

West Australian Rails

NUMBER: Extra North 002 A quick wrap up of a few months in the Pilbara and Kalgoorlie taken by Toad Montgomery and Roland Depth of various railway happenings during March to May 2021.

Extra North 002 covers April in Kalgoorlie by Toad Montgomery.



At Parkeston on the 7th April 2021, Cockburn Cement shunt loco 49 is on the western leg of the triangle as it shunts empties for the afternoon C74 service back to West Kalgoorlie for forwarding onto 426 Perth bound freighter, in the distance are some stored NTAF fuel waggons.

Built in 1961 by Goninan as a GE model 80-ton switcher for BHP as the BHP Newcastle 37 class road number 49 with serial 4970-013 and dual Rolls Royce C6TFL engines. Entered service in September 1961 and was retired in September 1999. Sold to Loongana Lime in September 2002. Loongana Lime was bought by Cockburn Cement owner Adelaide Brighton Cement in 2006.



Parkeston, Q 4007 arrived as 4C73 from West Kalgoorlie and waits to collect the Cockburn cement loading.
Below 2MP5 intermodal arrives passing the 1777 km behind NR 67 and NR 88 with BRS 221 crew coach.





At Binduli 4032 empty ore train powers around the west leg behind AC 4303 and CF 4406 'Kiwi' with mid-train units AC class leader AC 4301 and CF 4408 'Mentor'. CF 4406 has been in the Pilbara previously. The AC's are AC43aci, the CF's are AC44aci.





On the 8th April 2021 Q 4003 and Q 4016 lead Malcolm freighter 4029 as it parallels St Albans Rd on the Leonora line. Below Q 4008 and Q 4005 lead 5C71 Cockburn Cement shunt to Parkeston at Sutherland St.





Two views of 4PM6 with NR 30 'Great Southern' and NR class leader NR 1 with crew coach RZDY 103. Waiting line clear at West Kalgoorlie above and going through the gauge check at Parkeston below.





At Binduli with the Lefroy Bridge in the background sees empty ore train 5040 arriving behind AC 4307 and MRL 006 'Merredin Express' and mid-train units MRL 004 'Polaris Express' and ACB 4404 with 160 waggons.





West Kalgoorlie, PN priority service 4MP7 behind NR 26 and NR 63 with 38 vehicles for 3244 t and 1760 m in length. Below 4PM4 with solo NR 14 and RZAY 985 with 46 vehicles for 1670 t and 1043 m.





Two views of SCT train 3MP9, SCT class leader SCT 001 with lease unit CF 4403 'Even Stevens' and PSDS 2280 'Peterborough Boys' crew coach departs Parkeston for Perth with 70 vehicles for 5613 t and 1795 m.





Binduli empty iron ore train 5042 with AC 4305 and NR 45 on the lead with mid-train units 107 waggons back ACB 4406 and MRL 001 'Minres Express' and then a further 53 waggons.





Above: Parkeston and SCT service 4PM9 gets underway behind SCT 004 and SCT 010 after crossing 3MP5.
Below: PN train 3MP5 departs Parkeston behind NR 99 and NR 100 with RZBY 910 and 4 ROMY waggons.





On the 9th April 2021 Malcolm bound 5029 Murrin Murrin freighter gets away from West Kalgoorlie at Gateacre Drive behind the pairing of Q 4006 and Q 4019 with 35 vehicles for 2745 tonnes and 595 metres.





Kalgoorlie freighter 5025 arrives at West Kal with Q 4009 and Q 4011, load is still 62 vehicles even though the acid and nickel are now with Watco. Below Binduli loaded ore train 6033 with AC 4306 and NR 71.





Binduli loaded iron ore 6033 mid-train units CF 4407 'Rainbird' and ACC 6031, 107 waggons back with 53 waggons behind. On approach to Parkeston is Q 4011 leading 6C71 cement and lime shunt at Yarri Road.





The sun finally came out after three days... PN eastbound intermodal train 5PS6 departs West Kalgoorlie behind NR 104, NR 15 and RZBY 910 crew coach with the Cook fuel loading behind the crew coach.