302 were two-thirds of the way back along the train. Photo: Peter Donaghy



Former Queensland Railways unit DFZ2405 leads 6903 caustic near Picton, 3rd July. Photo: Simon Barber



P2509 rounds a curve near Olive Hill (Collie line) on 7853 loaded caustic to Hamilton, 4/7. Both photos: Phil Melling



7842 loaded Worsley alumina to Bunbury passes through Brunswick Junction behind fresh repaint ACN4168, 4th July.



DBZ2310 passes through Burekup with 7923 empty caustic to Bunbury Port, 4th July. Both photos: Phil Melling



P2513 hauls 7866 into Brunswick Junction to collect another load of alumina at Yalup Brook, 4th July.



Stored two years ago, BRS222 has now been refurbished and returned to service, 5MP5, Parkeston, 4th July.



NRs 108, 82 & 66 depart Parkeston with 5MP5, 4th July.

Both photos: Peter Donaghy



DBZ2310 returns through Harvey with 7904 loaded caustic to Calcine (Alcoa Pinjarra) - see page 10, 4th July.



P2517 runs 7271 loaded lime to Hamilton arrives at Harvey, 4th July.

Both photos: Phil Melling



NRs 17 & 73 depart Parkeston with 6MP4, 5th July.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



PA2819 unloads alumina while S3304 switches tracks, Alcoa terminal, Kwinana, 6th July.

Photo: Phil Melling



NR66 & AK cars ex Leonora; MRL003, NRs 24 & 113 shunt hoppers, West Kalgoorlie, 7th July. Photo: Peter Donaghy



CBH006 on 4K13 grain at Yerecoin, 8th July.

Photo: Simon Barber



NR16 leads the AK cars through Gibson on approach to Esperance, 8th July.



Smoky NRs 44 & 120 lead 4446 fuel away from Esperance, 8th July.

Both photos: Phillip Martin



NR66 shunts the AK cars, West Kal, 9th July. They departed for Darwin the next morning. Photo: Peter Donaghy



6430 empty sulphur train from Malcolm passes through Brigadoon behind Q4007, 11th July. Photo: Simon Barber



Ps 2516, 2515 & 2502 approach Bringoo on 7720 empty Mt Gibson ore to Perenjori, 11th July. Photo: Phil Melling



ALZ3208 lives on in the scrap yard of J&P group, Bunbury, 11th July. Photo: Graham Saunders



L3102 (former L257) still exists more than a decade after withdrawal in J&P's Paradise Yard, Bunbury, 11th July.



ACN4150 & DBZ2310 are stabled at Picton depot, 11th July.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



P2509 stabled in Picton yard on an alumina rake while the grass gets mown, 11th July.



P2510 leads 7623 caustic, Brunswick Junction, 11th July.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



7623 caustic races along behind P2510, 11th July.



P2510 blows out the cobwebs as it hauls 7623 caustic near Beela, 11th July.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



ACN4173 works 7833 alumina through Brunswick Junction, 11th July.



7833 alumina trails ACN4173, 11th July.

Both photos: Graham Saunders



ACN4173 approaches Beela with 7833 alumina, 11th July.

Photo: Graham Saunders



Speno rail grinder RRS2430 stands at Midland, 13th July.

Photo: Simon Barber



Extra service 2AP9 with solo CSR012 enters West Kal yard as NR77 shunts 3PM4, 14th July. Photo: Peter Donaghy



SCT006 & CF4410 pass through Northam with 3MP9, 17th July. Photo: Phil Melling



NRs 34, 98, 86 & 14 on 5MP5 have arrived at Parkeston at sunset, 18th July.

Photo: Peter Donaghy



NR34 shunts the Viva fuel siding at Esperance, 21st July.

Photo: Phillip Martin



NRs 98 & 34 wait to depart the Viva siding at Esperance with 4446 fuel for West Kal, 22nd July. Photo: Phillip Martin



S3309 leads 5590 loaded Worsley coal through Collie en route to Hamilton Refinery, 23rd July. Photo: Phil Melling



ACB4406 & Q4013 stabled on late-arrived 029 sulphur alongside MRL005, West Kal, 23rd July. Photo: Peter Donaghy



ACN4152 on 5833 empty alumina from Bunbury Port to Hamilton Refinery, Roelands, 23rd July. Photo: Phil Melling



ACN4173 leads 6832 loaded alumina from Hamilton through Brunswick East, 24th July.



P2507 arrives at Benger with 6876 empty alumina to Calcine (Pinjarra), 24th July.

Both photos: Phil Melling



P2517 reflects as it leads 6253 empty Cockburn Cement coal train to Collie at Wokalup, 24th July.



6924 loaded caustic passes through Wokalup behind DBZ2310, 24th July.

Both photos: Phil Melling



S3301 works 6271 loaded Worsley Alumina lime train to Hamilton around the triangle at Brunswick East, 24th July.



1968 loaded bauxite arrives at Pinjarra behind S3308, 26th July.

Both photos: Phil Melling



S3310 pauses at Pinjarra with 1935 empty bauxite, 26th July.

Photo: Phil Melling



CBH122 & G511 work 1S56 grain through Millendon Junction, 26th July.

Photo: Simon Barber



2923 empty caustic passes through Yarloop behind DFZ2405, 27th July.



S3303 approaches North Dandalup with 3970 loaded bauxite, 28th July.

Both photos: Phil Melling



P2517 & S3301 lead 3271 Worsley lime around the triangle at Brunswick East to Hamilton, 28th July.



DBZ2310 on 3876 empty alumina crosses P2509 on 3867 loaded alumina at Yarloop, 28/7.

Photo: Phil Melling